

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND
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FESTIVAL OF TREES

We will be decorating for our “Festival of Trees” on **Saturday, December 11th**, at 2:00 p.m. and we will be serving hot chocolate and treats while families are decorating their trees. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive on their sleigh at 5:00 p.m. to help us light the trees. If any of the children wish to write a letter to Santa, they can bring it that day and put it in a special “Mail Bag” that we will give to Santa and Mrs. Claus to bring back to the North Pole. While masks are not required at an outdoor event, we ask that everyone respect social distancing to keep us all safe.

GIVING TREE

The “Giving Tree” will go live on Wednesday, November 24th via Sign Up Genius. The link will be available on FaceBook and the Village website. Please click the link and sign up for a tag. More detailed information will be provided within the link. If you are not tech savvy but would like to sign up for a tag, please call Tara at the Village Office. Thank you for helping us ensure our children have a “Merry” Christmas. All presents must be wrapped and returned with the original tag by Friday, December 17th.

SIGNUP AND REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

With winter upon us, anyone who has not already signed up and registered for alert notifications by telephone, text or email and would like to do so, registration forms are available at the Village Office and on our website www.villageofgreenisland.com. Completed forms may be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to Michele.Bourgeois@villageofgreenisland.com. All snow emergencies and other Village information will be sent via “Everbridge” Mass Notification. Please contact the Village Office at 518-273-2201 with any questions.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Tickets are still available for the Super 50/50 Raffle, to be drawn on Wednesday, December 1st. Tickets are a \$1.00 each. Don't miss out on a chance to win big right before the holidays. If you are looking for a holiday gift for the Special Senior in your life, gift certificates for lunch are available for \$3.00 each. Call Jill at 518-272-7262 or Venmo@GreenIsland.Seniors (Code 1020 if requested).

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/village/public-works/. 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 are quarantined, you must make arrangements to remove your vehicle from the street.** If you have any questions about snow plowing operations, please call the Police Department at 518-655-7854 or the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

Holiday Breakfast – On Sunday, December 19th, the American Legion Auxiliary #927 is sponsoring a Holiday Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Breakfast will consist of Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes, Coffee, Tea and Juice. The cost is \$8.00 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. Due to COVID-19, there are certain restrictions that everyone must follow for safety reasons: Breakfast is a buffet style that will be served. Santa will make an appearance but pictures can only be taken from a distance, no one can sit on Santa's lap. And please do not touch any of the available toys. Once a child chooses what toy they want, please let one of Santa's Helpers know and they will get it for you. If you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask. Please note that these restrictions can change due to the ever changing COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your cooperation. For more information call 518-272-1198.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE VILLAGE, TOWN and GIPA OFFICES will be closed
Thursday, November 25th, 2021 and Friday, November 26th, 2021 in observance of
Thanksgiving Day Holiday!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 17, 2021

Dear Friends,

I can't believe how fast time is flying. My mother always said, "The older you get, the faster time flies" and she was right. She also said, "The older you get, the more you hate snow" and she was right on that one too. I guess that means I am old because I REALLY hate snow. But winter also brings some good things, like Thanksgiving, our Festival of Trees, Christmas, New Years and just being together with family and friends.

Thanksgiving is my very favorite holiday and this year is going to be the best one ever because my kids and grandkids are all coming and I can't wait. Last year, because of the pandemic, it was just my husband and me at our house. But we did our best to be together --- on Zoom. It was definitely weird, but at least we got to see each other. I can't wait to start cooking my turkeys and all the fixings. I hope all of you get to be together with the people you love.

Our Festival of Trees is just around the corner. We will be decorating on Saturday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m. and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at 5:00 p.m. to help us light the trees. Everyone is welcome to join us (even if you don't have a tree). And remember that our Veterans Tree is available for anyone to place an ornament in honor of or in memory of a Veteran. I hope the weather is pleasant that day. Mother Nature hasn't been especially kind to us for events in the park this year. Hopefully she will be in the Christmas spirit this year!

Speaking of Christmas, our "Giving Tree" will be starting on November 24th. Please see the other newsletter for details on how to get a tag. If I try to explain how to get one, I will surely screw it up. The process is called "Sign Up Genius" which explains why I shouldn't be explaining it. For those of you, like me, who are not tech savvy, call Tara at the office and she will help you out. Please help us make sure every child has a nice Christmas this year. This whole pandemic has been especially difficult for our kids and it would be really nice to be back to normal and see smiles again.

If you are new to Green Island and don't know about our alert notifications, please see the other newsletter to find out how to get signed up. It is especially important during the winter months to let you know when we will be doing curb to curb snow removal. It is also very helpful in notifying you when other emergencies occur, like water breaks or power outages. You can also sign up for other nonemergency notifications like rain location for concerts or parades.

Thank you to all the residents who supported the Chicken Parm take out dinner held last week at the Seniors. The pandemic curtailed many of their fundraising events these last 18 months and their budget took a hit, so this fundraiser was very important to them. They are also having a Super 50/50 Raffle to be drawn on December 1st, so you still have time to help them out by participating. Details are in the other newsletter about the Raffle and also how you can purchase gift certificates for lunches at the Seniors. One way to purchase them is through “Venmo,” which I know about as much as “Sign Up Genius” so I won’t try to explain it.

The Legion is having a Holiday Breakfast on Sunday, December 19th and Santa will be there. With this being an indoor event, they are asking everyone to please follow COVID precautions to keep everyone safe. All the details are in the other newsletter. Please support our Veterans and let them know we appreciate all they have done for us.

I mentioned snow removal earlier in this letter, but I just want to express how important it is for all of our residents to cooperate during snow emergencies. We do our best to keep our streets open so emergency vehicles can get through at all times. It seems like our biggest snow storms always happen on Tuesday and Wednesday when we have trash pickup. This makes it difficult for our DPW workers because they do both jobs. Your cooperation in moving your vehicles in a timely manner gets the job done faster. And I want to remind residents that if you don’t shovel a path for our workers to get to your trash cans, your garbage will not be picked up. It is impossible to lift those big cans over a snow pile. I also want to remind residents that it is a punishable offense to throw snow out into the road. You will be ticketed and fined if you do so. I hate to sound like the “Grinch” but we all need to follow the rules and keep everyone safe.

OK. I think that’s it for this month. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Some of us have lost loved ones this year, but we need to remember, you can’t have a great loss without first having had a great blessing. Let’s all be thankful for and appreciate our blessings.

Sincerely,



Ellen McNulty-Ryan