

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**  
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**CHRISTMAS CAROLING & TREE LIGHTING**

The Village of Green Island will hold its annual "Festival of Trees" on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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](http://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.

**RELAY FOR LIFE OF THE HUDSON RIVER COMMUNITIES BENEFIT**

Team "**HARD ROCKIN RELAYERS**" will be hosting a **HOLIDAY VENDOR EVENT** on **Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall, 35 Cohoes Avenue, Green Island. They will have vendors from Grandma Apples Homemade Cheesecakes, Save Around, Tupperware, Quartz & Pine, Laura's Handmade Jewelry, Partylite Candles, Angelica's Wonderland, Rodan Fields, Thirty-One Gifts, Usborne Books, Pampered

Chef, Origami Owl, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Handbag Heaven, Paparazzi Jewelry, AVON, Young Living Essential Oils, LuLaRoe, Crafts by Jacky, Color Street, Jtee's Custom Tee Shirts and MORE!!!!

For additional information, please call Jennifer Dorrance at 518-892-8701.

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

**Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** – FREE “Old Fashion Tree Trimming” – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Make decorations to take home, enjoy lunch and family time with singing, stories and surprises to take home. Open to the community, please RSVP.

**Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** - 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, December 9<sup>th</sup>** – FREE “LIVING NATIVITY” - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Live production. Stay for free refreshments. A wonderful family event!

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** – “Blessing of the Animals” at 9:30 a.m./Bring your pets or photos. Stay for refreshments.

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** – A service of music and stories behind the Advent/Christmas songs at 9:30 a.m./Stay for refreshments.

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve – 6:00 p.m. A quiet service with candlelight and music.

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

**Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** - 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**

The Sons of the Green Island American Legion would like to **THANK** everyone who participated in the Steak Roast on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Whether you bought a meal, made a donation, or volunteered, the event was a **HUGE** success and we could not have done it without your help!

**Christmas Concert** – On **Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**, the “**SWING DOCS**” will be performing a Christmas Concert from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person and you can pay at the door. For more information, please call 518-272-1198.

**Holiday Breakfast** - On **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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, 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.

**New Year's Eve Party** – On **Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The cost is \$50.00 per person and includes: Food, Open Bar (No Shots), Noisemakers, Hats, Music by DJ Laz and a champagne toast at midnight. Deadline to sign up and pay is Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. For more information, please call Donna Lazzaro at 518-274-1237 or the American Legion at 518-272-1198

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE VILLAGE, TOWN and GIPA OFFICES will be closed  
Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 and Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 in observance of  
Thanksgiving Day Holiday!**

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

November 20, 2018

Dear Friends,

It looks like I cursed us last month by wishing for a mild winter. We got our first snowstorm a week before Thanksgiving. That is not a good indication of a mild winter. Our guys did a great job plowing and I want to thank our residents who moved their cars so the plows could keep pushing back. We save a lot of taxpayer dollars when we can avoid a curb to curb snow removal. Winter doesn't even formally begin for another month, so please keep cooperating so we can make it as painless as possible! I would urge anyone who has not signed up for the emergency notifications to check the other newsletter for instructions on how to do so. Remember, if you do not move your vehicle during a snow emergency, you will be ticketed and towed. We don't like to do it and I am sure you have better ways to spend \$125.00, so please stay informed and listen for the announcements.

We will be having some changes on our Village Board. Last month, Scott Siegel resigned from the Board because he was moving out of town due to an opportunity he had been given. Scott was an excellent Trustee. He added great value to our team and we will truly miss him. I can't thank him enough for his service to our community and I wish him all the best in life! At last night's board meeting, Bob Johnson, who resides in Lafayette Park with his wife, the former Heather Gregory (a Green Island native) and their son, Brady, was appointed to fill the remainder of Scott's term. Bob moved here several years ago when he and Heather got married. He has been a firefighter and fire investigator in Cohoes for 29 years, so he brings some great experience to our board. He has been involved in many of our community activities in Green Island and is always there when we are looking for volunteers. I think he will make a great addition to our team. Welcome aboard Bob!

We have a lot of things going on in the next month. Our Festival of Trees and Santa's visit will happen on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in the River Park; our "Giving Tree" at the Village Office will be up on November 26<sup>th</sup> and you folks never cease to amaze me with your generosity to this worthy cause; the Seniors are having their Holiday Party, featuring "The Accents" on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>; the Church of the Good Shepherd is having a whole bunch of Christmas activities; the "Hard Rockin Relayers" are sponsoring a holiday vendor event on November 30<sup>th</sup>; and the American Legion is having a Christmas concert, holiday breakfast with Santa and a New Year's Eve party. The details of all of these events are in the other newsletter, so please check it out and support all of these organizations that work so hard to make our community the special place that it is.

Anyone who knows me knows that my very favorite holiday is Thanksgiving - and it is almost here! By the time you get this letter, you will probably be recovering from eating too much turkey and fixings on Thanksgiving, but I hope you still have room for all the leftovers. I am in a little bit of a panic because I depend on my back porch to be my “walk in refrigerator” for everything that I can’t fit into my fridge during the two days of prepping before the big feast – and now the weatherman is predicting below freezing temperatures for those days. Not sure what I am going to do, but I won’t complain after seeing what folks are going through in California with the wildfires. I can’t imagine what they must be going through. Sure, we get snow and it certainly is a pain in the behind, but we don’t get wildfires that wipe out entire communities, floods that carry your home and vehicles down the river, hurricanes that blow your roof off or earthquakes that just reduce everything to the ground. But most disturbing is the number of lives that are lost. You can rebuild a structure or get a new car, but you can’t replace a life. Please pray for all the folks going through these terrible times.

Some of you are probably saying, “Boy oh boy, that girl can really bring down your spirits,” but that is not my intention. My intention is to make you really think about all you have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving and realize how lucky you are. I often say I am the luckiest woman alive – I have so much to be thankful for. Sure, when I wake up in the morning and get out of bed, I have stuff that hurts that I didn’t even know I owned – but then I thank God that I woke up and could get out of bed. I thank God for the wonderful family that I have, the terrific people that I work with and the beautiful community that I live in (where I am fortunate to be its Mayor). So, my little problem with my “walk in refrigerator” becoming a “walk in freezer” is just that – a little problem. The blessing of having my family around our Thanksgiving table means the world to me. I just hope nobody breaks a tooth on a frozen pumpkin pie!!!!

God bless you all and your families and I hope you have the best ever Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan