

**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 2nd**, 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 or before **Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** 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 tag number by Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Village had intended to complete a street paving and ADA curb ramp installation project on Bleecker Street, Paine Street, Lower Paine Street, and Lafayette Park; however, the Village stopped work on the project for various reasons. The Village has had several conversations with the contractor on how to rectify the issues but because we are at the end of the construction season it was decided that the project area be “buttoned up” for winter, and the contractors will be back first thing in the spring to complete the project. The Village apologizes for the inconvenience and thanks you for your patience.

**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/](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 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. The Village will also send out an alert. 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/village](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com/village). Completed forms may be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to [tara.bourgeois@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:tara.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 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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. This year’s theme is “Christmas on the Island”. Island (Hawaiian) attire is encouraged, and prizes will be award for the best dressed.

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

**SAVE THE DATE:** **Holiday Breakfast** – On **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:** In-person dining from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Take-out/Green Island (free) delivery starting at 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$15 – includes chicken/gravy, biscuit, vegetables, mashed potatoes, and dessert; side containers of gravy and cranberry sauce. Call the church at 518-273-5531 and leave a message with your name and phone number and you will receive a call back.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE VILLAGE, TOWN and GIPA OFFICES will be closed Thursday, November 23rd, 2023 and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday!**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 15, 2023

Dear Friends,

The leaves are finally falling and the cool temperatures are here to stay until Spring, but at least we haven't had any snow yet. As much as I hate Winter, I hate the shorter daylight hours even more. It is dark when you wake up in the morning and dark again before you eat your dinner. I know climate change is a bad thing and we need to do what we can to slow it down, but I don't mind the rather mild winters we have had in the last few years. Let's hope this will be another mild one!

Lots of stuff coming up for Christmas, but let's not forget about Thanksgiving – which is my FAVORITE holiday of them all. I love having family come to our home and enjoy our traditional turkey dinner with all the “fixins”. It makes me realize just how blessed we are and understand that not everyone is as fortunate. That is why our Food Pantry is so important, delivering holiday baskets to those who are going through some tough times. Thank you to all of you that donate to our Food Pantry and those who help us deliver the baskets!

Now back to Christmas. Our Festival of Trees will be on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will start decorating at 2:00 p.m. and we will light the trees at 5:00 p.m. when Santa and Mrs. Claus come to town to help us. We will be serving hot chocolate and treats while we are decorating. Hopefully the weather will be mild and the kids will have some time to talk to Santa and Mrs. Claus before they head back to the North Pole. Make sure your children bring their Christmas list to put in the mailbag for Santa to take back to his elves so they can get to work on the toys. We had a waiting list for new families who wanted a tree, but all 36 families from last year are coming back. We will keep the waiting list for next year in case something opens up.

The “Giving Tree” at the Village Office will go live later in the month. The instructions for how to sign up are in the other newsletter, so please read it. For those of you who are not “techy” like me, you can call the office and Tara will help you out. I don't have to ask you to be generous because I know you will. You amaze me EVERY year by coming through to help those who need a little help and a boost. We may be a little Village – but we are mighty and always take care of those less fortunate. Let's keep it going!

The Green Island Seniors will be hosting a holiday party on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Legion. We are excited to once again have the amazing “Accents” back in town. Where else can you go for 20 bucks and have

cocktail fare, beer, wine, soda and enjoy a great night of dancing to an amazing band? Don't forget to wear your Hawaiian attire – and pretend that it isn't cold outside!

The Church of the Good Shepherd is having their Chicken 'n Biscuit Dinner on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. See the other newsletter for details on how to make a reservation. This is a great meal and I am disappointed that I will miss it because it is at the same time as our Festival of Trees lighting of the trees.

The Legnard Curtin American Legion Post is hosting a holiday "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. See the other newsletter for details. Please support both of these organizations as they do so much for our community.

Now the not so happy stuff. Our street paving and ADA curb ramp didn't go as well as we had hoped. We ran into some compliance issues that couldn't be rectified before the blacktop plants closed, so we had to postpone the rest of the work until Spring. We thank everyone for their patience and look forward to completing the project in early Spring.

While we were lucky with not having to do a complete curb to curb snow removal last year, there is no guarantee we will be that lucky this year. Please see the other newsletter for instructions and street order in the event we get a lot of snow. We will talk more about this in next month's letter. There are a lot of ways residents can help us keep up with the snow. And if we do get snow, make sure there is a path for the DPW crew to get to your barrels because they are not allowed to lift those big barrels over the snow piles.

Well it looks like I am out of space, so that's all until next month.

Please enjoy your Thanksgiving time with your family and friends. And say a little prayer of gratitude for your blessings and ask the Lord above for some relief to the people in the countries at war. They need our prayers!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan

PS: We are trying to put together a good old fashioned Christmas Caroling for Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who might be interested should meet us at the Community Center (5 George Street) at 4:00 p.m. More details will be put on our website and Facebook as the plans develop. Dress warm and hope to see you there!