

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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CHRISTMAS CAROLING & TREE LIGHTING

The Village of Green Island will hold its annual "Festival of Trees" on Saturday, December 5th, at the River Park. Tree decorating starts at 2:00 p.m. There will be a community tree for our Veterans. Everyone is welcome to place an ornament on this tree, free of charge. Santa will arrive at 5:00 p.m. to light the trees, sing Christmas Carols and see all the good little children. *Come and bring your family for this wonderful event!*

GIVING TREE

Our "Giving Tree" will be up on November 30th at the Village Office, please stop in and take a tag. This is a great opportunity to grant a child a "Merry" Christmas. All presents must be returned with the original tag by Friday, December 18th.

RECREATION NEWS

Thank you to the Vagabond Club and the American Legion for sponsoring the Halloween Parade.

SIGNUP AND REGISTER FOR "CODE RED" NOTIFICATIONS

With winter upon us, anyone who has not already signed up and registered for "CODE RED" notifications by telephone, text or email and would like to do so, registration forms are available at the Village Office. Registration forms may be dropped off at the Village Office. All snow emergencies and other Village information will be sent via "CODE RED". Please contact the Village Office with any questions.

HOLIDAY PARTY WITH "THE ACCENTS"

- A **Holiday Party** featuring "*The ACCENTS*" will be held on Friday, December 18th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the American Legion. Tickets are \$20.00 (must be 21 yrs. old) and includes beer, wine, soda and snacks. Call 272-7262 for more information. Proceeds to benefit the Green Island Senior Citizens.
- **AARP Driving Class** will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center. If anyone is interested, please call 272-7262.

SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL

Just a reminder on snow removal. Last month's newsletter listed the order of street plowing. Please keep that list handy for the coming season and it is also available on our website at www.villageofgreenisland.com. Any questions, 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 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. If you have any questions about snow plowing operations, please call the Police Department at 655-7854 or the Department of Public Works at 273-5565. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE SPAGHETTI DINNER

TO BENEFIT ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

The Albany County Legislature's Majority Caucus will be holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner (spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread & butter, coffee, tea, soda, and dessert) to benefit their **Adopt-A-Family Program** on Friday, December 11th, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Watervliet Lodge of Elks, 501 Fourth Avenue, Watervliet.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and children under 12 Free. For those on the go, take-out is available. Checks can be made payable to "Adopt a Family".

The Majority Caucus has adopted numerous families in Albany County, including many in Green Island, for several years now. Please contact Sean Ward at seanward518@gmail.com if you would like tickets.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, November 21st – "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All you can eat, Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit and beverage. Pay what you will donation! Take out available.

Friday, November 27th - FREE Community Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A free delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Come; bring your family and friends, all at no charge. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, November 29th – Church Tree Trimming, Lunch and Family Time - starting at 10:30 a.m. Make decorations; enjoy lunch and family time with singing and surprises.

Sunday, December 6th – Annual "LIVING NATIVITY" at 7:00 p.m. Experience an indoor, 45 minute production, which brings to life the Nativity story. After the performance stay for free refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, December 12th – "All you Can Eat" Pancake Supper from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. All you can eat Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, beverages and dessert. Pay what you will donation! Take out available.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

Holiday Breakfast - On Sunday, December 20th, the American Legion Auxiliary #927 is having a Holiday Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Breakfast will consist of Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes, Toast, Coffee, Tea and Juice. The cost is \$8.00 is 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. For more information call 272-1198.

"Ugly Sweater" New Year's Eve Party – On Thursday, December 31st, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The cost is \$50 per person or \$100 per couple and must be paid to Donna Lazzaro by December 20th, 2015. (You do not need to wear an ugly sweater to attend – but it is more fun!!) Price includes: Food, Open Bar (No Shots), DJ, Champagne Toast, Hats and Noisemakers. Any questions contact Donna at 274-1237 or 272-1198.

NEWS FROM LEGNARD-CURTIN AUXILIARY #927

The Legnard-Curtin Auxiliary would like any Halloween costumes that you no longer want. Any questions, please call Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE

The Green Island Little League would like to welcome the community to a FREE Movie Night on Friday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Green Island Lanes. They will be featuring "Polar Express" so children are welcome to wear their pajamas and are encouraged to bring a blanket to lay on. Snacks will be provided by the Green Island Little League. Parents must accompany children to the movie, if you are not interested in watching the movie in its entirety you can spend time upstairs registering your child for the 2016 softball/baseball season. Hope to see you all there!

NEWS FROM HEATLY PTO

The Heatly PTO is conducting a **RAFFLE** for a three (3) night stay at **The Crooked Cottage** in the Western Mountain and Lake Region of Maine. Tickets are \$10.00 each. The winner will be drawn at the school's annual holiday concert on December 17th.

PTO is also selling Heatly Hornets key chains and charm bracelets. All proceeds benefit Heatly Elementary end of year trip. For pricing and further information, please contact Mary Wilmot – PTO Secretary at 368-4078 or any other officer thru Heatly School.

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

Thursday, November 26th, 2015 and Friday, November 27th, 2015 in observance of Thanksgiving Day Holiday!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 15, 2015

Dear Friends,

I begin today's letter with an invitation to join us on Saturday, November 28th at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center at 5 George Street to rename and dedicate the building to our friend and former Deputy Mayor, the late Mike Cocca, who died on July 4th of this year. We lost a good friend and a tremendous asset to our village when Mike died. Mike was instrumental in the life of that building in two ways. First as a member of the Italian Fraternal Society that built the building in the 1960's and then, when the organization decided to close its doors, Mike spearheaded the efforts to have the building be used for the good of our community, arranging for the village to purchase it from the "Italian Club." The rest is history - but it is history that would not be possible if not for Mike. So when Peter DeMento approached me shortly after Mike's passing with the idea to name it after Mike, our Village Board unanimously approved. But it gets better. People wanted to be part of it and have donated the money to cover all costs of new signage, a memorial plaque and two benches for in front of the building. Thank you to the Paganucci family, the Gig A Bite Crew, the Green Island Democratic Association and the Green Island Senior Citizens for their generosity. And thanks to our DPW and GIPA crew for the installation of the benches. Hope to see you on the 28th!

Our Festival of Trees is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th at the River Park. We will begin decorating our trees at 2:00 p.m. and we will be serving hot chocolate and cookies. Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. for the tree lighting and caroling. Then Santa has promised to stay and visit with all the "good little children" to go over their Christmas lists. We will also be having a tree dedicated to all of our veterans and everyone is welcome to bring an ornament to honor a veteran. We hope to have nice weather, but if it rains, we will reschedule for Sunday. Stay tuned to the website in case of bad weather.

We will be having our "Giving Tree" at the Village Office starting on November 30th. This is another example of Green Island folks taking care of each other. If you would like to help, stop in the office and select a tag off the tree. Purchase the gift for a child, wrap the gift and return it to the office with the original tag by Friday, December 18th. Believe me when I tell you that if it were not for this tree, there are children in our community that wouldn't have much of a Christmas. Thank you to all the volunteers that make this possible and thank you to all the gift givers for their generosity. Your reward is in heaven!

I hate to say it, but snow will be here before we know it. Please cooperate with our crews during snow removal operations. It not only makes the process go much better, but it saves the village money the quicker we get it done. PLEASE help us make our community safe! If you haven't signed up for First Call notifications, applications are available at the Village Office. You will get a call, text or email when snow removal operations will take place. You can also sign up for other notifications in the village.

If you are looking to get into the holiday spirit, mark your calendar for Friday, December 18th. The Green Island Senior Citizens will be hosting their annual Christmas Party at the American Legion Post from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. "The Accents" will be the band once again and I can promise you a great night of dancing to their music. There will also be beer, wine, soda and treats. Where can you go for \$20 and have that much fun? I miss our summer concerts so this will be a great opportunity to put my dancing shoes back on. Hope to see you there.

This is certainly the busiest time of year. Please check out the other newsletter for more information on activities at the Legion, Little League, Heatly School, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Albany County Adopt a Family program. Looks like lots of food and fun – two of my favorite things. Please support these organizations so they can continue to do the good things that they do!

I will sign off with wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving --- my FAVORITE holiday! Looks like we will be having about 25 for dinner this year. I will probably be roasting four turkeys and they will be accompanied by mashed potatoes, sausage dressing, potato dressing, butternut squash, turnips, candied yams, green bean casserole, corn, peas, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and apple and pumpkin pies. I am going into a "food coma" just thinking about it. I love to cook and I love to feed my family and just be together with them. My daughter, Kristin and my son, Mark usually help me the day before peeling all the taters and veggies while I make the pies. And I always make extra so everyone can bring home a doggie bag for leftovers the next day. And I can make a lot of soup stock with four turkey carcasses! I am getting excited! I also think Thanksgiving is my favorite because I have soooo much to be thankful for. Sometimes I think I am the luckiest woman alive! And if I eat all that food - I will be the chubbiest woman alive! Happy, blessed, lucky and chubby isn't a bad life. I just hope the rest of my life is as good as the first 64 years!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM MY HOME TO YOURS!!!!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan