

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 3rd**, 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 28th 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 Monday, December 19th.

RECREATION NEWS

Thank you to the Vagabond Club, the American Legion and the Green Island Senior Citizens for sponsoring the Halloween Parade.

SIGNUP AND REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

With winter upon us, anyone who has not already signed up and registered for alert notifications by telephone, text or email and would like to do so, registration forms are available at the Village Office and on our website www.villageofgreenisland.com. Completed forms may be dropped off at the Village Office. All snow emergencies and other Village information will be sent via "Everbridge Mass Notification". 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 16th 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.

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/village/public.works. 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 9th**, 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

Friday, November 25th - 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 27th – 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 4th – 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 10th – "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

Christmas Concert – On **Sunday, December 4th**, the "SWING DOCS" will be performing a Christmas Concert from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. For further information, please feel free to contact Donna at 274-1237 or 272-1198.

Holiday Breakfast - On **Sunday, December 18th**, 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.

New Year's Eve Party – On **Saturday, December 31st**, 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 21st, 2016. 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 HEATLY SCHOOL

REMINDER: Every Monday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., the students in Pre K – 5th Grades participate in the Character Education Morning Program. This is a great program that involves students, teachers, and parents. During the Morning Program, they honor student achievements, class activities, birthdays, Character Education themes, and special events that are happening in the building.

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

Thursday, November 24th, 2016 and Friday, November 25th, 2016 in observance of Thanksgiving Day Holiday!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 16, 2016

Dear Friends,

My favorite holiday is just a week away and I can't wait! Looks like we will have around 25 for dinner this year. I am quickly realizing as I get older that I can't do what I used to be able to do. I have always cooked double the food we needed so everyone could take home "leftovers" for the next day. I am officially ending that practice this year, but I haven't told my family yet. Guess they will find out when they read this newsletter. My favorite side dish is still my Mom's potato dressing (stuffing). My husband's favorite is his Mom's sausage stuffing. That is his signature (and only) dish for the day. His big job is setting the table and he sets a table that would put any magazine display to shame. Thanksgiving is my favorite because it allows me to reflect on how lucky I am. I have a wonderful husband and family, I live in a great community, I have two jobs that I love, my health is good (even though my old body can't do what it used to do), I have the best village employees that any Mayor would be proud to lead and I get to celebrate Thanksgiving with the people I love the most! Life is good. If we could just get rid of winter and snow – it would be perfect! I hope you all enjoy a wonderful holiday with your family.

Moving from Thanksgiving to Christmas, our "Festival of Trees" will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at the River Park. We have 36 trees and we will start decorating at 2:00 p.m. We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies throughout the afternoon. Santa will arrive at 5:00 p.m. to help us light the trees, sing Christmas carols and visit with all the good little girls and boys. Please join us for this wonderful holiday event that will help you to "get into the spirit" for Christmas.

Our "Giving Tree" will be up in the Village Office on Monday, November 28th. Please stop by and pick up a tag to help make a child's Christmas a merry one. The generosity of our residents never ceases to amaze me. You come through EVERY year and I know you will do it again this year. THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who patiently endured our scheduled power outage that was held on Sunday, October 30th to make some very necessary repairs/upgrades to our electrical system. It took many months to orchestrate the many outside entities involved in this endeavor, along with our GIPA and DPW guys. We notified residents and businesses in every way possible, but some said they still didn't know. PLEASE register for our alert notifications. Info on how to do so is in the other newsletter. It is quick and painless and keeps you on top of important events and emergencies. We do our best to do our part, but you must all do yours too. Thank you to all who registered a few years ago when we started this and thank you to those of you who will do so now. Remember, we are all in this TOGETHER.

There are lots of community events listed in the other newsletter. PLEASE make sure you check it out and I hope to see you all around town as we support these organizations who work so hard to make our community great.

That's it for now. Got my grocery list ready for Thanksgiving, but I think it might take a few trips to get it all. The "Old Gray Mayor" just ain't what she used to be (only you other old folks will get that joke).

Happy Thanksgiving

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan