

**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2023**

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - ELECTION DAY**  
**DPW will be closed Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> AND Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**RECREATION NEWS**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** – The Village will host the annual Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. 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](mailto:Emma.Heffern@villageofgreenisland.com). Due to the street paving project, the parade route is subject to change. Announcements will be shared via alerts and Facebook closer to the event.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. 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 **ticket 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 **Everbridge 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 **Everbridge 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](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com). Completed forms may be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to [Michele.Bourgeois@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto: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 1st, Thursday, November 2nd and Friday, November 3rd**. 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 Green Island Senior Citizens will be closed from Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for a renovation project. The center will reopen on or about October 30<sup>th</sup>.*

The Seniors will host a **Chicken Parm Dinner on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.** Dinners are \$12.00 each, and will include dinner, salad, bread and desert. Dinners must be reserved in advanced. Take Out Only. Delivery available in Green Island. Please call the Center at 518-272-7262 to place your order! You can leave a voice message.

### **NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION**

The Sons of the American Legion is hosting a **Chili Cook-Off on Saturday November 11, 2023, starting at 1:00 PM**. Entry fee and cost to attend is \$20.00. Entry forms can be picked up at the legion post and should be submitted no later than October 30, 2023. Included in the cost to attend is taster cups, bread, draft beer, soda, and music provided by Soul Provider. This event is combined with a donation drive to benefit the Veteran's Miracle Center. If attending, please consider bringing an item to donate. More information on items to donate can be found at [www.vmcalbany.org](http://www.vmcalbany.org). More details on the chili cook off can be found on the entry forms or by contacting Bill Brannigan.

### **NEWS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH**

**Baked Ham Dinner, Saturday, November 4, 2023.** In-person dining from 4:30pm - 6:00pm or Takeout/Green Island Delivery starting at 4:00pm. Cost: \$15; includes ham, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, roll, beverages, homemade dessert, coleslaw, raisin gravy (on the side) RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – call the Church at 518-273-5531 and leave a message with your name and phone number and you will receive a call back.

\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* Dec. 2nd - Chicken & Biscuit Dinner. More information in November newsletter.

### **STREET PAVING AND ADA CURB RAMP INSTALLATION PROJECT**

The Village's street paving and ADA curb ramp installation project has begun. The following streets will be milled and filled – Bleecker Street, Paine Street, Lower Paine Street, and Lafayette Park. ADA curb ramps are being installed at each intersection of the cross streets. The Village will use the Alert System and the Village of Green Island Facebook page to share updates regarding road closures, delays, and no parking areas. All pedestrians, bicyclist and motorists are asked to follow all posted signs, use alternative routes, and avoid the constructions areas when possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Just a reminder that the Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for Election Day; Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

October 13, 2023

Dear Friends,

By the time you receive this letter, we will be halfway through October. I don't know where the time goes, but it's moving pretty fast. Before you know it, the snow will be flying – but let's not go there yet.

We are in the middle of repaving a few more streets. The paving won't take long, but we also have to redo many of the handicap ramps on the corners and that takes a lot more time to do. So please be patient. We know it is an inconvenience, but it will be nice when it is done. Also, please pay attention to the "No Parking" notices near the construction sites. Working together gets the job done much faster.

Our Community Center is getting a new floor, so the Senior Citizens lunch program will be closed down until Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. As I am typing this letter, the Executive Director at Seniors, Jill Alix, is getting a new knee. So hopefully, by the time the floor is done, Jill will be back on her feet and can do a "little jig" on the new floor. Well, maybe not a "jig" just yet – just a little "two step." I am showing my age. Any young person reading this probably doesn't know what a "jig" or a "two step" is!

Halloween is just around the corner and that means it is parade time. The details are in the other newsletter, so please check it out. We will also be doing our "Trick or Treat" inside the Paine Street Park at the end of the parade. This is a safe way for the kids to collect their goodies. Thank you to all the organizations who are participating again this year to supply the kids with their treats. Please make note that the parade route may change depending on finishing the paving projects.

November sure does have a lot of holidays where the Village Office will be closed. Please make note that the office will be closed on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Also make note that garbage collection days will NOT be changing.

The Church of the Good Shepherd will be holding a Ham Dinner on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and the American Legion will be hosting a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Details for both events are in the other newsletter. In supporting both of these events, you will be doing a good deed and your tummy will be happy too!

And while we are on the subject of happy tummies, we are fortunate to be able to attend functions that satisfy our hunger, but not everyone has that great fortune. We have folks who don't always have enough to eat and that is why our Food Pantry is so important. If you would like to donate non-perishable foods, such as canned fruit and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly or other condiments, please drop them off at the Village Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to drop your donation off and would like to have it picked up, just call the office at (518) 273-2201 and Tara will take your information and make arrangements for pick up. If you wish to make a monetary donation to help buy the turkeys and hams and other perishables that go in the holiday baskets, make your check out to the Green Island Food Pantry and mail to 20 Clinton Street, Green Island, NY 12183. Thank you for any donations you are able to make.

With Fall comes the cold and flu season. Please be sure to get your flu shot and COVID booster as soon as possible. While they aren't a guarantee you won't get the flu or COVID, they should lessen the severity of the illness.

I guess that's all for this month. Please make sure to read the other newsletter for more details on things around town. Fall is a nice time to take a walk and enjoy the foliage. Those colorful leaves are so pretty when they are on the trees --- but not so pretty when you have to rake and bag them all up! But raking leaves is still better than shoveling snow, but I will leave that subject until my November newsletter!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

Late breaking news! Just got word that the Green Island Senior Citizens will be holding a Chicken Parm Dinner on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6:30 pm at the Community Center, 5 George Street. It is take out only and you must make reservations by calling (518) 272-7262 and leave a message. Make sure you leave your name and contact information in case we need to call you back for more info. We will also be doing deliveries in Green Island only. Tickets are \$12.00. Hope to see you. One more chance to make your tummy happy. This makes three dinners in one week and you don't even have to leave town!