

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP

Please note that the Tuesday and Wednesday garbage pickup schedule will remain the same throughout the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

REMINDER: If we have snow banks at the curb, please remember to shovel a space wide enough for the DPW crew to be able to roll your garbage can through on trash pick-up days. Please do not park in front of those open spaces or DPW will not be able to take your garbage.

RECREATION NEWS

Thank you to Jill Alix, Anita Brown, Larry Brown, Alyssa Burdick, Cayla Heffern, Cameran Henderson, Michael Johnson, Chris Karziel, Ellen McNulty-Ryan, Tom Mullins, McKenzie Patalino, Brenda Persons, Mark Ryan, Katherine Smith, Katie Stufflebeam, Kristin Swinton, Madelon Swinton, Monica Weisenforth, Jade Cook, Rachel Files, Kyra Oeffler, Orianna Spoon, Carla Yaddow, Kevin Maloney, Tami Weisenforth, Heather Johnson, Christina Stebbins, Beth Vanderheyden, Blair McGuirk, Marie Mock, Richard Nolet, Shane Rouse, Meagan Thurber, Megan Russell, Schuyler Spoon, Thomas Boudreau, Tiffany DeCota, Felicia Dingley, Hailey Fisk, Austin Horton, Devin Lazzaro, Brittany Murphy, Jillian Pelitier, Morgan Razzano, Nick Richmond, Lydall, the Senior Citizens, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cheer Intensity, Bimbo Bakeries, CapCom and Stewart's Shop for contributing to the success of this year's food drive and **Thanksgiving** deliveries.

HOLIDAY PARTY WITH "THE ACCENTS"

- A **Holiday Party** featuring "**The ACCENTS**" will be held on Friday, December 19th 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.

STORMWATER COALITION OF ALBANY COUNTY

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 13 municipalities and the University at Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Sean Ward, has been Chairman of their Board of Directors since its inception. The purpose of the Coalition is to foster cooperation and to provide for the provision of joint shared services related to compliance with the NYSDEC SPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit program and Federal Clean Water Act requirements. For more information about the Stormwater Coalition please log on to their website at www.stormwateralbanycounty.org. This website has very specific information about how our community benefits from the program and includes educational components for homeowners, businesses and contractors. We also do our own outreach as well and periodically mail out flyers to many businesses that show best management

practices as it relates to their operations. This is just an example of the many efforts to educate the public in our quest for clean water. For further information about Green Island's MS4 program contact Sean Ward at 273-2201 or seanw@villageofgreenisland.com.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IMPERSONATION TELEPHONE SCAM

An aggressive and sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, **including at least one suspected case in Green Island**, have been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Please contact the Green Island Police Department to report suspicious calls. Visit www.irs.gov or www.villageofgreenisland.com to find out more about the potential scams.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

- **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. For more information call 272-1198.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

- **Friday, December 26th** – 5:30 p.m. – Please join them for our **Christmas Community Dinner**. They will be serving a delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Come; bring your family and friends, all at **no charge**. Everyone is welcome!
- **Wednesday, December 24th** – **CHRISTMAS EVE** – 6:00 p.m. - Family Friendly and **11:00 p.m.** will be the Candlelight Service.
- **Thursday, December 25th** – **CHRISTMAS DAY** – 9:30 a.m. – Informal Service.

PLEASE POST THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th, Thursday, December 25th, Wednesday, December 31st and Thursday, January 1st in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Also, be aware that the January Village Board, Planning Board and GIPA meetings normally held on the third Monday of the month will be held on Tuesday, January 20th beginning at 6:00 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

December 16, 2014

Dear Friends,

The snow is here and I think it is here to stay. Our guys have done a great job clearing the streets, but we could use a little more cooperation from our residents. We try to avoid having curb to curb snow removal when we can because it is VERY expensive. If residents would move their cars to the Ford lot or to spaces that have been plowed, the guys can keep going around and pushing back so you can park in front of your house. When people don't move their cars, we end up with huge piles of snow in the road. This not only makes it hard to park, but it makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to get through. So please help us keep the costs down and make the streets safe. And remember, when you are clearing your sidewalk, DO NOT throw the snow into the road. It is illegal and you will get a ticket. Also, please try and be considerate of your neighbors. Don't park in front of someone else's house and leave your car there for days. It may be legal, but it is inconsiderate and I have received several complaints from residents. Remember the "Golden Rule" and "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." I'm so old they used to print that on our wooden rulers in grade school! Remember?

Our "Festival of Trees" was a great success again this year. We had 38 trees decorated by families. We had hot chocolate and cookies and nearly froze our behinds off, but it was all worth it when the sleigh with Santa and Mrs. Claus came around the corner to visit the children and help us light the trees. It was a magical night, but nobody hung around too long because of the severe temperatures. Our thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking the time out of their busy schedules to visit us. I hope all the children remember the instructions that Santa gave them for Christmas eve!!!!

Make sure you see the other newsletter for what is going on around town.

I know Christmas is next week, but I am ending this letter with a heavy heart. Green Island is a small town, and I mean that in the best way. When things are good, we rejoice together. When things are bad, we mourn together. This last week has been a week filled with events that make you wonder "Why?" We buried a delightful 100 year old woman, Margaret Donnelly, on Saturday. Death is always hard, but when you get 100 years and you can still live in your own home and have your mind as sharp as a tack, you have to be grateful for the blessings. A day later, a 44 year old, Jolene Rootes McHargue, a wife and mother of three young boys, died. Her father, Tucker, died just a year ago. Her mother, Linda Rootes, lost her husband and her daughter in just one short year. I can't imagine her pain. Jolene's husband, Scott, is one of our firefighters. If you have ever had an EMS call in Green Island, you have probably met Scott. Jolene had many blessings: wonderful parents, a loving husband and three sons that she cherished and fiercely protected like a momma tiger. But 44 years just isn't enough time to finish what we started on this earth. I know, without a doubt, that Scott and Linda will be there for whatever those three boys need. I also know that Jolene will be watching over her family from heaven above. I truly believe that. But I would ask all of you to keep them in your prayers and ask God to give them the strength they are going to need in the days ahead. I would also ask that you hold tight to the ones that you love. You never know what tomorrow will bring, so make the most of every day and never take your blessings for granted!

I never take my blessing of being your Mayor for granted. Our whole team works very hard to make Green Island the special place that it is and I appreciate all that they do for us. I also thank God for the wonderful family and friends that I have. Most of all I have been thanking Him for keeping my husband, Mark, healthy this last year. Mark is the light of my life and I love him more every day. I have been truly blessed!!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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