

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND
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FESTIVAL OF TREES

We will be decorating for the “Festival of Trees” on **Saturday, December 7th**, 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 light the trees. Children are encouraged to write and bring with them a letter to Santa. The letters will be put in a special “Mail Bag” that will be given to Santa and Mrs. Claus to bring back to the North Pole. Families do not have to have a tree to participate.

GIVING TREE

The “Giving Tree” will go live on or before **Friday, November 29th** 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 Janis 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 Wednesday, December 18th.

SANTA PARADE

Santa and Mrs. Claus will parade through the Village on **Sunday, December 15th starting at 4:00PM**. Watch from your window or bundle up and come outside to see Santa pass by. Everyone is encouraged to meet back at the Church of the Good Shepherd at **5:00PM** for Christmas Caroling and Hot Chocolate.

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/. **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. Cannon Street | 17. Lower Paine Street |
| 2. Tibbits Avenue | 10. James Street | 18. Hamilton Street |
| 3. George Street | 11. High Street | 19. Market Street |
| 4. Hudson Avenue | 12. West Street | 20. Albany Avenue |
| 5. Arch Street | 13. John Street | 21. Lower End Side Streets |
| 6. Bleecker Street | 14. Swan Street | Pine, Thames, Cannon, |
| 7. Center Street | 15. Lafayette Street | Walnut, Saratoga, |
| 8. Paine Street | 16. Lafayette Park | 22. Lower Hudson Avenue |

Village personnel travel the streets to announce the time snowplowing operations are scheduled to 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 Village Office at 518-273-2201 or the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SIGNUP AND REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

REMINDER – Sign Up for Alert Notifications! You can sign up to receive alert notifications by telephone, text and/or email. Registration forms are available at the Village Office and on the Village website at www.villageofgreenisland.com/village. Completed forms may be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The **Holiday Party** featuring “**The Accents**” will be held on **Friday, December 20th**, 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., at the American Legion - 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. Tickets are \$20 each which includes cocktail fare, beer, wine and soda. Must be over 21 years old to attend. This year’s theme is “Country Christmas”.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION

The Village Office has received several reports that individuals claiming to represent Spectrum are going door-to-door throughout the village. We remind all residents that solicitors are required to obtain a Village permit. At this time no permits have been issued. Please, exercise caution and do not allow anyone into your home. If you observe any suspicious behavior, contact the Green Island Police Department by calling 911.

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

RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES BENEFIT

Team “**HARD ROCKIN RELAYERS**” will be hosting a **Holiday Shopping Event** on **Sunday, November 24th from 11am to 3pm** at the American Legion Hall, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. They will have vendors from Thirty-One Gifts, Pampered Chef, Norwex, Papparazzi Jewelry, Tupperware, Sara Busone’s Twisted Designs, Color Street Nails, M&M Merchandising, M0e Creations, and MORE!!!! For additional information, please contact Jennifer Dorrance at 518-892-8701 or jmad92870@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Blessing of the Animals – **Sunday, December 8th at 9:30am**. 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 – bring a photo or share something about your 4-legged family member. Free refreshments afterward.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – **December 24th at 5pm**. A wonderful service for families.

Christmas Morning Service – **December 25th at 9:30am**. Brief informal service. Come as you are – PJs and coffee, no problem. For more information on Church events, go to Facebook: #goodshepherdgi

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE VILLAGE, TOWN and GIPA OFFICES will be closed

Thursday, November 28th, 2024 and Friday, November 29th, 2024 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 17, 2024

Dear Friends,

I am sitting at my computer on a Sunday evening thinking about how good 2024 has been to us – and then thinking about winter! Ugh! I can't complain about the last few winters and I HOPE this one will be as mild. But I know whatever we get, we will work together to get through it. Please see the other newsletter about our snow plowing and snow removal procedure. If you have lived here for a while, you know the routine. If you are new to Green Island, please sign up for our alert system (sign up info in the other newsletter) so you will know when the plows are coming. We don't get any pleasure out of giving out tickets and towing cars, but we must keep the streets open for emergency vehicles to get through. Let's continue to work together!

It seems like our concerts just ended and now we are heading into our Festival of Trees. It will be held on Saturday, December 7th. We will start to decorate the trees at 2 pm, serving hot chocolate and cookies during that time. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 5 pm to help us light the trees. Please have your children write their Christmas wishes to Santa and drop it in his mail bag at the Gazebo. If the weather is good, Santa will stay and visit with the kids. Maybe we can even do the Twelve Days of Christmas for him and Mrs. Claus. Please join us to bring in the holiday spirit!

Speaking of holiday spirit, please see the other newsletter for details on how to participate in our Giving Tree. I am amazed every single year with the wonderful and generous response from our residents in the village. It is heartwarming to see folks sharing their good fortune with those less fortunate. Times are tough for a lot of families and it is nice to see that no child will go without having a "Merry Christmas." Thank you for your generosity and thank you to the many "Elves" behind the scene that make it all come together.

The Green Island Senior Citizens are having their annual Holiday Party on Friday, December 20th at the American Legion. "The Accents" will again be playing and I promise you a great time. Details are in the other newsletter.

The American Legion will be having a Holiday Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 15th from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Come and have a nice breakfast and visit with Santa. Even if you don't want to join them for breakfast, everyone is welcome to come and see Santa.

On December 15th, we are partnering with the Good Shepherd Church to do some Christmas Caroling to shut-ins at 1 PM. Then Santa and Mrs. Claus will be parading through the village on their sleigh at 4 pm. We will then be going back to the Good Shepherd Church at 5 pm to sing some Christmas Carols inside and enjoy some hot chocolate and treats. Please feel free to join us. We will be putting more info on the Village Website. If you know of a shut-in that might like to hear a few carols, please call the village office at (518) 273-2201 and leave the name, address and what floor the person lives at and we will try to share some Christmas Spirit with them.

We have had several reports of solicitors going door to door in the village. Solicitors are required to have a permit to do so and no one has obtained a permit, so PLEASE be cautious. Do not let anyone into your home and please call 911 if you think anything is suspicious. Better safe than sorry.


We have also received several complaints of constant barking of dogs. Our Village Code, 53-1 in part reads "It shall be unlawful for any owner of or any person harboring any dog in the Village of Green Island to permit or allow such dog to engage in habitual loud howling or barking or to conduct itself in such a manner so as to habitually annoy any person other than the owner or person harboring such dog." Please call 911 and file a complaint if you are having this issue. Pet owners please be aware that there are penalties.

I am happy to say that our new banners for "Hometown Heroes" are up and they look beautiful. Thank you to our guys in DPW and GIPA for hanging them and thank you to Kristin Swinton and Mark Ryan for doing all the work to make it happen. The old ones were five years old and we said from the start that when they became faded and worn that they would be taken down. If you had a banner that was taken down, you can retrieve it at the Village Office by December 2nd if you wish to keep it. I must say they are in poor condition and very brittle and not very suitable to display. But you are welcome to pick yours up if you wish.

Please see the other newsletter for more information on other community events at the Good Shepherd and Relay for Life and holiday closings at the Village, Town and GIPA offices.

Well, I think that's it for this month. I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is my most favorite holiday of all. I love having my family together, cooking up a feast and just enjoying each other's company. It doesn't get better than that!

Sincerely,


Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan