

**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 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**RECREATION NEWS**

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

**SIGNUP AND REGISTER FOR “FIRST CALL” NOTIFICATIONS**

With winter upon us, anyone who has not already signed up and registered for “First Call” notifications and would like to do so, you may go to the Village website – <https://alertregistration.com/VillageofGreenIsland/> and/or registration forms are available at the Village Office. Registration forms may be dropped off at the Village Office.

**HOLIDAY PARTY WITH “THE ACCENTS”**

- A **Holiday Party** featuring “**The ACCENTS**” will be held on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the American Legion. Tickets are \$20.00 (must be 21 yrs. old) and includes beer, wine, soda and snacks. Call 272-7262 for more information. Proceeds to benefit the Senior Citizens.
- 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](http://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 & butter, coffee, tea, soda, and dessert) to benefit their Adopt-A-Family Program on Friday, December 12th, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Watervliet Lodge of Elks, 501 Fourth Avenue, 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 [seanward518@gmail.com](mailto:seanward518@gmail.com) if you would like tickets.

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

**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** - "Thanksgiving" Community Dinner - 5:30 p.m. They will be serving a delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Come, bring your family and friends, all at no charge. Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** - Church Tree Trimming, Lunch and Family Time starting at 10:30 a.m. Join us as we make some crafts, decorate the church, and sing carols. \* Every child must be accompanied by an adult. Please call 518-273-5531 to RSVP with child's name and age.

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Annual "LIVING NATIVITY" at 7:00 p.m. Experience an indoor, 45 minute production, which brings to life the Nativity story. After the performance stay for free refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** - "All You Can Eat" Pancake and Sausage Supper from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. All you can eat, Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee and tea. **Pay what you will donation!**

For further information you can go the new Church website: <http://www.goodshepherdchurchmcgo.org> or call 518-273-5531.

**NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**Night of "Rock and Roll"** - On Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, the American Legion will be hosting a night of "Rock and Roll" featuring DJ LAZ. Put your dancing shoes on and come have some fun from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**"SWING DOC'S"** - On Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, the American Legion will be hosting the "Swing Doc's" from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Admission is \$5.00.

**Holiday Breakfast** - On Saturday, December 20th, 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. All Green Island children are welcome. For more information call 272-1198.

**NEWS FROM LEGNARD-CURTIN AUXILIARY #927**

The Legnard-Curtin Auxiliary would like any Halloween costumes that you no longer want. Please don't forget our military families and school and drop off your Price Chopper - Cash Register receipt tapes, Box Tops for Education and Campbell Product Labels. The ladies are also looking for old cell phones. Any questions, please call Brenda Persons, Unit President at 271-6184.

**NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE**

The Green Island Little League is offering **EARLY** registration. Signup up now and help us collect donations at Crossgates Mall on Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and receive 50 percent off a 2015 registration. Contact Dave Monahan at 763-9895 for details.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE VILLAGE, TOWN and GIPA OFFICES will be closed**  
**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 16, 2014

Dear Friends,

I have a lot of information for you this month, so I think I will start with “business” and keep the fun stuff until last.

As you are all aware, the economy is in tough times for all and that includes government, too. While we have always been fiscally prudent, I would call it more like pinching every penny before it goes out the door. While some people, like our Governor, think it is more economical to have bigger government entities, I thoroughly disagree because I think we are able to keep a closer eye on everything. Our Village and Town predecessors were “sharing services” and practicing “mutual aid” with bordering communities before it had a name. Some present day elected officials think this is something new, but we have been doing it for over 50 years. And we NEVER stop looking for ways to economize and do things more efficiently. With that goal in mind, we have recently reorganized some of our workforce and will officially be sharing employees between departments. We also will be asking for your help in making our “recyclables” pick up run a little more efficiently. Since we went to single stream recycling (where all recyclables can be put in one box or bag) we have been collecting them in our old green packer truck. Well, that packer truck bit the dust and now we will be picking them up on a regular truck. That means we don't have any means to “compact” them, so we are asking for your help. If you could break down cardboard boxes and flatten any cartons, cans and plastic containers, it would be a big help to us. It isn't the weight that is a problem, it is the volume, so any way you can “compact” your recyclables would be helpful. We are working on putting together a guidelines sheet for residents to follow and we hope to have it to you in the near future. In the meantime, your cooperation with recyclables would be helpful.

We will also be asking for your cooperation as we head into winter and snow plowing/removal operations. Please be ready to move your car when your street is announced for snow removal. If you haven't signed up for “First Call” please see the other newsletter for details so you can be notified before snow removal operations begin. We don't like towing cars, but it costs us thousands of dollars to do a snow removal and any delays cost us money, so PLEASE cooperate. And if you know someone new has moved into your neighborhood, please help educate them about our operations.

I mentioned above that we are pinching pennies and that includes trying to do more of our maintenance and repair jobs “in house.” One such project is remodeling the ladies room at the Community Center where we host our Senior Citizens Club. Our DPW, GIPA and Water Department employees are working together to do this job during the week of Thanksgiving. I am hoping the demo and construction go smoothly, but we all know that “you never know” what you will run into in an older building. Say a little prayer that the project goes well and the ladies will be “sitting pretty” when they return after Thanksgiving.

Our “Giving Tree” will be up in the Village Office on December 1<sup>st</sup>. PLEASE be as generous as possible to help make a bright Christmas for families that need a little extra help this year. The folks in Green Island are known for always coming together to help and you have never disappointed us. We have never had a tag left on the tree. You should be very proud of yourselves. I am very proud of all of you!!!!

Our Festival of Trees is scheduled for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> in the River Park. We are celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> season and we have a record 38 trees this year. Families will come and start decorating their trees at 2:00 p.m. and Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5:00 p.m. to help us light the trees, sing some carols and have a chat with each of the children. We will be serving hot chocolate and treats throughout the day and maybe have a surprise or two in the afternoon. Please join us, even if you don’t have a tree. We will also be having our Veterans Tree and Relay for Life Tree for all to enjoy and add an ornament. Join us and get in the holiday spirit early!

Please see the other newsletter for lots of information and upcoming events. The Seniors, the Church of the Good Shepherd, the American Legion Post, the Little League and the Albany County Legislature all have fun and yummy events scheduled. Please support them!

Well my favorite holiday is only a little more than a week away. I absolutely love Thanksgiving! And I have a lot to be thankful for. I am still undecided if I will roast three or four turkeys this year. But I know I will be doing my family’s favorite potato stuffing – along with squash, turnips, potatoes, sausage stuffing, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls – and lots of pies!!!!

I wish you the best Thanksgiving ever!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ellen".