

VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2021

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd - ELECTION DAY or BULK PICK-UP ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH.
DPW will be closed Friday, November 5th AND Friday, November 12th.**

GIPA SCHEDULED POWER OUTAGE

The Green Island Power Authority has scheduled a planned power outage for Saturday, October 30th at 8:00 a.m. The outage is expected to last 2 – 5 hours.

RECREATION NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARADE – The Village will host the annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 31, 2021. The parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. from the corner of George Street and Hamilton Street. The parade will proceed north on George Street, west on Arch Street, north on High Street, east on Bleecker Street to the Paine Street Park. At the end of the parade all participants will be welcomed into the park for some sweet treats!

FOOD DRIVE

FOOD DRIVE - The Village will host a "Week of Giving" to support the Green Island Food Pantry. Donors will have the opportunity to donate (non-expired) non-perishable items to the pantry at the Village Office during regular business hours, Monday, November 1st – Friday, November 5th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please note that the Village Office will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd, but donations will be accepted at both polling locations (Municipal Center and/or the American Legion). If you are unable to bring donations to the Village Office or one of the polling locations but would like to participate, please call the Village Office at 518-273-2201. If you would like to give a monetary donation, checks can be made payable to the Green Island Food Pantry. In addition to holiday baskets, the pantry assists families on a monthly basis. Thank you in advance for your support.

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, 2021. 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 \$125.00, the fee for towing is \$125.00 and there will be a storage fee of \$10.00 per day after the first 24 hours. There will be an additional charge if special equipment is required to move a vehicle from the street.

All fines and fees must be paid before the vehicle is released. There are a few options for paying your fine:

1. For online payment, go to <https://villageofgreenisland.com/village/parking>. You will receive an email confirmation of payment that can be presented to Officers for release of your vehicle. This is the easiest and most efficient way to make payment.
2. You can submit payment for the full amount at the Village Office. The Parking Violations Bureau will provide a receipt upon payment. Hours are Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
3. You can submit full payment by mail to Village of Green Island, Parking Violations Bureau, 20 Clinton Street, Green Island, New York, 12183. Your receipt will be mailed back to you. This is the slowest and least efficient method of paying your fine and will result in delay of the return of your vehicle. You will be subject to additional storage fees by using this method.
4. Please contact the Parking Violations Bureau at 518-273-2201 if you have any questions.

Residents who are on vacation, work out-of-town or who leave their car(s) on the street 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 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 later the street had 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 each street to announce the time of snowplowing operations. 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. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on **Wednesday, November 3rd, Thursday, November 4th and Friday, November 5th**. A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

Tickets are currently on sale for the ***Super Holiday Raffle*** to be drawn on **Wednesday, December 1st, 2021!** If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Jill Alix at 518-272-7262. Tickets are \$1.00. Venmo is accepted @GreenIsland-Seniors. This is a community wide raffle; you do not have to be a member of the senior citizen organization to participate.

NEWS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Baked Ham Dinner – Saturday, November 13th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Take-out dinner. Advanced reservations only.** 125 dinners will be served. The cost is \$12.00. Dinner will be Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Squash, Roll, Coleslaw, Copper Pennies, and Brownie. Free delivery in Green Island. Please call the church for reservations at 518-273-5531 (leave a return number).

Just a reminder that the Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 2nd for Election Day, Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th, 2021 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

October 17, 2021

Dear Friends,

I guess I will get the bad news out of the way first so that we can go on and end this letter on a happier note. As many of you may have heard, we had some serious vandalism at the Gazebo in the River Park. We had to close it because some of the damage was to the electrical system and it isn't safe to let anyone in until it can be repaired. We are working on getting materials to make the repairs now, but it may take a little while. This isn't the first time we have had vandalism. Usually my husband goes over and replaces the spindles that get kicked out. This time the vandal used the spindle to break the light fixture (second time this year) and damage the electrical boxes and then threw the spindle down the river bank. My husband was able to locate it and retrieve it. I am happy to say that our Police Department did some pretty good detective work (especially Acting Chief Bill Rice) and was able to identify the vandal that did most of the damage and that person will be paying restitution to buy the materials and repair the damage. We are still trying to identify a second vandal. I hope that by the time you get this letter we will have done that. I have to say that it is very disheartening to see this senseless destruction being done to a place that brings so much happiness to our community. My first reaction to finding the damage was anger; my second reaction was sadness. That whole park has been a work of love over the last 18 years with many volunteers and generous donors making it happen. And our DPW/GIPA guys work all summer keeping it nice for our concerts and getting it ready for the Festival of Trees in December. Why anyone would do such a senseless act is just plain mean. But, we will fix it and get ready for our Festival of Trees and put it all behind us. Amen!

We will be having a scheduled village wide power outage on Saturday, October 30th at 8:00 a.m. It is necessary to make some mandated repairs at our substation. It is estimated to last two to five hours. Let's plan for the worst (5) and hope for the best (2). These types of repairs are usually dependent upon good weather, so if something changes, we will let you know ASAP. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Safety must always be our first priority!

We are happy that we will be able to have our Halloween Parade this year, although it may be a little different than previous years. Instead of holding a costume contest at the end of the parade, participants will be able to trick or treat in the park, so make sure the kids bring their bags to collect their goodies. Please see the other newsletter for details about times and lineup.

As I mentioned earlier in the letter, we will be having our Festival of Trees in the River Park on Saturday, December 11th (rain date will be the 12th). We will be decorating at 2:00 p.m. and lighting the trees at 5:00 p.m. when Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive. We are playing it by ear as far as whether Santa and Mrs. Claus will be able to meet the kids in the Gazebo. Depending on COVID numbers, we will wait for guidance from the medical professionals as the time gets closer. In any

case, we are hoping all the kids will write their Christmas letters to Santa and bring them to put in Santa's mail sack so he can take them back to the North Pole and get his Elves to work. We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies while decorating at 2:00 p.m. If anyone new is interested in purchasing a tree, please call the Village Office at (518) 273-2201 and leave your name and contact information with Tara so we can put you on the waiting list and we will get back to you.

Please see the other newsletter that has lots of important information. I am not going to talk about snow removal because I just can't face the thought of it yet. Next month will be soon enough.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is having a takeout only Baked Ham Dinner on Saturday, November 13th. They are only doing advanced reservations. This ham dinner has always been my favorite dinner at the church. Well, actually, I am kind of fond of the Chicken and Biscuits too, but we will have to wait for that one. I promise you that the ham dinner is delicious, so make your reservations, enjoy the dinner and support the Church and all their volunteers.

Also see the info about the Super Holiday Raffle at the Green Island Senior Citizens. Jill and her elves are gearing up for the holidays, so give a call (518) 272-7262 and get your tickets.

Again, be sure to check out the other newsletter for lots of information, including holiday closures at the Village Office, hydrant flushing, changes in how we are collecting food for the Food Pantry and my favorite (ugh!) snow removal!

That's it for this month. Time just keeps flying by. Before you know it, Christmas will be here. I hope the winter passes as quickly as the summer passed.

Stay well, wear your mask and get vaccinated! I am waiting for the Moderna to be approved for the booster and I will be there in a flash! Thank God for people like Dr. Fauci on the national level and Dr. Whalen who has worked so well with our County Executive, Dan McCoy, at the county level. And Sheriff Apple organized his people to get vaccinations to our homebound residents. We are very lucky to have these dedicated individuals keeping us safe. Say a little prayer for them. They earned it!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan