

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
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**DECEMBER 2015**

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Everyone is invited to the **SWEARING IN CEREMONY** for our recently elected officials for the Village and Town, along with our County Legislator Sean E. Ward. It will be held on **Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon** at the Michael A. Cocca, Sr. Community Center, located at 5 George Street, Green Island. All are welcome and invited to attend!

**GARBAGE PICKUP**

**REMINDER:** If we have snow banks at the curb, please remember to shovel a space wide enough for the DPW crew to be able to roll your garbage can through on trash pick-up days. Please do not park in front of those open spaces or DPW will not be able to take your garbage.

**RECREATION NEWS**

Thank you to Jill Alix, Anita Brown, Larry Brown, Cameran Henderson, Michael Johnson, Ellen McNulty-Ryan, Tom Mullins, Brenda Persons, Mark Ryan, Katie Stufflebeam, Kristin Swinton, Madelon Swinton, Monica Weisenforth, Jade Cook, Rachel Files, Kyra Oeffler, Orianna Spoon, Tami Weisenforth, Heather Johnson, Christina Stebbins, Meagan Thurber, Megan Russell, Thomas Boudreau, Tiffany DeCota, Hailey Fisk, Jillian Pelitier, Morgan Razzano, Britney Connelly, Emma Heffern, Sarah McNulty, Kelsie Rodford, Cierra Terrault, Juliana Terrault, Emily Thurber, Alyssa Walls, Pryce Wasula, Lynn McGivern, Tara Bourgeois, Michele Bourgeois, the Senior Citizens, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Deb Smith, Bimbo Bakeries, CapCom and Stewart's Shop for contributing to the success of this year's food drive and **Thanksgiving** deliveries.

**HOLIDAY PARTY WITH "THE ACCENTS"**

- A **Holiday Party** featuring "**The ACCENTS**" will be held on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Senior Citizens.
- Senior Gift Cards are now available for the holiday season!!! A \$3.00 donation gift card can treat a senior to lunch.

**STORMWATER COALITION OF ALBANY COUNTY**

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 13 municipalities and the University at Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Sean Ward, has been Chairman of their Board of Directors since its inception. The purpose of the Coalition is to foster cooperation and to provide for the provision of joint shared services related to compliance with the NYSDEC SPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit program and Federal Clean Water Act requirements. For more information about the Stormwater Coalition please log on to their website at [www.stormwateralbanycounty.org](http://www.stormwateralbanycounty.org). This

website has very specific information about how our community benefits from the program and includes educational components for homeowners, businesses and contractors. We also do our own outreach as well and periodically mail out flyers to many businesses that show best management practices as it relates to their operations. This is just an example of the many efforts to educate the public in our quest for clean water. For further information about Green Island's MS4 program contact Sean Ward at 273-2201 or [seanw@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:seanw@villageofgreenisland.com).

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

**Holiday Breakfast** - On **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** the American Legion Auxiliary #927 is having a Holiday Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 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. For more information call 272-1198.

**"Ugly Sweater" New Year's Eve Party** – On Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **PLEASE POST THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

***Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays.***

***Also, be aware that the January 2016 Village Board, Planning Board and GIPA meetings normally held on the third Monday of the month will be held on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King holiday.***

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND**

December 15, 2015

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone's Thanksgiving Day with their families turned out as nice as ours. We had lots of people, lots of food and lots of love and laughter. I also want to thank Maggie and all of her volunteers for making sure that everyone who needed "a little extra help" for the holiday got everything they needed. And I know those same volunteers will be back to do the same for the Christmas holiday. I am always amazed at the generosity of all of you to make sure we have all the gifts necessary to make Christmas happen for every child in Green Island. The number of gifts needed each year seems to grow – but so does your generosity! Thank you for making our hometown so blessed!

We would like to invite everyone to our swearing in ceremonies where all recently elected officials will take their oath of office. It will be held on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Michael A. Cocca, Sr. Community Center at 5 George Street. We have several Town and Village officials to be sworn in, along with our own Sean Ward, who is our County Legislator. Punch and cookies will be served and I promise the speeches will be short! All of our elected officials work hard all year round to make our community a special place. Please join us to show your appreciation.

On Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., our Community Police Liaison, Officer Lou Perfetti and members of our Police Department will hold our first Community Police Meeting at the Municipal Center. They will discuss just what "Community Policing" is, the 911 Dispatch system, DOT truck inspections and possible future projects. I am very excited about this aspect of public safety that we are embracing. Lou and the department, along with our loyal and dedicated volunteers, Tom Torrisi and Jerry Legault, have done a great job of revamping the drop off and pick up system at the school – keeping our kids safe. I can't say enough about the dedication and faithfulness of Tom and Jerry, showing up twice a day, every day, to help. And some days, when the officers

are busy on another call at those times, Tom and Jerry do it all! Thanks to those two very special “granddads” for always being there for the children. You are the BEST!

I don't know about you, but I am REALLY enjoying this warm weather. If the whole winter was like this - I wouldn't mind it. But we all know that isn't going to happen, so we need to be ready.

Everyone can help out by:

- shoveling your sidewalks (but don't throw snow in the road)
- make sure you shovel a space wide enough in the snow banks so the DPW guys can roll your garbage cans out (but please don't park in front of opening or your garbage will not be picked up)
- please cooperate during snow removal operations (your cooperation means the job gets done faster --- and that saves us money)
- please park as close to the curb as possible so emergency vehicles can get through the narrower streets.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and makes our community safer.

Please see the other newsletter for lots of other information and events.

I want to wish each of you a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a happy holiday season. With all the craziness going on in the world, including our country, it would be really nice to see some

**“PEACE ON EARTH”.**

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan