

**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND NEWSLETTER**

**OCTOBER 2018**

**ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> - ELECTION DAY. DPW will be closed November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**RECREATION NEWS**

**HALLOWEEN PARADE** - The annual **Halloween Parade** will be held on **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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 the Green Island Fire Department, the Albany County Sheriff's Department and all the sponsors, community vendors and workers who made this year's picnic a success. This year's sponsors include the **GIG, Green Island Police Dept., Green Island Senior Citizens, Green Island Little League, The Bourgeois Family, MacMurray & Sons, Dausie's Bounce Rental, Premo Designs, Hands of Time, Heatly PTO, Catskill Hudson Bank and Julie Iannone and volunteers from SCRUFF** who all made it yet another successful event. **Thank you to all!**

**YOGI CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION** – Just a reminder that registration forms have been distributed to Grades 3 - 6, please return them to Angela Legault in the Heatly School – Main Office. We will also be holding a registration at the Green Island Municipal Center on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 7 p.m. Any questions, please contact the Village Office.

**ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

The **Annual Food Drive** to benefit the Green Island Food Pantry will be on **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** starting at **10:00 a.m.** 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, instant mashed potatoes, corn, peas, green beans, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, turkey gravy. THERE WILL BE NO BAG DROP OFF.** Please use whatever bag you deem necessary to handle your donations.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. 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<br>Walnut, Saratoga,<br>Pine, Thames, Cannon |
| 5. Arch Street     | 13. Swan Street        | 21. Lower Hudson Avenue   |
| 6. Bleecker Street | 14. Lafayette Street   |   |
| 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. Forms can also be downloaded on our website at [www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Hydrants will be flushed in Green Island and Maplewood on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018** 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 518-447-4620 or 518-447-4625. **There will be an \$8.00 donation per animal.**

#### **NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

Tickets are currently on sale for the **Super Raffle** to be drawn on **Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018!** If you would like to purchase a ticket(s), please contact Jill Alix at 518-272-7262. 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$1,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$300 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$200.

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

Please join the American Legion for a **STEAK ROAST DINNER**, sponsored by the Green Island Sons of the American Legion, on **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person. If you are a member or purchase your tickets in advance, the cost is \$16.00. Cost includes: NY Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls, Soda, Draft Beer, Coffee and Dessert. In addition there will be door prizes, raffles and music by **DJ LAZZ** immediately following dinner. Tickets are available at the Legion. For more information, please call 518-272-1198.

#### **NEWS FROM GREEN ISLAND LITTLE LEAGUE**

Green Island Little League (G.I.L.L.) will hold elections for officers on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Heatly School Library from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All residents are eligible and encouraged to vote. They are currently looking for volunteers that would like to become involved with the management of this wonderful organization. The current available offices are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Safety Officer, League Information Officer and Coaching Coordinator. Volunteers are imperative to run a successful league. If you are interested in a position, please contact Marcia Etman ([etmanm74@aol.com](mailto:etmanm74@aol.com) or 518-596-0576).

#### **NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – FREE COMMUNITY DINNER!**

**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – HOLIDAY BAZAAR from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and HAM DINNER from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Just a reminder that the Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for Election Day; Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**

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

October 16, 2018

Dear Friends,

Well I think summer has left us for this year. It was in the 80s last week and this week we had to turn the heat on. Not sure we are going to get much fall weather. It seems like we have two seasons – summer and winter. Let's just hope we have a mild winter!

Our “Green Island Hometown Heroes” banner program has begun. You can get info on our Village website or pick up an application at the Village Office or Town Office. The banners will be displayed in the north end of the village on Veterans Memorial Drive, Cannon Street and Cohoes Avenue on the antique street lights. Application is limited to any veteran who has ever lived in Green Island (before, during or after service). You must have a DD 214 (or other Discharge papers) and a good quality photo of the veteran in uniform. If the veteran is living, he/she must sign application giving permission to use their photo on the banner. The cost is \$200 per banner and a check must be made out to “Green Island Hometown Heroes” and returned to the GIPA office at 69 Hudson Avenue. Please do not send cash. We will be accepting applications until the end of January. No applications will be accepted after January and our goal is to have the banners up for Memorial Day in 2019. We are hoping the banners will last for a couple of years, but will be taken down if they are worn, frayed or damaged. When they are taken down in the future, they will be available for pick up at the Village Office. All the work for this project is being done by volunteers, so please appreciate their efforts. If you have any questions, you may call Kristin at the GIPA offices at (518) 271-9397 or email to: [kristin@greenislandpowerauthority.com](mailto:kristin@greenislandpowerauthority.com).

I have some exciting news for our village. We have a new restaurant coming to town! David White and Bridget Evans will be opening “Whitey’s Pasta and Pizza” at 44 George Street within the next week or two. They will have a full menu and offer free delivery in town. I just met with them at the restaurant and they have done a lot of work

and are very enthusiastic about opening very soon. Their big sign is going up out front tonight and they said to watch for the "OPEN" sign to be turned on in the window. I wish them the best of luck in their endeavor and I can't wait to work my way through the menu. In addition to their regular menu of sandwiches, subs, pizza, pasta, soups and chili, they plan on serving dinners in the evening. David has been around the food industry for a while and I think he knows his way around the kitchen. I love to cook, so I enjoy watching someone get excited just talking about the food they are going to prepare. Alright David, you got my taste buds watering. Let's see what you can do!!!!

Speaking of food, our Annual Food Drive is happening this Saturday. Please help us stock up in the Village Food Pantry so we can be ready for the holidays. Please put your donations in a bag or box and put it on your front porch by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and the volunteers will be by to pick it up.

Please make sure you read the other newsletter to see what's going on in town. It is going to be a busy month so make sure you put all the events on your calendar.

That's it for now. Bundle up and enjoy the crisp fresh air and beautiful foliage. The blasted snow will be here before you know it!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan