

VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER 2015

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> - ELECTION DAY and NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> – VETERAN’S DAY. DPW will be closed November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in observance of the two holidays.**

RECREATION NEWS

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** - The annual Halloween Parade will be held on **Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Cash prizes will be offered for the best costumes and floats. The parade forms at **5:30 p.m.** at the corner of George and Hamilton Streets and will begin at **6:00 p.m.** In the event of rain festivities will be held under the Collar City Bridge on Hudson Avenue.

**FAMILY DAY PICNIC – THANK YOU** – The Village would like to thank all the sponsors, community vendors and workers who made this year’s picnic a success. This year’s sponsors include the GIG crew, Heatly Class of 2017, Heatly PTO, Magician Entertainment, Green Island Police Dept., Green Island Senior Citizens, Green Island Little League, Professional Firefighters Association, The Bourgeois Family, MacMurray & Sons, Dausie’s Bounce Rental, Premo Designs and the Three Easy Pieces Band, who all made it yet another successful event. Thank you to all!

**YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** – Just a reminder that registration will be held on **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center. Any questions, please contact the Village Office.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Annual Food Drive to benefit the Green Island Food Pantry will begin with the **BAG DROP OFF** on **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** and **PICK UP** will be on **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** starting at **10:00 a.m.** The Green Island Department of Parks and Recreation and students from Heatly School sponsor the food drive. Residents are asked to contribute whatever they can to help the needy families in our community. **(Please refrain from donating expired items).**

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>, 2015. 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 -<br>Walnut, Harlem, Saratoga,<br>Pine, Thames, Whitehall, Cannon |
| 5. Arch Street     | 13. Swan Street        | 21. Lower Hudson Avenue  |
| 6. Bleecker Street | 14. Lafayette Street   |  |
| 7. Center Street   | 15. Lafayette Park     |  |
| 8. Paine Street    | 16. Lower Paine Street |  |

All vehicles which are not moved for snow plowing operations will be ticketed and towed. The fine is \$50.00, the fee for towing is \$75.00 and there will be a storage fee of \$5.00 per day after the first 24 hours. All fines and fees must be paid at the Green Island Police Department before the vehicle is released. There will be an additional charge if special equipment is required to move a vehicle from the street.

Residents who are on vacation, work out-of-town or who leave their cars on the streets for any reason should make arrangements 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 until the storm ends and the regular snow plowing operation can be carried out. Some people who have had their cars towed during the past storms have complained that they have moved their car to streets they thought had been plowed and find out that they have not been completely plowed. In order to avoid this problem, **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 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. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on **Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. A slight discoloration in the water may occur and washing of laundry is not recommended during this time.

#### **RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC**

The Rabies Vaccination Clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets has been arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society. On **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015** from **1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** for cats and ferrets and **2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** for dogs at the Public Works Garage, Cohoes Avenue.

All dogs, cats and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers. A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three-year immunization. If no record is present, a one-year vaccination certification will be issued. The clinic is open to any Albany County resident. Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services at 447-4620 or 447-4625. **There will be an \$8.00 donation per animal.**

#### **NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Tickets are currently on sale for the **Super Raffle** to be drawn on **Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015!** If you would like to purchase a ticket(s), please contact Jill Alix at 272-7262. Tickets are \$1.00. This is a community wide raffle; you do not have to be a member of the senior citizen organization to participate. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$300 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$200. **SAVE THE DATE** - The Annual Holiday Party with "The Accents" will be held on **Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** at the American Legion. More information to follow in the November Newsletter.

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

Legnard-Curtin Auxiliary Unit #927 wants manufacturer coupons, Price Chopper Register tapes, Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup Labels, old cell phones and Halloween costumes. There are drop boxes at the Village Office, Senior Center and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Call Brenda Persons at 271-6184 with any questions.

#### **"THANK YOU TO GREEN ISLAND"**

Brenda Persons would like to say "thank you" to everyone in Green Island for the "Community Service Award" honor that was bestowed upon her at the Green Island Family Picnic on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. It was such an honor. She loves living here, it reminds her so much of where she grew up in Olmstedville, NY. Thank you!

**Just a reminder that the Village and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Election Day; Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

October 15, 2015

Dear Friends,

I begin this letter with some very happy news. Maggie Alix, our Assessor, has been elected to the executive board of the NYS Assessors Association. This is quite an accomplishment! We are all aware of how bright Maggie is and how hard she works, but being recognized and appreciated by a statewide association is an enormous accomplishment. We are so fortunate to have bright young people like Maggie, who could easily go to work someplace else and make a lot more money, but they choose to stay here in their hometown and make Green Island a better place to live. I am one of the "old timers" here, and while we have experience and history that is very valuable, we need these young folks to carry on. They are our future. I am so grateful to have the amazing team of employees and elected officials that we have in Green Island. I appreciate every one of them for the energy, wisdom and hard work that they bring to our community. And in Maggie's case, it is nice to see people across the state appreciate it too! Please take the time to say "congratulations" to Maggie when you see her!

Our Festival of Trees will take place in the River Park on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be more info in next month's newsletter but I wanted to let you know that we have a waiting list at the Village Office for anyone wishing to buy a tree. We have sent out the reservation forms to last year's participants and they are due back on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, so we will know then if there are any trees available. The cost is \$100. If you are interested in sponsoring a tree, please call the office at 273-2201 and leave your name and number and we will contact you after the 23<sup>rd</sup> reservation deadline has closed. This is a wonderful holiday experience and everyone is welcome to join us even if you don't have a tree. We will also once again have a Veteran's tree and anyone can place an ornament on it in honor of a veteran. More details next month.

While I am on the subject of the River Park, I would like to tell you that it is used quite often for weddings, prom pictures and family photos. We love to see this beautiful asset used, but some people don't appreciate how lucky we are to have it. Last weekend there was a wedding in the Gazebo and when they were done, they left decorations hanging in the Gazebo and hundreds of white and gold cloth flower petals strewn throughout the Gazebo, sidewalks and grass area. I went over to take down the decorations and clean up and Michael Lazzaro took pity on me and came over to help me. We really do like to see people enjoy the park and Gazebo, but we expect them to respect it too. A lot of volunteers have given hundreds of hours of their time and very generous donors have made this beautiful asset a reality and we expect people to clean up their mess after they use it. PLEASE don't abuse the privilege.

This sure is a busy season! We will be having a food drive on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please get details in the other newsletter and be as generous as possible. Some folks are going through tough times and can use a helping hand.

Halloween is just around the corner. I expect we will have a lot of Trick or Treaters with it being on a Saturday this year. I also expect we will get a big turnout for the parade. It is fun to see the kids dress up and have fun. I usually go in the parade with my granddaughter, Maddie, but I'm not sure if I will dress up this year. Guess we will have to wait and see if the "spirit" moves me!

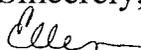
The Seniors are having their annual "Super Raffle" with the drawing to be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, so you better get your tickets soon. This is a major fundraiser for the Seniors so your support is vital. And who can't use an extra thousand dollars just before the holidays???? Maybe you will be that lucky person. But you have to be in it to win it. Give Jill a call for tickets or ask any member of the Seniors and they will be glad to accommodate you. And mark your calendars for their Holiday Party on December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Legion. The Accents will be back again to provide great music for your dancing pleasure – or at least toe tapping. More info to follow in next month's newsletter.

See the other newsletter for info on hydrant flushing, rabies clinic and of course **snow plowing!!!!** You all know how much I love snow – but we won't dwell on that just yet.

I can't believe we are half way through October already. My Mama always said "The older you get – the faster time flies" and she wasn't kidding. I turned 64 last week and birthdays somehow have a way of smacking you in the face. I realized that somewhere along the line, my generation is now "the old folks" sitting around the dining room table at the holidays. When did this happen???? It seems like only yesterday my kids were little – and now they are 44, 43 and 39! When did this happen??? Three of my four grandkids are now "double digits." When did this happen??? But God has blessed me in so many ways: wonderful family, good health, good friends, jobs that I love, living in the community that I love ---- and I can still stand on my head!!! But then my memory isn't as good as it used to be, multitasking is a thing of the past, I fall asleep watching TV at night, I have new aches and pains every day and somehow gravity seems to have gotten stronger because I know some of my "parts" used to be a lot higher. But getting older sure beats the heck out of dying young --- so I'll tolerate the adjustments. I'm a firm believer that God puts you on this earth to accomplish something and when you finish the job, He takes you back. I just hope He has some more work for me!!

That's it for this month. Next month we can talk about my favorite holiday--- Thanksgiving!!!! I can't wait to have everyone around the table enjoying our holiday feast. I wonder how many turkeys I will roast this year???

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan