

## VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> - ELECTION DAY. DPW will be closed November 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### RECREATION NEWS

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** - The annual Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 participants include the GIG, Green Island Fire Department, Green Island Police Dept., Green Island Senior Citizens, Green Island Little League, The Bourgeois Family, Town of Colonie Fire Department, Albany County Sheriff, Jack Byrne, MacMurray & Sons, Dausie's Bounce Rental, Premo Designs, Hands of Time, Heatly PTO, and Catskill Hudson Bank. Thank you to all!

**YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** – Just a reminder that registration forms will be distributed to Grades 3 – 6. We will also be holding a registration at the Green Island Municipal Center, on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m. Any questions, please contact the Village Office. **All players must register before November 1<sup>st</sup>, no exceptions.**

### ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Annual Food Drive to benefit the Green Island Food Pantry will be on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m. Residents are asked to contribute whatever they can to help the needy families in our community. **(Please refrain from donating expired items). We are in need of ALL items at this time, in addition to the traditional items for the upcoming holiday baskets; stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, corn, peas, green beans, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, turkey gravy. THERE WILL BE NO BAG DROP OFF.** Please use whatever bag you deem necessary to handle your donations.

### 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>, 2019. 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 \$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 Village Offices 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 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.

#### **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019** 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 518-447-4620 or 518-447-4625. **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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019!** 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$300 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$200.

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

Please join the American Legion for a **STEAK ROAST DINNER**, sponsored by the Green Island Sons of the American Legion, on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person. If you are a member or purchase your tickets in advance, the cost is \$16.00. Cost includes: NY Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls, Soda, Draft Beer, Coffee and Dessert. In addition there will be door prizes, raffles and music by **DJ LAZZ** immediately following dinner. Tickets are available at the Legion. For more information, please call 518-272-1198.

The American Legion will be presenting the Green Island Veterans Service Medals on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 12:00 Noon** after the monthly Legion meeting. The Legion will need the names of the recipients that will be attending, so a head count can be taken. The reason, there will be refreshments and a cold buffet after the presentation of the Veterans Service Medals. Please contact Ted Koniowka at 518-423-2301 if you are planning to attend and the number of the immediate family members that will be attending with you.

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

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - Family Style Chicken-N-Biscuit Dinner** – from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. All the fixins' and homemade desserts. \$13/Adults, \$6/12 & Under, Free/5 & Under. Take outs available starting at 4 p.m. Free Delivery in Green Island.

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – FREE COMMUNITY DINNER!**

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – HOLIDAY BAZAAR** from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and **HAM DINNER** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Take outs start at 4 p.m.) **FREE DELIVERY**

**Just a reminder that the Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for Election Day; Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

October 15, 2019

Dear Friends,

Our Hudson Avenue storm sewer construction project is in full swing. I know it is frustrating for the folks who live on the street and it makes school drop off more difficult than usual, but it is a project that **MUST** be done. The upside is that the cost, which is estimated to be more than one million dollars, is being paid for by the developer of Starbuck Island. That means no cost to the taxpayers! It is a great improvement for the environment and it will lower our fees paid to the Albany County Sewer District. There are so many good things about this project that I am going to ask you to **PLEASE** be patient. The construction team is working long, hard hours. I am typing this letter from my business office at 7 p.m. and they are still down the street working in the dark. Again, I thank you for your patience and hope that the project moves along quickly!

Our Annual Food Drive is this Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m. Please see the other newsletter for instructions and please be generous. Our Food Pantry helps out a lot of folks who are in need all year round, but especially during the holidays.

The Halloween Parade is just around the corner. Hope to see a great turnout and a lot of costumes and floats. I think we are one of the few communities left that still does this.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is having their Chicken-N-Biscuit dinner this Saturday and it is one of my favorite dinners that they do. They are also doing their Holiday Bazaar and Ham Dinner next month on the 16<sup>th</sup>. And the American Legion is also having a Steak Roast on October 26<sup>th</sup> which is always a big hit. No wonder I can't lose any weight!!! Please support both of these organizations that do so much to make our community so great.

Please see the other newsletter for lots more information. I am cutting my letter short so I can put some instructions on the backside of this letter telling you what to do at your home after a water main break or hydrant flushing. It has some really good tips, so please keep it and put it on your refrigerator or inside a cabinet door so you know what to do.

That's it for this month. Enjoy the fall weather and beautiful foliage. Before you know it Old Man Winter will be here!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

# VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Village of Green Island  
Water and Sewer Department  
20 Clinton Street  
Green Island, New York 12183  
Administration/Billing (518) 273-2201 Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-12:30pm and 1:30-4:30pm  
Plant/Street Operations (518) 273-4959 Open 24/7/365

## What To Do After a Water Main Break or Hydrant Flushing:

After experiencing a water main break or after periodic hydrant flushing, the water system is flushed and disinfected by the Water and Sewer Department to the extent possible. In most cases you will not notice any difference in your water, though there is a chance that you may have air in the water pipes or notice a discoloration of the water. Natural mineral scale is on the inside of the pipes, and changes in the flow of water (such as during a water main break or flushing) often cause mineral scale to slough off and discolor the water or produce particulate matter. These mineral compounds pose no health threat.

Following a water main break or flushing, the Water Department recommends you flush the **COLD** water lines in your home or business. It will cost you pennies to take this important step.

1. Begin with the highest tap (faucet) without an aerator (a bathtub spigot is preferred) in your home, and then open other faucets one at a time, moving from your highest floor to your lowest floor. If the dwelling is one story, use the fixture closest to where the water service enters the building.
2. After five (5) to fifteen (15) minutes, or until the water is clear and any air in the line is depleted, turn off your faucets and tub spigot(s) in reverse order, from lowest to highest.
3. If the water does not clear, wait thirty (30) minutes and flush the **COLD** water lines again.
4. Following restoration of water service, check your toilets for any leaks. The temporary change in water pressure may have caused the toilet flapper to seat improperly after water has been restored.

➤ Do not use discolored water for any purposes that require clean water, such as preparing food and beverages, medical and dental procedures, and laundry.

➤ Do not flush the cold water through a faucet or tap (such as a refrigerator water line) that has a filter connected to it, or the sediment may clog your filter.

➤ Do not use a hot water tap because it could draw sediment into your hot water tank.

Please contact the Water and Sewer Department at 518-273-4959 if discolored water persists or should you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you.