

## VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> - ELECTION DAY and WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> – VETERANS DAY. DPW will be closed Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### RECREATION NEWS

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** - The annual Halloween parade is cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. In its place, the Village will be hosting a "Treat or Treat" event at the Paine Street Park on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Join our local organizations for some tricks and yummy treats. A cloth mask (not Halloween) mask must be worn upon entry and we ask that you follow all distance markers.

### FOOD DRIVE

The **Annual Food Drive** has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. If you would like to make monetary donations, checks can be made payable to the Green Island Food Pantry. Checks can be mailed to the Village Office or dropped off using the mail slot. The Food Pantry is anticipating an increase in need this holiday season, there is no donation too small.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

In preparation for snow plowing and snow removal, all inoperative or unregistered motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, dumpsters and all types of trailers must be removed from village streets by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. All illegally parked motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, dumpsters and trailers will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

### SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL

The streets are generally plowed in the following order. However, this procedure is "subject to change" based upon various emergency conditions, which might arise.

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| 1. Clinton Street  | 9. James Street        | 17. Hamilton Street        |
| 2. Tibbits Avenue  | 10. High Street        | 18. Market Street          |
| 3. George Street   | 11. West Street        | 19. Albany Avenue          |
| 4. Hudson Avenue   | 12. John Street        | 20. Lower End Side Streets |
| 5. Arch Street     | 13. Swan Street        | Walnut, Saratoga,          |
| 6. Bleecker Street | 14. Lafayette Street   | Pine, Thames, Cannon       |
| 7. Center Street   | 15. Lafayette Park     | 21. Lower Hudson Avenue    |
| 8. Paine Street    | 16. Lower Paine Street |                            |

All vehicles which are not moved for snow plowing operations will be ticketed and towed. The fine is \$125.00, the fee for towing is \$125.00 and there will be a storage fee of \$10.00 per day after the first 24 hours. There will be an additional charge if special equipment is required to move a vehicle from the street.

All fines and fees must be paid before the vehicle is released. There are a few options for paying your fine:

1. For online payment, go to <https://villageofgreenisland.com/village/parking>. You will receive an email confirmation of payment that can be presented to Officers for release of your vehicle. This is the easiest and most efficient way to make payment.
2. You can submit payment for the full amount in an envelope through the door slot at the Village Office. Once submitted, you need to contact the Parking Violations Bureau at 518-273-2201 to request a receipt for that payment. Hours are Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Once on the line, you will receive instructions for obtaining your receipt.
3. You can submit full payment by mail to Village of Green Island, Parking Violations Bureau, 20 Clinton Street, Green Island, New York, 12183. Your receipt will be mailed back to you. This is the slowest and least efficient method of paying your fine and will result in delay of the return of your vehicle. You will be subject to additional storage fees by using this method.
4. Please contact the Parking Violations Bureau at 518-273-2201 if you have any questions.

Residents who are on vacation, work out-of-town or who leave their cars on the streets for any reason should make arrangements with a friend or neighbor to move their car for snow plowing operations.

The Department of Public Works does an excellent job of keeping our streets open for travel and emergencies until the storm ends and the regular snow plowing operation can be carried out. Some people who have had their cars towed during the past storms have complained that they have moved their car to streets they thought had been plowed and find out that they have not been completely plowed. In order to avoid this problem, **PLEASE CHECK WITH A POLICE OFFICER, OR SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF THE SNOW PLOWING OPERATIONS, BEFORE YOU PARK YOUR CAR ON ANY STREET YOU THINK HAS BEEN PLOWED.**

The Police Department travels the streets to announce the time that snowplowing operations will begin. If you do not hear the announcement, it will not be considered a legitimate excuse for not moving your vehicle. The Village will also be using the Emergency Alert System to notify residents. Forms to register can be picked up and dropped off at the Village Office. Forms can also be downloaded on our website at [www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### **RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC**

The Rabies Vaccination Clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets has been arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society. On **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** from **1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** for cats and ferrets and **2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** for dogs at the former Ford Motor Company parking lot on the corner of George Street and Tibbits Avenue. Due to COVID-19, pre-registration is required (no walk-ins). Registration closes on October 22, 2020 at 12:00 Noon. To register, visit: [www.health.ny.gov/gotoclinic](http://www.health.ny.gov/gotoclinic).

**FACECOVERING & SOCIAL DISTANCING IS MANDATORY! PLEASE NOTE:** You will be asked to leave if face coverings are not worn properly (over your nose and mouth) or distancing requirements are not followed.

All dogs, cats and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers. A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three-year immunization. If no record is present, a one-year vaccination certification will be issued. The clinic is open to any Albany County resident. Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services at 518-447-4620. **There will be an \$8.00 donation per animal.**

### **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on **Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time.

### **NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Tickets are currently on sale for the **Super 50/50 Raffle** to be drawn on **Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020!** If you would like to purchase a ticket(s), please contact Jill Alix at 518-272-7262. Tickets are \$1.00. This is a community wide raffle; you do not have to be a member of the senior citizen organization to participate. The seniors have worked tirelessly to provide hot nutritious meals throughout the pandemic. This is an easy way to give back and you have the chance to win CASH right before the holidays!

### **NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**TURKEY DINNER FUNDRAISER** to be held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. **TAKE OUT ONLY!** Dinner includes: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Vegetable, Roll and Dessert. The cost is \$10.00 Donation. **PRE-ORDERS are recommended by November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Please call 518-274-1237 or 518-273-1812.

### **NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Drive through or walk-up communion. Open to all denominations. We will be providing contactless communion in a safe environment. We will be using pre-packaged wafers and grape juice. You will receive a blessing and can give any prayer requests that you may have. Location – 89 Hudson Avenue, FaceBook - @goodshepherdgi, Website – [www.goodshepherdgi.com](http://www.goodshepherdgi.com) and Telephone – 518-273-5531.

**Just a reminder that the Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Election Day; Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND**

October 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

Well, it looks like we won't be back to "business as usual" for some time, due to the COVID-19 situation, so we are going to try and make the best of it, while still keeping everyone safe. Let's start with Halloween. While our village is considered to be one of the safest places to "Trick or Treat" in the area, we are encouraging our residents to skip the traditional door to door approach and join us for some treats at the Paine Street Park on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to get some treats. The plan is to have some organizations and businesses join us at the park and bring treats for the kids. We will socially distance the sponsors and have the kids line up, in costume, and pass by the sponsoring groups to collect their goodies. This is all new to us, so please be patient as we try and work out the details. Only those dressed in costume will receive goodies and we ask that everyone entering the park, both kids and parents, to PLEASE have your mask on. I know this isn't the ideal situation, but in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you please refrain from going door to door. Our elderly residents are the most at risk, so let's try and keep EVERYONE safe.

Wednesday morning we mailed out the letters to the sponsors for our "Festival of Trees" which will be held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will start decorating at 2:00 p.m. and light the trees at 5:00 p.m. However, things will be a little different at this event too. We will not be able to wheel around our wagon with cookies and hot chocolate. Our idea is to provide a box of cookies to the folks at each tree and have cups of hot chocolate with lids on top. We will be required to have all present wear a mask due to the number of people present and proximity to each other. Santa and Mrs. Claus are still coming on their sleigh, but they won't be able to come into the gazebo so the kids can sit on Santa's lap. Instead they will do the countdown to light the trees from up on the sleigh. In lieu of directly telling Santa what they want for Christmas, we will have an official "Santa Mailbox" at the park all day so the kids can put their list to Santa in it. Then, after we light the trees, we will give Santa and Mrs. Claus the mailbox to bring back to the North Pole.

The food drive that we do every year before the holidays also has to be modified due to COVID-19. We will not be able to do food pick up door to door, which is really unfortunate because we know the need will be even higher this year. If you would still like to help us with providing food baskets for the holidays, you can make a monetary donation to help us buy the food that is needed. You can make a check out to: Green Island Food Pantry and mail it to 20 Clinton Street, Green Island, NY 12183 or drop it through the mail slot at the Village Office. No donation is too small, so please help us if you can.

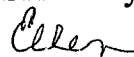
Election Day is Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please get out and vote. We all have our own opinions about who the best candidates are, but no matter who you support, get out and vote.

Anyone who knows me knows that Thanksgiving is my very favorite holiday, and with closing the funeral home and not being on call 24/7, it was going to be the best one ever. But now with the pandemic, even families being able to be together is in jeopardy. It all depends on spikes in positive testing. PLEASE let's all do our part to stop the spread. I know everyone is tired of hearing "Wash your hands. Wear a mask. Keep your social distance from others." But that is the only way we have a chance of getting back to normal and saving lives. Some people don't realize it, but we have lost Green Island residents to this virus. And watching their families try to bury a loved one during these crazy times is heartbreaking. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – LET'S ALL DO OUR PART!

Please make sure you check out the other newsletter for more info about what is happening around town.

OK. So this isn't my most upbeat letter. We can't do a lot of things like we would like to do, but we can make the most out of what we can do. It's all about keeping a positive attitude and counting the blessings that we do have. I pray every day that things will get better soon. We are doing everything we can to keep everyone happy and healthy, but we can't do it alone. This is definitely a TEAM EFFORT. *Please join the team!*

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan