

VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2016

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN
GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th - ELECTION DAY.
DPW will be closed November 14th.**

RECREATION NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARADE - The annual **Halloween Parade** will be held on **Monday, October 31st**. 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, Heatly PTO, Green Island Police Dept., Green Island Senior Citizens, Inspirational Touch by Shelby, Green Island Little League, The Bourgeois Family, Green Island Lanes, MacMurray & Sons, Dausie’s Bounce Rental, Premo Designs, Mr. Mike Magic 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 **Thursday, October 20th** 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 **Tuesday, October 18th** and **PICK UP** will be on **Saturday, October 22nd** 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). We are in need of all items at this time, in addition to the traditional items for the upcoming holiday baskets; stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, turkey gravy.**

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, 2016. 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 -
Walnut, Harlem, Saratoga, |
| 5. Arch Street | 13. Swan Street | Pine, Thames, Whitehall, Cannon |
| 6. Bleecker Street | 14. Lafayette Street | 21. Lower Hudson Avenue |
| 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 Village Offices 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. The Village will also be using the Emergency Alert System to notify residents. Forms to register can be picked up and dropped off at the Village Office. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on **Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd and Friday, November 4th**. 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 12th, 2016** 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

Friday, November 4th, 2016 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. – CHICKEN PARM DINNER. Cost of dinner is \$10.00 which includes Chicken Parm, ziti, salad & dessert. Delivery is available for Green Island residents, call 272-7262 to place your order.

Tickets are currently on sale for the *Super Raffle* to be drawn on **Wednesday, November 30th, 2016!** 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. 1st Prize - \$1,000; 2nd Prize - \$300 and 3rd Prize - \$200.

NEWS FROM AMERICAN LEGION

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. – CLAM BAKE. Hot dogs and clam chowder starting at 1:00 p.m., Chicken, Potato, Corn, Salad, Dozen Clams, Macaroni and Cheese and Dessert starting at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person, **PRE-SALES ARE REQUIRED.** There will be 50/50, Bingo and single elimination Corn Hole Tournament. Music provided by DJ Lazz.

Saturday, October 29th, 2016 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. – HAPPY HALLOWEEN. Karaoke with Marie, Drink Specials and Costume Prizes.

Saturday, November 19th, 2016 – CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT. Sign-up – 6:00 p.m., tournament begins at 7:00 p.m. draft pick for partner.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, November 12th, 2016 – HAM DINNER and HOLIDAY BAZAAR.

Saturday, November 19th, 2016 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. – ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit and beverages. **PAY WHAT YOU WILL!** Take outs available.

Just a reminder that the Village and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day; Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th, 2016 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

October 19, 2016

Dear Friends,

I am officially an “old lady.” I turned 65 on October 10th. In an effort to dull the blow, Mark and I took our kids and grandchildren on a cruise – which was scheduled to go right into the middle of hurricanes Matthew and Nicole as they were to meet in Bermuda. Fortunately, we had a great Captain and he diverted our route and we missed the storms. This is the first time in 18 years that I have had a vacation with all my kids. We had a wonderful time - but now it's back to business.

While I was away, we had a fire in a business on Lower Hudson Avenue that was quite serious. While this was a very unfortunate event, I can't tell you how proud I am of our firemen, policemen, Water Department, DPW and GIPA guys for the great job they did in containing the fire and keeping everyone safe. And they couldn't have done it without the help of our neighboring fire and police departments from Troy, Watervliet, Cohoes, Albany and the State Police. We are very fortunate to have the dedicated employees that we have and to have such a cooperative working relationship with other municipalities.

We had a brief dedication ceremony on Monday for our newly planted Christmas Tree that replaced the one we had to take down earlier this year. We were fortunate to have an anonymous donor, so there was no cost to the Village. The tree is dedicated in memory of Jack Pulenskey, who served on the Village Board as Deputy Mayor for many years. Jack was a quiet guy who was always ready to pitch in to make our community the best it could be. Thanks to our donor, we will once again be “lit up” for the holidays at the south end of the island.

Thank you to all who helped to make our Red Cross Blood Drive a success. We reached the goal set for us, which is especially important due to low supplies. Thanks again and I will be calling all my “regulars” in the Spring!

There is a lot of information and events listed in the other newsletter, so PLEASE make sure you read it. It is mostly good news, except for the part reminding everyone about the procedure for the dreaded **SNOW REMOVAL!** God how I hate snow. I don't even think it is pretty anymore. Maybe that has something to do with my “old lady” stature. All I know is that when everyone cooperates, the job gets done much quicker and that translates into savings, so PLEASE help us by following the plan.

The new traffic pattern during drop off and dismissal at Heatly seems to be working out pretty good. The Village Board passed a Local Law on Monday making it official, so please be aware that Arch Street, between George and Hudson, will be one way traveling west from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m and 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. when school is in session. Let's do our best to keep our kids safe!

That's it for this month. Sorry the letter is short, but I am late getting it in and I am holding things up and our very efficient staff at the office doesn't like it when I screw up their schedule. Sorry ladies!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan