

VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2022

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH - ELECTION DAY
DPW will be closed Monday, November 7th AND Friday, November 11th.**

UPCOMING PLANNED POWER OUTAGE BY NATIONAL GRID

National Grid is working with the Green Island Power Authority and the Village of Green Island to schedule a planned power outage on Monday, October 24th and Thursday, October 27th. The outages will occur at approximately 6:30 P.M., and will last approximately 2 - 4 hrs. The Village will use the Emergency Alert System for notifications.

RECREATION NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARADE – The Village will host the annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31st, 2022. The parade will begin at **5:30 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 Trick or Treating! Any community groups or businesses wishing to participate in Trick or Treating should contact Emma Heffern at Emma.Heffern@villageofgreenisland.com

FOOD PANTRY

FOOD DRIVE - The Village is planning for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food basket deliveries. Please consider **Sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Basket**. You can sponsor a basket by donating **2** boxes/cans of - instant mashed potatoes, turkey stuffing, green beans, corn, turkey gravy, and cranberries. Donations can be dropped off at the Village Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to bring donations to the Village Office 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, 2022. 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. This method will delay the return of your vehicle, and you will be subject to additional storage fees.
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 during snow removal. Please do not assume a street has been completely plowed. **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. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SIGNUP AND REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Anyone who has not already signed up and registered for the **Emergency Alert System** 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.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on **Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd and Friday, November 4th**. A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

The Seniors will host a **Spaghetti Dinner on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th from 4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.** Dinners are \$12.00 each, and will include spaghetti, meatball, salad, bread and desert. Dinners must be reserved in advanced. Take Out Only. Delivery available in Green Island. Please call Jill Alix at 518-272-7262 to place your order!

RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES BENEFIT

Team "HARD ROCKIN RELAYERS" will be hosting a **HOLIDAY VENDOR EVENT on Friday, November 18th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. They will have vendors from Chalk Couture, Thirty-One Gifts, Tupperware, Partylite Candles, Pampered Chef, Norwex, Tastefully Simple, Paparazzi Jewelry, Young Living Essential Oils, Sara Busone's Twisted Designs, Scentsy, Color Street and MORE!!!!

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Dorrance at 518-892-8701 or jmad92870@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

SAVE THE DATE: Holiday Breakfast – On Sunday, December 18th, 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 \$10.00 per person and children under 5 are Free. You do not need to purchase breakfast to see Santa. All Green Island children are welcome! If there are going to be restrictions, we will provide more details, as it gets closer to the date.

NEWS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Baked Ham Dinner, Sat., November 5th, Eat-In or Takeout/Free Delivery. Advanced reservations only. Eat-in Dinner will be served in two sittings, 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (64 capacity each sitting). Take-out/Free Delivery available anytime, 4 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Cost: \$14 for Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Squash, Roll, and Homemade Dessert. Sides of Raisin Gravy, & Copper Pennies (marinated carrots). Please call 518-273-5531 to reserve eat-in or takeout/delivery (leave a return number).

Just a reminder that the Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day; Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th, 2022 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

October 18, 2022

Dear Friends,

The weather sure is changing quickly. It feels like we are just going to skip fall and go right to winter. The weatherman said we could have frost tonight. I had the A/C on in my car two days ago and now the furnace at home keeps kicking on. As long as the snow holds off for a few months, I can deal with the cold.

We were notified by National Grid that the planned power outages that they had scheduled a while back, then had to cancel, are back on the calendar for Monday, October 24th and Thursday, October 27th. The outages will occur around 6:30 p.m. both days and be out for 2 to 4 hours. They have assured us that the only thing that would cause another cancellation would be heavy rain, and that is something that is beyond anyone's control. We will be sending out alerts to remind everyone, so if you haven't signed up to receive them, please see the other newsletter for instructions on how to do so. We are well aware that this is an inconvenience for everyone, but the folks at Grid have been working hard to make it as painless as possible. Please be patient. If they don't do these upgrades, we could have longer outages that wouldn't be planned and none of us want that.

The Recreation Department will be holding their annual Halloween Parade on Monday the 31st starting at 5:30 pm. Please see the other newsletter for all the details. This is the best way to let our kids have fun and still keep them safe. Hope you can all join us!

The Police Department has asked us to remind everyone to ALWAYS keep your car locked and do not leave any valuables (even small change) in sight. We have had some incidents reported and we need to be more vigilant. If you see something, or hear something outside, please call 911 immediately and let the Police check it out. Don't approach anyone, let the Police do that. But if you can get any kind of a description, that would be very helpful to relay to the Police. We have also been notified that the phone scams are rearing their ugly heads again. Don't give any personal information if you get a call. The best thing to do is just hang up. The IRS will never call you for a payment. And if you get one of the calls telling you a relative (usually a grandchild) is in trouble and needs bail money, hang up the phone. The Police don't work that way. Let's stay safe!

With the holidays coming up, our Food Pantry is in need of restocking for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Please see the other newsletter to get the details on how you can help.

We have several events coming up for all of you “foodies” out there. The Green Island Senior Citizens will be hosting a takeout Spaghetti Supper on Election Day, November 8th from 4 pm to 6:30 pm. You must make reservations in advance, so call Jill at 518-272-7262 and get your order in. If you can’t get there to pick it up, we will make deliveries to Green Island residents.

The Church of the Good Shepherd will be holding their Baked Ham Dinner on Saturday, November 5th with seatings at 4 and 5:30 pm. Or you can pick it up or have it delivered between 4 and 5:30 pm. All of their dinners are delicious, but their Baked Ham Dinner is one of my favorites (their Chicken and Biscuits is another favorite). I hope to see you there.

The American Legion Auxiliary is having their Holiday Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 18th from 8:30 to 10:30 am, and if you leave this one hungry, it is your own fault because they give you tons of food. And if the kids don’t want to eat but just want to see Santa, that’s OK too. COVID is kind of getting around again, but because most folks are immunized, they aren’t getting as sick as when this all first started three long years ago. But if things change and plans have to be modified to keep everyone safe, more details will be provided. Let’s hope we don’t have to go back there again! All of these organizations are a very valuable part of our community and these are some of their biggest fundraisers. They lost a great deal of their fundraising ability during the pandemic and are trying to make up for those losses. PLEASE support them!

Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities isn’t until next year, but some teams raise money throughout the year. “Hard Rockin Relayers” is one of those teams and they are having a Holiday Vendor Event at the Legion on Friday, November 18th from 6 to 9 pm. This could be a good time to start your Christmas shopping and help a worthy cause all at the same time. Mark your calendars.

Last but not least, please see the other newsletter for details on snow removal. If you have lived here a long time, you know the drill. If you are new to town, please read how our snow removal operation works. We have a great system that works very well --- if everyone cooperates. And for those who don’t cooperate, it will cost you \$250.00 if we have to tow your vehicle. We don’t like ticketing and towing, but that is the only way we can make our streets wide enough to get emergency vehicles through. Please help us to keep everyone safe!

I am running out of space, so I guess I better sign off until next month. Stay warm and stay well!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan