

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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PLEASE NOTE THAT JANUARY 2013 MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2013 DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

JANUARY 2013

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

There are exemptions available to those senior citizens that are or will be 65 during the year that they are filing for the exemption – 2013. The exemptions require that one of the owners meet the age requirement, and that the home is the primary residence.

New and renewal applications for the **ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION ON THE 2013 ROLL** will be based on the applicant's 2011 income. The **NEW INCOME LIMIT of \$79,050** will be based on the **Adjusted Gross Income of the 2011 Income Tax Return**.

The **Senior Citizen** exemption for County and/or Village tax purposes is available for those 65 and older with an annual income not to exceed \$37,400 for county purpose and \$14,700 for village purposes. This exemption is based on the **Total Gross Income for 2012**.

If you are eligible for the Senior Citizen Exemption you will automatically receive the Enhanced STAR. However, if you are eligible for the Enhanced STAR you may NOT be eligible for the Senior Citizen exemption. They are two separate exemptions.

ALL EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY MARCH 1, 2013.

If you are in the Income Verification Program you have received a letter to confirm your exemption. If you receive this confirmation by mail you do not have to reapply for the Enhanced STAR exemption. All other applicants have received their renewal applications by mail.

RECREATION NEWS

Food Drive

Thank you to the many residents who donated toward our annual food drives here in Green Island. The food that was collected here was more than enough to feed all of our needy families at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are sure that the families that receive the food baskets are very grateful to those of you that contributed and all those who purchased gifts off the Giving Tree.

Special thanks go out to the following groups that assisted with both the food and gift programs for the needy which were held throughout the holiday season: Lydall Manning employees, Green Island School District employees and retirees, Green Island Senior Citizens, Albany County Legislature, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cheer Intensity, Green Island Lanes-bowling leagues, and all of our anonymous Santa's Helpers, (you know who you are) and any others that may have assisted in any way at all. A big thanks to our volunteers that helped prepare or deliver the goods including Maggie Alix, Chris Karwiel, Ellen McNulty-Ryan, Mark Ryan, Kristin Swinton, Scott Siegel, Rachel Files, Jill Alix, Heather Gregory, Anita Brown, Larry Brown, Beth Vanderheyden, Blair McGuirk, Nancy Kipp, Jeffrey Dorrance, Michael Alix, Tom Mullins, Abby Mahoney, Tanya Hansen, Terrance Florence and Heatly Boys Varsity Basketball Team. As you can see, we have many people and organizations involved in this program.

VILLAGE SPONSORING "CELEBRATE LIFE" PROGRAM

The Village of Green Island is sponsoring this program in conjunction with Heatly School and would like to make the residents aware of "Celebrate Life". Celebrate Life is an anti-DWI Program designed to achieve a goal of zero deaths and zero injuries from drunken driving in Green Island in the year 2013. For further information, please visit the Village website at www.villageofgreenisland.com.

NEWS FROM THE GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS

There will be a "Cabin Fever" Dance featuring "*The Swing Docs*" on **Friday, March 15th, 2013** from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Tickets are \$20.00 for senior citizens and \$25.00 for the general public and includes beer, wine, soda and snacks. Call 272-7262 for further information. All proceeds will benefit the Green Island Seniors.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

On **Saturday, February 23rd, 2013**, the American Legion will be holding a **Lasagna Dinner** sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Post 927 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The dinner includes Lasagna, Salad, Roll, Coffee/Tea and Dessert. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 5 – 12 and FREE Pasta for Kids 4 and under. **Pre-Sale is Recommended.** Delivery is available. For further information and to purchase tickets, please contact the Legion Post at 272-1198.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

January 16, 2013

Dear Friends,

This is the second time in as many months that I have sat down to write my letter to you and it is snowing. I can't put into words how much I hate snow, but it beats hurricanes, earthquakes and tsunamis, so I will stop complaining and look forward to April showers.

Speaking of snow, you folks were VERY cooperative with our first curb to curb snowplowing for the year. We finished in record time and had very few tickets and tows. Your cooperation pays off in savings and in how nice the streets look when we are done. Unfortunately, what was supposed to be a "dusting" a day later, turned out to be almost as much as the original storm. We lucked out with the warm up so I won't complain. We still have at least two more months of this stuff so please remain as cooperative as you have been. Also, please note that if someone has cleared a path for access to their trash barrel on garbage pick-up days, don't be so rude as to park in front of it and prevent the DPW guys from being able to get to it. Several folks called to complain that their garbage wasn't picked up, but it was because someone had blocked their path. If you have a recurring problem with someone blocking your path on garbage days, put your barrel in the road. Just don't do this if it is still snowing and the plows are out all night or you might find your barrel three blocks north! If we all practiced common sense and courtesy, I wouldn't be writing this.

The few tows we had during the snow removal were due to people either being new to the village and not knowing our "routine" or they didn't hear we were doing snow removal. If you didn't hear me when I was announcing each street, then you need to get your hearing checked because I am loud and persistent. But, in an effort to improve notification, I will be asking the Village Board to approve a contract with a company that can send notification to every resident via home phone, cell phone, text, fax, email and even a system for the hearing impaired. It can be used for emergency and non-emergency notifications. Board member Al Sterling had proposed this idea to me and set up the meeting so we could see a demonstration. If the Board approves it, we will be sending out instructions for registration and use. In the meantime, please check our website for notifications or call the office.

Thanks to all of you, our Food Pantry was able to provide Holiday dinners to all those in need. Maggie Alix and her band of volunteers do a great job delivering, but they wouldn't have anything to deliver if not for your continued generosity. Thank you once again.

Speaking of Maggie, who is also our Assessor, please see the other newsletter for information about applying for property tax exemptions for 2013.

We have a couple of fun and tasty events coming up. The American Legion is hosting a Lasagna dinner on Saturday, February 23rd from 4 to 7pm at the Post. If you are looking for "a good feed," you have to go to this. Besides being delicious, they give you a piece big enough to feed a family of four! Last year I ate until I thought I would bust and took the rest home for dinner the next day. Please support our Legion. They work hard to keep the Post going and they deserve our support, so plan on going on February 23rd and make sure you wear pants with a stretchy waistband – you will need it!

Mark your calendars with a "save the date" for the Green Island Senior Citizens "Cabin Fever" dance/party at the American Legion on Friday, March 15th. "The Swing Docs" will again be donating their talents to help the Seniors raise some funds and the Legion Post is always there to support our Seniors. I used to sing with the band but had to give it up a couple of years ago because I just didn't have the time for the weekly rehearsals. But when they come to perform in Green Island they invite me to join them, so barring any unforeseen circumstances, I will be singing a couple of songs with them in March. Gee, it is just two days before St. Patrick's Day – maybe they might do a couple of "Jigs" for us that night. If not, maybe we will just drink a couple of "Jugs" ---- and then walk home. Remember, it **NEVER** makes sense to drink and drive.

Well, I think that's it for this month. I'm sure once Anne prints this, I will remember something else I was supposed to tell you. Oh well – there is always next month's letter. And if we get this mass notification thing in place and I remember what I forgot, I can just phone, text, email or fax you. Or maybe I'll just go up and down the streets with the public address speaker on my car ----- only kidding!!!!

Stay warm and pray for no snow!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan