

VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2014

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN
GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 4th - ELECTION DAY and NOVEMBER 11th – VETERAN'S DAY**

RECREATION NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARADE - The annual **Halloween Parade** will be held on **Friday, October 31st**. Cash prizes will be offered for the best costumes and floats. The parade forms at **5:30 p.m.** at the corner of George and Hamilton Streets and will begin at **6:00 p.m.** In the event of rain festivities will be held under the Collar City Bridge on Hudson Avenue.

FAMILY DAY PICNIC – THANK YOU – The Village would like to thank all the sponsors, community vendors and workers who made this year's picnic a success. This year's sponsors include **RiverSpark, the GIG crew, Heatly Class of 2017, Bourgeois BFF Relay Team, MacMurray & Sons, Dausie's Bounce Rental, Flutterbug the Clown, Premo Designs and the "Backbeat" Band**, who all made it yet another successful event. **Thank you to all!**

YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION – Just a reminder that registration will be held on **Tuesday, October 21st** from **5 to 7 p.m.** at the **Municipal Center**. Any questions, please contact the Village Office.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The **Annual Food Drive** to benefit the Green Island Food Pantry will begin with the **BAG DROP OFF** on **Monday, October 20th** and **PICK UP** will be on **Saturday, October 25th** starting at **10:00 a.m.** The Green Island Department of Parks and Recreation and students from Heatly School sponsor the food drive. Residents are asked to contribute whatever they can to help the needy families in our community. **(Please refrain from donating expired items).**

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 1st, 2014. 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, Harlem, Saratoga, |
| 6. Bleecker Street | 14. Lafayette Street | Pine, Thames, Whitehall, 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 \$50.00**, the **fee for towing is \$75.00** and there will be a **storage fee of \$5.00 per day** after the first 24 hours. All fines and fees must be paid at the Green Island Police Department before the vehicle is released. There will be an additional charge if special equipment is required to move a vehicle from the street.

Residents who work out-of-town or who leave their cars on the streets 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. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on **Wednesday, November 5th, Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th**. A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time.

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, November 15th, 2014** from **1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** for cats and ferrets and **2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** for dogs at the Public Works Garage, Cohoes Avenue.

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 447-4620 or 447-4625. **There will be an \$8.00 donation per animal.**

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

Tickets are currently on sale for the ***Super Raffle*** to be drawn on **Wednesday, November 19th, 2014!** If you would like to purchase a ticket(s), please contact Jill Alix at 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. 1st Prize - \$1,000; 2nd Prize - \$300 and 3rd Prize - \$200. **SAVE THE DATE** - The Annual Holiday Party with **"The Accents"** will be held on **Friday, December 19th** at the American Legion. More information to follow in the November Newsletter.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD

Community Dinner will be held on **Friday, October 31st** from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They will be serving a delicious dinner for all to enjoy at **No Charge**. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

The **Annual Holiday Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday, November 8th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**, along with a **Ham Dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** The cost of the dinner is \$11 for adults, \$6 for children (6-12 years of age) and under 5 FREE.

All you can eat **Pancake Breakfast** on **Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Pay what you will donation!

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB

Heatly School Booster Club will be sponsoring a **basketball fundraiser** on **Friday, November 14th, 2014** at 6:30 p.m. at Heatly School. Heatly Faculty will be playing a basketball game against Rensselaer County Correctional Officers with all proceeds going to Heatly Athletics. There will be an entrance fee, 50/50 raffle, half-court shot contest, concessions and much more. Any questions or for more information please contact Angela Legault at Heatly School - 273-1422 or Michelle Oeffler at OEFF105@gmail.com.

Just a reminder that the Village and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 4th for Election Day; Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 27th, 2014 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

October 15, 2014

Dear Friends,

I am sitting at my computer with the windows wide open and I can't believe it is the middle of October!! This weather is just amazing and I am going to enjoy it as long as it lasts – which I am quite certain won't be much longer. Then we have to survive through the cold and snowy winter. You all know how much I LOVE winter. At least we will get my favorite holiday – Thanksgiving – before Old Man Winter comes to visit.

Speaking of winter, make sure you brush up on our snow removal policy in the other newsletter. For those of you who are new to Green Island, please don't hesitate to call the office (273-2201) if you aren't sure of our procedure. When we do curb to curb plowing, you **MUST** move your vehicle when the plows come down your street. If not, you will receive a \$50 ticket and a \$75 tow. We don't like doing it but it is the only way to make our streets passable for emergency services. Claiming you didn't know the policy or didn't hear your street announced won't get you out of the ticket and tow, so **PLEASE** educate yourself to the rules.

Our annual Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 31st. I hope we have good weather this year. If not, we will be under the Collar City Bridge for the festivities. Our recreation director, Maggie, has a much better track record with the weather than I do when it comes to scheduling outdoor activities, so we will probably be OK. See if you can find me in the parade!

Maggie also has a food drive planned for Saturday, October 25th. **PLEASE** be generous because we have a lot of folks who can use some help and the pantry always get a little low this time of year. And thank you to all who volunteer for this. We couldn't do it without you!

Our Senior Citizens are busy with their Super Raffle to be drawn on November 19th. Make sure you get your tickets. They will be giving away \$1,500 in the drawings and that money could really come in handy just before Christmas!

Make sure you check the other newsletter for lots of activities going on in town. The Church of the Good Shepherd has some great dining events coming up; the Heatly Booster Club has a basketball fundraiser on November 14th that sounds like fun; and if your dog, cat or ferret (does anyone actually own a ferret?) is due for their rabies vaccination, you can get it on November 15th at the DPW garage.

This newsletter is a little shorter than usual. My husband and I just got back from a lovely vacation and I am having a really hard time getting my brain back in gear! Maybe it is because I really relaxed on this vacation. We spent a few days visiting Rod and Chris Hermance at their home in South Carolina. They both taught at Heatly for many years and retired a few years ago. Rod not only taught at Heatly for his entire career, he was a Heatly grad. That means that in his entire life until he retired, the only years he wasn't at Heatly is before he entered kindergarten and when he was in college. That's about 45 years in the same building. Other Green Islanders who had similar careers are Jack McKinney and Madeline Whaley. Can you think of anyone else who spent four decades or more in that building?

I am sure as soon as I give this letter to Anne to copy tomorrow morning, I will remember something that I was supposed to put in it. I don't know whether to blame it on the vacation or just the fact that I turned 63 last week. Either way I am sure the "brain drain" won't get better as the years go on. I just hope the years keep going on!!!!

That's all until next month. Then we will "talk turkey."

Sincerely,

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

Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan