

**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2024**

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> - ELECTION DAY  
DPW will be closed Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**RECREATION NEWS**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** – The Village will host the annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. 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, families or businesses wishing to participate in Trick or Treating should contact Maggie Alix at [Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com).

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Village is now 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 monthly. 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>, 2024. 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 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. Office 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 plan 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 for the **Everbridge Emergency Alert System** by telephone, text or email may register at the Village Office or download a form on the Village website [www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com). Completed forms may be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to [Janis.scott@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:Janis.scott@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 6th, Thursday, November 7th and Friday, November 8th**. 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 are holding a Super Raffle - \$1,000. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available at the Community Center. You can also Venmo @GreenIsland-Seniors. The winning ticket will be drawn on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

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

**SAVE THE DATE: Holiday Breakfast** - On **Sunday, December 15th**, 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 GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH**

**Baked Ham Dinner, Saturday, November 16, 2024.** In-person dining from 4:30pm - 6:00pm or Takeout/Green Island Delivery starting at 4:00pm. Cost: \$17; 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. Christmas items will also be for sale!

**Just a reminder that the Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for Election Day; Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 28<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**Garbage Pickup will remain as scheduled on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be no bulk pick up on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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

October 16, 2024

Dear Friends,

The weather sure has been crazy! It's in the seventies one day and the thirties the next. The weatherman says we are going to warm up again, but we will just wait and see. Even if it does, we know it won't last long because Old Man Winter is just around the corner. That means we need to get ready for the dreaded SNOW! After looking at what some parts of our country are going through with severe flooding and losing everything that they have, I won't complain about the snow. We just need to be prepared for it, so please see all the info in the other newsletter about parking and removal of all trailers, recreational vehicles, dumpsters, etc. off the street by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Your cooperation helps a great deal in getting the job done, so let's all work together to keep our beautiful village safe. If you are not signed up for our Emergency Alert System, please do so now to stay informed.

Our annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Hope you will all join us. We will be doing our community Trick or Treating in the Paine Street Park at the end of the parade. We started this system during COVID, and it proved to be the best way for our children to get their treats and stay safe. Thank you to all the organizations and businesses that make this possible.

Right after Halloween, we quickly get into the holiday season. This is a wonderful time to be together with family and friends and a good time to think of and help those less fortunate by donating to our Green Island Food Pantry. Please see the other newsletter for details on how you can help.

Our Festival of Trees will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> season on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will start decorating the trees at 2:00 p.m. and will be lighting them at 5:00 p.m. We hope to have Santa and Mrs. Claus in town to bring in the Christmas spirit. Even if you don't have a tree, we hope you will join us.

We were delighted to have a groundbreaking ceremony and press conference last week on our newest development in the North End. The Luizzi Companies are building a large warehouse (over 200,000 square feet) for the New York State Office of General Services, where they will combine all their equipment and supplies from several different locations around the State into one central location here in Green Island. OGS Commissioner Jeanette M. Moy shared her excitement over this project which they had been trying to make happen for several years. Our good friend, Assemblyman John McDonald, was on hand to congratulate all the parties involved, especially Peter Luizzi, for working together on this project. After enduring the noise, pollution and ugly sight of the former junk yard that was there for years, it is a delight to look over there now and see the gorgeous landscaping and a beautiful state of the art building going up there. My late father and former Mayor of Green Island, Jack McNulty, fought for years to close down that junk yard. I am sure he is smiling down on us from heaven when he looks at the lot now!

Please make sure you see all the info in the other newsletter about things going on at the Green Island Senior Center, the Legnard-Curtin American Legion Post, the Church of the Good Shepherd, hydrant flushing and office closings on holidays in November.

Well, it looks like that is it for this month. I hope you all stay well, get your Flu and COVID boosters and take care of each other. If there was ever a time when the world needed more love and kindness – it is NOW. Make it happen!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan