

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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CHRISTMAS CAROLING & TREE LIGHTING

The Village of Green Island will hold its annual "Festival of Trees" on **Saturday, December 7th**, at the River Park. Tree decorating starts at 2:00 p.m. There will be two community trees again this year, one for Relay for Life and one for our Veterans. Everyone is welcome to place an ornament on either or both of these trees, free of charge. Santa will arrive at 5:00 p.m. to light the trees, sing Christmas Carols and see all the good little children. ***Come and bring your family for this wonderful event!***

GIVING TREE

Our "Giving Tree" will be up on December 2nd at the Village Office, please stop in and take a tag. This is a great opportunity to grant a child a "Merry" Christmas. All presents must be returned with the original tag by Wednesday, December 18th.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Please note Hydrant Flushing in Green Island and Maplewood has been **rescheduled** for Wednesday, November 20th, Thursday, November 21st and Friday, November 22nd. A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time.

RECREATION NEWS

- Thank you to the Vagabond Club, Green Island Senior Citizens, Police Activities League and the American Legion for sponsoring the Halloween Parade.

HOLIDAY PARTY WITH "THE ACCENTS"

- A **Holiday Party** featuring "***The ACCENTS***" will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Tickets are \$20.00 for senior citizens and \$25.00 for the general public (must be 21 yrs. old) and includes beer, wine, soda and snacks. Call 272-7262 for more information. Proceeds to benefit the Senior Citizens.
- Pioneer Bank, the Green Island branch, is holding a Food Drive Contest NOW through Monday, November 25th. For every item donated to the Green Island Food Drive, you will receive an entry into a drawing for a \$50 gift card.
- Senior Gift Cards are now available for the holiday season!!! A \$3.00 donation gift card can treat a senior to lunch.

SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL

Just a reminder on snow removal. Last month's newsletter listed the order of street plowing. Please keep that list handy for the coming season and it is also available on our website at www.villageofgreenisland.com. Any questions, **PLEASE CHECK WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, 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. If you have any questions about snow plowing operations, please call the Police Department at 655-7854 or the Department of Public Works at 273-5565. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE SPAGHETTI DINNER
TO BENEFIT ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM**

The Albany County Legislature's Majority Caucus will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner (spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea, soda, and dessert) to benefit their Adopt-A-Family Program on Friday, December 6th, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Watervliet Senior Center, 1501 Broadway, Watervliet. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children under 12 Free. For those on the go, take-out is available.

The Majority Caucus has adopted numerous families in Albany County, including many in Green Island, for several years now. Please contact Sean Ward at ward1@nycap.rr.com if you would like tickets.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- **Saturday, November 23rd – Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** All you can eat, Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate. **Pay what you will donation!**
- **Friday, November 29th – FREE Community Dinner from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome!
- **Sunday, December 1st – Luncheon, Church Decorating and Tree Trimming from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Join us as we make some crafts, decorate the church, sing carols and take home something sweet. * **Every child must be accompanied by an adult.** Please call 518-272-5531 to RSVP.
- **Sunday, December 8th – Annual "LIVING NATIVITY" at 7:00 p.m.** This free 45 minute presentation will be followed by refreshments. A wonderful family event!
- **Saturday, December 14th – Pancake and Sausage Supper from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** All you can eat, Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate. **Pay what you will donation!**

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

- **Holiday Breakfast** - On Saturday, December 21st the American Legion Auxiliary #927 is having a Holiday Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Breakfast will consist of Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes, Toast, Coffee, Tea and Juice. The cost is \$8.00 is per person and children under 5 are Free. You do not need to purchase a breakfast to see Santa. For more information call 272-1198.
- **New Year's Eve Party** - On Tuesday, December 31st, The American Legion will host their annual **New Year's Eve Party** beginning at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$75.00 per couple or \$40.00 per person and includes open bar from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., DJ, Snack Food, Hat, Horns. Call Legion at 272-1198 or Donna at 274-1237 for reservations. Deadline is December 20th.

NEWS FROM LEGNARD-CURTIN AUXILIARY #927

The Legnard-Curtin Auxiliary would like any Halloween costumes that you no longer need. They would also like Price Chopper – Cash Register receipt tapes, Box Tops for Education and Campbell Product Labels. Any questions, please call Brenda Persons, Unit President at 271-6184.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

Green Island Little League baseball and girls softball registrations will be held on Sunday, December 1st, and Sunday, December 15th from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. at Heatly School during the CYO basketball games. Registration is FREE with a 2 hour commitment to our Tag Days at Crossgates Mall Fundraiser being held on Friday, December 27th and Saturday, December 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., this represents a savings of \$35.00 for t-ball and \$50.00 for any other registration. For more information please visit our website at www.greenislandll.com or contact any board member.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE VILLAGE, TOWN and GIPA OFFICES will be closed
Thursday, November 28th, 2013 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 18, 2013

Dear Friends,

I have LOTS to tell you about this month, so I'll just get to it!

The Village is sponsoring a *flu shot clinic* through the Albany County Health Department on Friday, December 6th from 10 a.m. until noon at the Community Center. It is open to all residents 18 and over. If you have NOT gotten your flu shot, this is an opportunity to get it. The number of vaccines is limited so we are asking anyone interested to call the Village Office at 273-2201 and leave your name and number. If you make a reservation, you will be certain to have a shot reserved for you. If you do not make a reservation, you can still come but may not be guaranteed that there will be enough. Please bring your insurance card, but **no one will be turned away due to lack of insurance**. Also, if you have an allergy to eggs, you are advised not to get the shot.

Our *Festival of Trees* is just around the corner!!!! We will be decorating on Saturday, December 7th at 2 p.m. and Santa will arrive on his sleigh at 5 p.m. to help us light our trees, sing Christmas Carols and then have a little chat with all the children and give them each an early Christmas gift. We have a "rain date" of Sunday the 8th. Snow doesn't stop us ---- but rain does. Even if you don't have a tree, you are welcome to bring a decoration for our Relay for Life Tree or our Veterans Tree. Or, you can just come and have some hot chocolate and cookies and enjoy our "special guest" surprise that we will be having while we decorate. Hope to see you there!

Santa is always busy this time of year, but we are keeping him very busy in Green Island. The Green Island Power Authority has invited Santa to come back and do his annual ride around the Village. For safety reasons, we are going to do it a little different this year. We will have a set route and Santa will stop to see the children at every corner. **We do not want the kids to run into the street in the middle of the block** so make sure you **bring the children to the corners**. Santa will begin on Cohoes Avenue (near the American Legion) on Sunday, December 15th at 5:30. His sleigh will proceed south on Cohoes Avenue, turn left and go east on Arch Street, turn right and go south on George Street, then onto Albany Avenue where he will turn his sleigh around and come north onto Hudson Avenue all the way to the end. He will turn left at Tibbits Avenue, and left onto George Street, then right onto Bleeker Street. At the end of Bleeker Street he will head back to the North Pole to get all his work done before it is time for his Christmas deliveries! We hope you all come out to join Santa and I would ask all the parents to ***PLEASE accompany your children so we keep them safe!***

We will have our Giving Tree in the Village Office on December 2nd. You have NEVER let us down and we have met our goal every year to provide a beautiful Christmas for those less fortunate. Please be as generous as possible. And a big THANK YOU to all the folks behind the scenes who wish to remain anonymous but who make this act of love and charity possible.

We have a lot of information in the other newsletter so please make sure you read it. There are a bunch of events at the **Good Shepherd** (almost all of which include delicious food so I never leave there hungry). The Little League is having their registration days on December 1st and 15th. The **Albany County Legislature** is having a spaghetti supper on December 6th to raise money for Adopt-A-Family. **The Senior Citizens** are having a Holiday Party with "**The Accents**" on December 7th and this is a major fundraiser for them. **The American Legion** is having a Holiday Breakfast on December 21st and a New Year's Eve Party on the 31st, but we missed getting it in the other newsletter about another event they are having on Saturday, December 14th from 7 to 10 p.m. The Legion allows The **Swing Docs Big Band** to rehearse at the post, so to thank them for allowing them to use the hall, they are having a fundraiser to benefit the Legion. Admission is only \$5.00 and you can dance your little footsies off for three whole hours. Where can you find a deal like that? Even if you don't dance, come and enjoy the Big Band music and support our Legion at the same time. Winter is just around the corner, so get out while you can!

I don't have much room left so I have to say a little something about my absolute favorite holiday --- **Thanksgiving!** I think we have about 30 coming for dinner, so that means I will be cooking about 75 pounds of turkey (so everyone gets to take some home). Then there will be about 10 pounds of potatoes, 10 pounds of potato dressing (family tradition), 5 pounds of sausage stuffing, turnips, sweet potatoes, squash, green bean casserole, corn and lots of gravy, cranberry sauce and rolls. I usually make 4 pumpkin pies, 4 apple pies and sometimes a pecan pie or blueberry pie. I love to ~~cook~~ and feed my family and my husband decorates the house and sets the table like something out of House Beautiful. He's pretty talented and I think we make a great team! As much as I love the festivities, this year I am most grateful that Mark is feeling so well! It doesn't get better than that so I have a lot to celebrate on this Thanksgiving Day!

Hope you all have a wonderful Turkey Day and if you want the potato dressing recipe, give me a call!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan