

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH - ELECTION DAY or TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH – VETERANS DAY
DPW will be closed Friday, November 7th and November 14th**

RECREATION NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARADE – The Village will host the annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31st, 2025. The parade will begin at **5:30 p.m.** from the corner of George Street and Hamilton Street. **NEW PARADE ROUTE** - The parade will proceed north on George Street, west 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 Maddi Mahoney at maddi.mahoney@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 1st, 2025. All illegally parked motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, dumpsters and trailers will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL

For a Village declared Snow Emergency, 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.**

Village personnel will travel 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. Completed forms may be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to maddi.mahoney@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 5th, Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th**. 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 19, 2025

HEATLY SCHOOL

November 3, 2025 (6:30pm-8:00pm) – Community Event featuring Stephen Hill, founder of Speak Sobriety. This free, community-wide event will give parents, guardians and community members practical tools, coping skills, and insights to support their children in leading healthy, substance-free lives. For more information, contact Heatly School at 518-273-1422.

NEWS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Baked Ham Dinner, Saturday, November 8, 2025. In-person dining from 4:30pm - 6:00pm or Takeout/Green Island Delivery starting at 4:00pm. Cost: \$17; includes baked 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 4th for Election Day; Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day and Thursday, November 27rd and Friday, November 28th, 2025 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Garbage Pickup will remain as scheduled on Tuesday, November 4th (DPW will be closed Friday, November 7th) and Tuesday, November 11th (DPW will be closed Friday, November 14th). There will be no bulk pick up on Thursday, November 27th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

October 15, 2025

Fall is officially here. The leaves are changing, although not particularly as colorful as usual. We have a lot of things going on, so let's get to it.

Our annual Halloween Parade will be on Friday, October 31st starting at 5:30pm. We will meet on George Street at Hamilton Street. The parade route will be a little shorter this year. Hopefully that will make it a little easier for the little ones. We started doing the Trick or Treating in the Paine Street Park during COVID and realized it is the safest way for the kids to collect their candy, so we kept that change in place. It is a crazy world out there, so whatever we can do to make it a little safer is a great idea. Thank you to all the generous groups and organizations that have participated in the last few years. We hope to keep this going for a long time!

Our Food Pantry is gearing up for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Food insecurity is more widespread than some folks realize. And it is not just at the holidays. But I think we become more aware of it at Thanksgiving when we are planning to gather with our families to enjoy a holiday feast. Please see the other newsletter for more information on what donations are needed to prepare the baskets. I say all the time that I am always amazed at the generosity of folks in Green Island when it comes to taking care of each other. I know you will come through for Thanksgiving and again at Christmas. You never fail!!!

November is a busy month with holidays, so please read the other newsletter for office closings and note that there will be no change in garbage collection for Election Day and Veteran's Day.

Once we get through fall, we all know that the dreaded snow will soon follow. Please see the other newsletter for rules during snow removal. We have been lucky the past few years (I hope I didn't just curse us) and I hope our luck holds this year. And if you haven't signed up for the Emergency Alert System, PLEASE do so, especially if you are new to Green Island and don't know the routine. It can save a lot of headaches!

Heatly School is hosting a community event featuring Stephen Hill, who is the founder of Speak Sobriety. This event will give parents, guardians and all community members the tools to guide their children in leading a healthy and substance free life. It will be held on November 3rd from 6:30 to 8pm at the school. Raising children and keeping them safe has never been easy, but I truly believe it has never been harder. The world has changed and the isolation these kids went through during COVID was very difficult. Any hints Mr. Hill can give us that might help us save a child from making the wrong choice would be greatly appreciated.

The Church of the Good Shepard is having their Baked Ham Dinner on Saturday, November 8th from 4:30 to 6pm. I love all their dinners, but this one is always my favorite! Please call for a reservation and join them. I promise you will like it.

Please see the other newsletter for info on the Green Island Senior Citizens Super Raffle which will be drawn on November 19th. It is a good chance to win \$1,000, which would come in handy just before Christmas shopping.

Note that hydrant flushing will take place on November 5th, 6th and 7th. Don't do any laundry around that time because slight discoloration may happen. Especially don't wash any whites.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th. Please exercise your right to vote. Early voting is available, absentee voting is available or you can go to the polls on Election Day. Sometimes we take that right for granted - and that is a mistake. Study the candidates and choose who fits your ideals. Let your voice be heard. Every vote counts!

Well, I think that's it for this month. I was just sitting here thinking I have written almost 275 of these letters in my 23 years as Mayor. My news isn't always good news, but the intention is to keep you aware of what is going on. So stay well, enjoy Halloween and the fall foliage and I'll be back next month!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan