

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 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. We will serve hot chocolate and treats while families decorate 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.

GIVING TREE

The “Giving Tree” will go live on **Friday, November 25th** 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. Donations will be accepted. Checks can be made payable to the Green Island Christmas Program. Thank you for helping us ensure our children have a “Merry” Christmas. All presents must be wrapped and returned with the original tag by Monday, December 19th.

SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL

REMINDER ON SNOW REMOVAL. Last month’s newsletter listed the order of street plowing and we are sharing again this month for your convenience. Please keep this list handy for the coming season, 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 streets are generally plowed in the following order. However, this procedure is “**subject to change**” based upon various emergency conditions, which may 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 | |

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.

SIGNUP AND REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

REMINDER - 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 the 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

The **Holiday Party** featuring "The Accents" will be held on **Friday, December 9th**, 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., at the American Legion, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. Tickets are \$20 each, includes cocktail fare, beer, wine and soda. Must be over 21 years old to attend.

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 a breakfast to see Santa. All Green Island children are welcome!

NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Chicken 'n Biscuit Dinner – **Saturday, December 3rd**. **RESERVATIONS ONLY:** Eat-In Sittings (capacity 64 each): 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Take-outs start at 4:30 p.m. Free Green Island delivery. Cost: \$14 – includes chicken/gravy, biscuit, vegetables, mashed potatoes, and dessert. Cut-off: 125 dinners. Call the church at 518-273-5531 and leave your name, phone number and a brief message. Someone will get back to you.

Blessing of the Animals – **Sunday, December 11th** – 9:30 a.m. All are invited. Bring your non-human family member(s) as we give thanks for our beloved pets. You don't need a pet to attend. You can simply sit and watch the craziness, or perhaps bring a photo of a pet and share if you like, something about your four-legged family member. Free refreshments afterward.

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE VILLAGE, TOWN and GIPA OFFICES will be closed Thursday, November 24th, 2022 and Friday, November 25th, 2022 in observance of Thanksgiving Day Holiday!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 18, 2022

Dear Friends,

I guess winter finally decided to appear. We had temperatures in the 70s not that long ago and now we are freezing. At least the snow forecast for Wednesday didn't amount to much, but this cold is tough to get used to. But we always manage to get through it. My heart goes out to all the folks down south that have been dealing with hurricanes. Guess we should count our blessings. And there is no better time to count our blessings than on Thanksgiving Day. It is my favorite holiday of them all and I can't wait to get together with my family and prepare all our traditional holiday food. I hope you all have a wonderful day with your families, too!

Well, along with the cold comes the seasonal crow roosts. They usually start coming in at the end of October and stick around until March or April. Those of you who have lived here for a long time know I spent years chasing them. They still fly through every night, but they don't roost here anymore. I just got off a Zoom meeting with Troy's Mayor Madden and they are having a real problem with them. Troy is hiring an agency to try and chase the crows out of the city (where they are doing considerable damage and creating a health hazard) and train them to go to areas that are not inhabited. We will be coordinating with them to move the birds south to a more appropriate area. So if you hear some pyrotechnics going off or see laser lights in the sky around sunset, don't be alarmed. It is just us chasing the crows. We probably won't be starting until early December but we just want to let you know so it doesn't startle you. We will also be sending out a notice on the Alert system to remind you.

Lots of holiday events coming up. Our Festival of Trees is on Saturday, December 3rd in the River Park. We will be decorating at 2 p.m. and lighting the trees at 5 p.m. when Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive. This is a beautiful event and all are welcome to attend even if you don't have a tree. And just a reminder that we will have a Veteran's tree that anyone can put on a decoration to honor a veteran.

And the "Giving Tree" will go live on Friday, November 25th. Please see the other newsletter for details on how you can participate. It never ceases to amaze me how generous our residents are in making sure that every child has a joyous Christmas.

Our Green Island Senior Citizens Club will be holding their annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 9th from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the American Legion. And "The Accents" will once again provide great entertainment for the evening. All are welcome to attend and you must be over 21 years of age.

The Auxiliary at the American Legion is holding a Holiday Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 18th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

The Church of the Good Shepherd has two events before Christmas. They will be holding a Chicken 'n Biscuit Dinner on Saturday, December 3rd. This is one of my favorite dinners that the church puts on. I may have to do take out for this one because it falls on the same day as our Festival of Trees. The church is also doing a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m. I don't have any animals, but I have plenty of "grand dogs" so maybe I will take them for a walk down to the church.

Please see the other newsletter for a refresher on our snow removal process. Our team of employees work very hard to make this work, but our success depends a lot on the cooperation we get from residents moving their vehicles in a timely manner. And please be aware that if you blow or throw snow from your sidewalk into the road --- you will be ticketed and fined. We must keep the roads open and wide enough to get emergency vehicles through and those fire trucks are pretty wide. So once again we ask for all residents to cooperate so we can keep everyone safe! And just a reminder, if you haven't signed up for the emergency notifications yet, please see the other newsletter for details on how to do so.

Well I think that is all for this month. Life gets pretty busy during this time of year, but we must make the time to enjoy the company of our family and friends and remember to "count our blessings."

"Happy Thanksgiving"

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan