

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 6th**, 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 28th** via Sign Up Genius. The link will be available on the Village of Green Island Facebook page. 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 Maddi 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 17th.

SANTA PARADE

Santa and Mrs. Claus will parade through the Village on **Sunday, December 14th starting at 4:00PM**. Watch from your window or bundle up and come outside to see Santa and Mrs. Claus 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 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The **Holiday Party** featuring “**The Accents**” will be held on **Friday, December 19th**, 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., at the American Legion - 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. Tickets are \$25 each which includes cocktail fare, beer, wine and soda. Must be over 21 years old to attend. This year’s theme is “Candy Cane Christmas”.

Also, if you are looking for a gift for the special Senior in your life, **gift certificates for lunch are available**. Lunch gift certificates are \$3.00 each. Call Jill at 518-272-7262 or stop in at the Senior Center if interested.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION

The Village Office has received several reports that individuals 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

The **Honor-a-Vet Program** will be honoring Frank Lazzaro and Joe Lazzaro **December 1st at 8:30am** at the Legnard-Curtin Post. All are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: Holiday Breakfast - On **Sunday, December 21st**, 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 \$12.00 per person and children under 5 are Free. You do not need to purchase breakfast to see Santa. All Green Island children are welcome.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE VILLAGE, TOWN and GIPA OFFICES will be closed
Thursday, November 27th, 2025 and Friday, November 28th, 2025 in observance of the Thanksgiving
Holiday!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 17, 2025

Dear Friends,

My very favorite holiday is next week – THANKSGIVING!!!!!! I love having family together; I love cooking and baking; I love feeding people; but most of all I truly enjoy taking time to slow down and thank God for all the blessings in my life. I am one very lucky old lady!

If you have already read the other newsletter, you know we have a busy couple of months ahead of us. I will try and go in chronological order to make it a little less confusing.

Our “Giving Tree” will go live on Friday, November 28th. The instructions are in the other newsletter to tell you how to sign up for a tag to help us make sure no child goes without a Merry Christmas. I am ALWAYS amazed (but not surprised) by the generosity shown in this community for those less fortunate. You never let us down! I hope your kindness and compassion come back to each of you ten fold.

On December 1st at 8:30 am, there will be an Honor-A-Vet ceremony at the Legion. They will be paying tribute to brothers Frank and Joe Lazzaro. Frank and Joe proudly served our country and came home to Green Island, married their sweethearts and raised their families. Frank was our longtime Assessor and Joe and his wife, Ann Marie, ran the old “Corner Circle Restaurant” where many of us spent our teenage years dancing to the Jukebox and eating pizza. Life was much simpler then. I hope those of you who remember Frank and Joe will be able to attend this ceremony to show our gratitude for their service to their country.

Our Festival of Trees will be held on Saturday, December 6th at the River Park. We will decorate at 2:00 pm and serve hot chocolate and treats to all participants. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be joining us at 5:00 pm to light the trees. All the kids can write their Christmas wish list and put it in Santa’s mailbag at the Gazebo so Santa can take the lists back to the North Pole and get his elves busy! Hope to see you there.

On Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 pm, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be returning to Green Island to parade around town. Bundle up and come outside or stay warm and watch out your window. After the Santa Parade you are all invited to join us at the Church of the Good Shepherd for some caroling and hot chocolate at 5:00 pm. We have a lot of fun at this every year and our participants usually range from the age of 3 to the age of 93. All are welcome to join us.

On Friday, December 19th, the Green Island Senior Citizens will be having their annual Holiday Party from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the American Legion Post.

This is always a fun evening with “The Accents” providing great music so you can dance the night away --- or just enjoy the band and watch the dancers. Either way, I guarantee you will have a great time! Details are in the other newsletter.

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a Holiday Breakfast at the Post on Sunday, December 21st from 8:30 to 10:30 am. And as busy as Santa is at this time of year, he is coming back one more time to see all the children. Please come and enjoy breakfast with Santa and at the same time you will be supporting our Veterans.

Thank you to Heatly School and their PTO for sponsoring a food drive on November 16th. It helped a great deal with replenishing our Food Pantry. Food insecurity is more widespread than a lot of people realize and I am again grateful to the folks in Green Island for helping us get food to those who are having tough times right now. Again, you NEVER let us down.

Ok. I covered all the fun stuff. Now I have to cover my duties as your Mayor.

While we have been fortunate the last few years with mild winters, the threat is always out there. Please make sure you are signed up for the Alert Notifications. There are a number of ways to sign up and they are listed in the other newsletter. And please make note of the instructions for snow removal. Your cooperation makes the job much easier and keeps our streets open for emergency vehicles.

We are getting reports that there may be some bogus door to door soliciting going on. All solicitors must get a permit from the Village Clerk and at this time none have been approved. PLEASE DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR TO ANYONE YOU DO NOT KNOW. And if you see something suspicious in your neighborhood, please call 911 and report it. We would rather send a police officer to investigate and find nothing wrong than to not send an officer and find out later that something harmful could have been averted if only someone had called. Please help us keep everyone safe.

FYI, the Village Offices will be closed November 27th and 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

I am running out of space, so I will give you some Thanksgiving advice:

“Gobble ‘til you wobble!”

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan