

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**  
**20 CLINTON STREET**  
**GREEN ISLAND, NY 12183**  
**(518) 273-2201**  
**www.villageofgreenisland.com**  
**JANUARY 2022**

**Green Island Police Department Telephone Numbers**

**EMERGENCY – 911**

**NON EMERGENCY TO DISPATCHER – 518-655-7854**

**ANONYMOUS DRUG TIP LINE – 518-655-7971**

**PHONE TREE LINE TO GIPD OFFICERS – 518-765-2351**

**SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL**

**Just a reminder on snow removal.** If the Village is going to do a curb to curb snow removal, a snow emergency will be declared in advance of the operation. Residents are strongly encouraged to sign up for Alert notifications. The order of street plowing is available on our website at [www.villageofgreenisland.com/village/public-works](http://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 have any questions about snow plowing operations, please call the Village Office at 518-273-2201 or the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

It is the responsibility of the property owner and occupant/tenant, jointly, to keep sidewalks free from snow and ice. According to the Village Ordinance, snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow/ice has stopped. In addition, it is illegal to shovel, throw or deposit snow or ice in any street or roadway.

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

Please visit the Albany County Department of Health website at <https://www.albanycounty.com/departments/health/coronavirus-covid-19> for any questions or concerns you may have pertaining to the Coronavirus. Please note that the Village has 3M-KN95 masks available, and a very limited supply of Covid at-home test kits. Please reserve kits for those that are symptomatic, not feeling well or have general concern for testing. If interested, please call the Village Office and they will be provided.

**GARBAGE CONCERNS**

We have received complaints and witnessed garbage being put out early, many times several days before the scheduled pickup day. Please note that garbage cannot be put out to the curb until 12 p.m. on the day before scheduled pickup. Large items (anything that cannot fit into a barrel) would fall into the bulk pickup category and would be picked up on a Thursday. All bulk pickup must be registered first by emailing [tarab@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:tarab@villageofgreenisland.com) at least 24 hours beforehand.

We also see overflowing garbage cans with no recycling done to take away from garbage thrown in the barrel. Our rules stated that the lid must be able to be closed and the law states that you must recycle. Recycling

takes away from your allowable garbage, creates more room in your barrel and is better for the environment (see below).

Let's all do our part to help keep our Village clean. Place all garbage in your barrels and keep all other items off the curb and out of site until your scheduled pickup day. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **RECYCLING PROTECTS OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Although it is now more expensive for the Village to dispose of recyclables, it is still beneficial for our environment to do so.

Curb side Single Stream Recycling is easy. All you have to do is put clean and rinsed non-returnable glass, plastics, tin cans, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper, etc. in a plastic bag (preferably clear) **outside of your barrel** on regular pickup day.

Returnable bottles and cans can be removed from the waste stream and taken to a redemption center such as the Bottle and Can Company at 7 James Street in Green Island where they will reimburse you 6 cents per item every day, or even donate them to your favorite local charities that have pre-set accounts there.

Yard waste is also picked up curbside on regular pickup day and does not belong in the garbage barrel. Please place grass and leaves in a biodegradable paper bag and place next to your barrel and recyclables. Please don't put dirt, bricks or stones in the bags.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565.

### **RECREATION NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who sent a donation in support of the Green Island Food Pantry and/or the Green Island Christmas Program. Your kindness and generosity has not gone unnoticed.

Special thanks go out to the following groups that assisted those that needed just a little extra help throughout the holiday season: Lydall Manning employees, Green Island School District employees and retirees, Green Island Senior Citizens, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Silhouette, the Sunday Night Bowling League, Lynn Fraim and the Christmas Pajama Project, all of our anonymous Santa's Helpers (shoppers and wrappers – you know who you are), all those that took tags from the Giving Tree or gave a monetary donation, and any others that may have assisted in any other way. Many people and organizations are involved in this program and the Village is extremely appreciative of all of them.

### **NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927**

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 5 – 12. Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Roll and Dessert. For further information, please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198 or Bridget Brannigan at 518-273-1812. **\*\*Currently masks are required indoors. As always, details may change due to the ever-changing COVID-19 Pandemic.\*\***

### **GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Valentine's Dance with the "Accents" scheduled for Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until further notice.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND**

January 19, 2022

Dear Friends,

Well, so far as of this date, Mother Nature has been relatively kind to us. Not a lot of snow, but that ice was a little nasty. We have escaped the snow that the higher elevations got, but it is only January, so we have a ways to go. I ask you all for your cooperation on snow removals. Our DPW guys do a great job and put in long hours, but their success depends a great deal on cooperation from residents. Let's all work together to keep our streets open and safe. And please remember not to block paths where trash cans are placed for pick up on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Those cans are very large and heavy and can't be lifted over snow piles, so if the guys don't have access, your trash can't be picked up. And please don't block your neighbor's access. That is just plain rude!

We have had some very high numbers in COVID positive cases in Albany County. County Executive Dan McCoy and County Health Commissioner Whalen have done an excellent job providing access to resources and keeping us informed about the status of the situation. Dr. Whalen just told us yesterday that they are expecting/hoping that the numbers will crest soon and we will start on our way to declining numbers. But she stressed "We are not out of the woods" and we need to remain vigilant by getting our shots and boosters, wearing our masks, washing our hands frequently and keeping social distancing when possible. Let's all do our part so we can see smiling faces again – in person and not on ZOOM.

Usually at this time of year I am telling you all about the delicious dinners that are being put on by our civic and church organizations, but with COVID restrictions, most have been postponed for the time being. The Sons of the American Legion, however, is hosting a Chicken Parm dinner on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 p.m. As of now, it will be in person with masks required, but that may change if the number of positives goes up. Please see the other newsletter for all the details. And

hopefully in the next couple of months I will be able to tell you about other organizations putting their dinners back on the calendar. Our not for profits have suffered financial setbacks due to COVID and they really need our support to get back on their feet. I know you will all be there when that time comes!

The Little League is beginning to gear up for the 2022 Season. This group of dedicated and hardworking volunteers have persevered through the last few years and are still staying positive. I hope to have more news for you in next month's newsletter. And I hope the Little Leaguers and their parents are appreciative of how hard these volunteers have worked. A sincere "Thank you" goes a long way.

Maggie Alix and I had the pleasure of going to a swearing in ceremony in Cohoes this morning to see six new officers be sworn in and three members of the Cohoes PD receive promotions. It was a very nice ceremony and well attended. The best part for me was seeing the public support for these men and women. I was amazed when they announced that over 120 applicants took the exam for the Cohoes PD. After the last couple of years of some of the public showing total disrespect for Law Enforcement, it was really nice to see the positive support as Mayor Keeler swore them in. I am really glad to see so many good young men and women still wanting to serve the public in Law Enforcement. It gives me great hope for our future. And let's all say a prayer for the safety of all those involved in Law Enforcement.

Well, I think that's it for this month. Please be sure to read the other newsletter for a lot of important info on Village news and issues. And I hope when I write to you in February, I can once again say how nice Mother Nature has been to us. Only two more months of winter and we will start seeing the trees begin to bud, the daylight hours will be longer and I can put my long johns away until next winter!

Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan