

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Everyone is invited to the Swearing In Ceremony for our recently elected officials for the Village. It will be held on Sunday, December 31st at 12 Noon at the Michael A. Cocca, Sr. Community Center, 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, Ellen McNulty-Ryan, Mark Ryan, Kristin Swinton, Rachel Files, Tami Weisenforth, Heather Johnson, Camden McHargue, Chris Karziel, Christina Stebbins, Tara Bourgeois, Michele Bourgeois, Cole Bourgeois, Sean Ward, Tom Mullins, the Heatly Student Council, the Senior Citizens, Dawn and Dennis McEwen, Kathy Mascelli, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Lydall, CapCom and Bimbo Bakeries for contributing to the success of this year's food drive and **Thanksgiving** deliveries.

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. 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. 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

New and existing residential and commercial buildings must have approved address numbers, building numbers, or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers must be Arabic Numbers or alphabet letters. According to the International Fire Code numbers must be a minimum of 4" high with a minimum width of .5 inch.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Senior Gift Cards are now available for the **HOLIDAY SEASON!!!** A \$3.00 donation gift card can treat a senior to lunch.

2018 RELAY FOR LIFE – Kickoff Celebration

You're invited to the 2018 Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities Kickoff Celebration! Please join us on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the **Arsenal City Tavern** located at 795 3rd Avenue, Watervliet (directly across from Arsenal gate) for food and drink specials! There will be raffle prizes available to win. Come and learn about the 3rd Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities! Hope to see you there! For further information, please contact Danielle Boudreau at 518-274-3274.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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. - 6:30 p.m. They do the cooking ... and cleaning. Relax with family and friends. Everyone is welcome!

PLEASE POST THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed on Friday, December 22nd, Monday, December 25th, Friday, December 29th and Monday, January 1st in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Also, please note that the January 2018 Village Board, Planning Board and GIPA meetings normally held on the third Monday of the month will be held on Tuesday, January 16th beginning at 6:00 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

December 19, 2017

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It seems like that was only yesterday and it feels like Christmas is tomorrow. I don't know where the time goes to. My mother always said "The older you get – the quicker it goes." Well, I guess that means I'm pretty old, because the time is really flying by.

While Christmas is not my favorite holiday, a few recent events have really helped me get more "into the spirit." Our Festival of Trees in the River Park on December 9th was fantastic. All 36 trees were taken and the families did a beautiful job of decorating them. Some families had a tree for the first time and others have had their trees since we started it 13 seasons ago. Every tree is unique and personal. If you haven't been up to see them yet, please take the time to do so. And if you can do it after dark, it is even more beautiful. I look out my bedroom window every night and say "good night" to the trees. It snowed while everyone was decorating. Some folks thought that added to the festivities. I thought it was a pain in the behind because we walk around and serve hot chocolate and cookies from our wagon and it was a challenge to keep the cookies dry. My husband designed and built this great set up on the wagon for me and now he is trying to figure out a way to put a canopy over it. He is pretty clever, so we'll see what he comes up with!

The Green Island Senior Citizens had a very busy month with two of their major fundraisers for the year. They held their Chicken Parm dinner on the 7th and sold out. Village Trustee, Rachel Files, was in charge in the kitchen and all the volunteers helped to make everything go like clockwork. And they had their Christmas Party on the 15th, with music by "The Accents." It was a tremendous success and their best holiday party yet. The music was awesome (Green Island's own Steve Karziel is in the band), the Legion donated the hall and prepared the food and the GIG sponsored the band, so that all helped make it a financial success for the Seniors. The band played all the right music and the dance floor was packed the whole night. There were a lot of young people there, but the "over 60" crowd was well represented on that dance floor. I danced a couple times, but I know my limits, so I did more watching than dancing. I was amazed watching Bill Shepard dance the entire night. I don't think he ever sat down! I finally went over and asked him how old he was – and he proudly told me. Now I don't know if I should tell you his age, but he is 12 years older than me and I think most of you know my age – so do the math. Bill, I hope you keep those dancing shoes on for

many more years to come. It was a pleasure watching you enjoy yourself! And now I want to give some recognition to the Seniors Executive Director, Jill Alix. Jill is the driving force behind the success at the Seniors. She works hard and makes everyone feel welcome – and she is always smiling! Thanks, Jill, for keeping us “old folks” active and well fed. I hope you never retire.

Everyone is invited to our Swearing In Ceremony for all recently elected Green Island officials. It will be held at the Michael A. Cocca, Sr. Community Center at 5 George Street on Sunday, December 31st at noon. Hope to see you there.

We have been lucky with the snow so far this year, but we all know it is coming. PLEASE help us by cooperating during snow removal operations by moving your vehicles when your street is announced. We don't like giving tickets and towing vehicles, but we have a job to do. Also, if there are snow banks on trash pick- up days (Tuesday and Wednesday), PLEASE be sure to shovel a path wide enough for the DPW guys to get the cans through or your trash will not be picked up. Also, if your neighbor shovels a path, do not park your car in front of it. If we all work together the job is much easier and we keep our community safe. And please remember that it is the law that all vehicles that do not run and trailers that are not hooked to a vehicle must be off the streets for the winter.

I am pleased and excited to tell you that at last night's Village Board meeting we appointed Officer Christopher Pollay to the rank of Sergeant in our Police Department. Chris has been a member of our department for several years and he does an outstanding job for us. He takes his job very seriously, treats everyone with respect, has an excellent “street sense” and has an energy level that I envy. My nickname for him is “Trouble” – not because he gets into it, but because he always knows where to look for it. He gives us 16 hours of work for every 8 hours he is on duty. Thank you Chris for all you do for us. And thank you Chief Parker and the entire Green Island Police Department for keeping our community safe!

Please see the other newsletter for more things going on in our community.

That's it for this month. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan