

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 9th**, 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 27th 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 18th.

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 15th 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 518-272-7262 for more information. Proceeds to benefit the Green Island Senior Citizens.

Thursday, December 7th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. – CHICKEN PARM DINNER. Cost of dinner is \$10.00 which includes Chicken Parm, ziti, salad & dessert. Eat In, pick up or have it delivered. Call 518-272-7262 to place your order.

If you are looking for a gift for the Special Senior in your life, gift certificates for Lunch are available for \$3.00 each. Stop by or call Jill at 518-272-7262.

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/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 518-655-7854 or the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565. 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 8th**, 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 18th – Pancake Supper – 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.

Friday, November 24th - FREE Community Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They do the cooking ... and cleaning. Relax with family and friends. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, November 26th – FREE "Blessing of the Animals" – 9:30 a.m. Bring your pets or photos.

Sunday, December 3rd – FREE "Old Fashion Tree Trimming" – 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Make decorations to take home, enjoy lunch and family time with singing, stories and surprises to take home.

Sunday, December 10th – FREE "LIVING NATIVITY" - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Live production. Stay for free refreshments.

Saturday, December 16th –Pancake Supper - 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.

Tuesday, December 19th – FREE – "Blue Christmas" – 7:00 p.m. A service for those who are hurting or suffering a loss.

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve – 6:00 p.m. A quiet service with candlelight and music.

Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day -9:30 a.m. Informal 30 minute service. Bring your coffee (and PJ's if needed).

Friday, December 29th - FREE Community Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They do the cooking ... and cleaning. Relax with family and friends. Everyone is welcome!

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

Christmas Concert – On **Saturday, December 9th**, the "SWING DOCS" will be performing a Christmas Concert from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. For further information, please feel free to contact Donna at 518-274-1237 or 518-272-1198.

Holiday Breakfast - On **Sunday, December 17th**, the American Legion Auxiliary #927 is having a Holiday Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 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. All Green Island children are welcome. For more information call 518-272-1198.

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

Thursday, November 23rd, 2017 and Friday, November 24th, 2017 in observance of Thanksgiving Day Holiday!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

November 15, 2017

Dear Friends,

What happened to our 90 degree weather? We went from 90 to 30 in the blink of an eye. I won't complain though because we had a nice stretch of weather there. But now reality is setting in – sweaters, coats, gloves – but at least we don't need the snow boots yet. Hope I can still say that when I start my letter next month! Well, at least we get some good times coming with the bad weather.

Our "Festival of Trees" will be on Saturday, December 9th. We will start decorating at 2:00 p.m. and Santa will be coming at 5:00 p.m. to help us light the trees, sing some carols and visit with all the good little girls and boys. I am very grateful that Santa fits us into his very busy schedule each year. I know how busy he is, but he and Mrs. Claus still find time for us. Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus! And of course we will be serving hot chocolate and cookies to keep our decorators happy.

Our "Giving Tree" will be up in the Village Office on Monday, November 27th and it will be full of "tags" for all of our Secret Santa residents to take. It never ceases to amaze me how you folks come through EVERY year. You have always cleared the tags and last year it was in record time – three days! That is absolutely amazing. You all help to make a very Merry Christmas for a lot of children. Thank you for sharing your blessings!

Along with the cold weather, we know the snow will be coming. I hope we have a mild winter. If you haven't signed up for our emergency alert system, I would highly recommend you do so. There are instructions in the other newsletter on how to sign up. It is easy and it will notify you not only when we have snow removal operations, but also other emergencies like water main breaks and flood warnings. And if you like, you can also sign up to be notified about Village events. This comes in handy when we have to move our summer concerts from the River Park to under the bridge, or if an event is cancelled due to bad weather, etc. It is free and easy, so why not do it?

Members of "Cheer Intensity" will be caroling on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. The plan is to start at the Christmas tree at the Municipal Center and carol up George Street to the Green Island Senior Housing where they will sing to the residents and anyone else who would like to hear them. We haven't had Christmas Caroling on the streets in years. This is certainly a custom that we warmly welcome back. Let's hope the weather isn't too chilly for the kids!

We have lots of fun and delicious events coming up with the Senior Citizens, the Legion, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Albany County Legislature. Please check them out in the other newsletter. I hope to make it to all of them and then sign up for Weight Watchers in January!

Speaking of delicious, my very favorite holiday is just around the corner – THANKSGIVING!!! Turkey, mashed potatoes, sausage dressing, potato dressing, candied yams, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, peas, warm rolls, pumpkin pie, apple pie – and the list goes on. As much as I love eating this delicious meal, I love cooking it for my family even more. But my husband and I are also realizing that as we get older (and it seemed to happen pretty fast), we can't do what we were once able to do. So now we need a little help. My son, Mark, my daughter, Kristin and my granddaughter, Madelon all come the day before to help prepare the food. My brother Mike's family always joined us for Thanksgiving dinner, but as our families keep growing, it gets harder to fit everybody, so we decided to split it up. That was a very hard decision for us to make, but we knew it was for the best. But I am still going to make a big dish of my potato dressing for his family. It just wouldn't be Thanksgiving in any McNulty household without that dressing! Whatever you are doing for Thanksgiving, I hope you have a wonderful day with family and friends. And don't forget to think about and be grateful for all the blessings you have been given. It is so easy in this busy world to forget how lucky we are. Don't ever take those blessings for granted!!!

Well, that's it for this month. I hope to see you at some of the many events that are coming up. Get out and about now while the weather is still nice. Once January comes it will get a lot tougher. And if I do make it to most of those delicious events, bending over to put on my boots will be harder than ever. Just one more thing I will need help with. Ohhhhh, these "Golden Years" aren't quite what they promised!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan