

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

SENIOR CITIZENS (65 yrs. and older) - There are exemptions available to those senior citizens that are or will be 65 prior to December 31, 2022. The exemptions require that one of the owners meet the age requirement, and that the home is the primary residence. Exemption renewal applications will be mailed out toward the end of December. If you have not received your renewal application by January 15th, please contact the Assessor's office. New applicants can receive an application by calling the Assessor's office.

The **ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION ON THE 2022 ROLL** will be based on the applicant's 2020 income. The **NEW INCOME LIMIT of \$92,000** will be based on the **Adjusted Gross Income of the 2020 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 purposes and \$29,000 for village purposes. This exemption is based on the **Total Gross Income for 2020**.

If you are eligible for the Senior Citizen Exemption you may be eligible to 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 (2) separate exemptions. Senior Citizens Aged exemptions are filed at the Village Office with the Assessor.

Due to changes enacted by the NYS Legislature, all recipients of the **Enhanced STAR must** enroll in the Income Verification Program. This includes the Enhanced STAR portion of the Senior Citizens Exemption. NYS Tax and Finance will determine your eligibility for the Enhanced STAR. If you are denied, or more information is needed, you will be contacted directly by the State.

New Home Owners – Due to recent law changes approved by the Governor and the NYS Legislature, the BASIC STAR program has been restructured. The NYS Tax Department will administer all NEW STAR applications, taking the responsibility from your local assessor. **If you have recently purchased your home and are eligible for the STAR benefit you MUST register with NYS Department of Tax and Finance either online at www.tax.ny.gov or by phone at 518-457-2036.**

ALL EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY MARCH 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please call the office at 518-273-2201.

BULK TRASH PROGRAM

There will be **NO** bulk pick-up on Thursday, December 23rd or Thursday, December 30th due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays!

RECREATION NEWS

Thank you to everyone who sent a donation in support of the Green Island Food Pantry. Your kindness and generosity has not gone unnoticed. A special thank you to Peter Jones for graciously donating all of the turkeys! It certainly was a community effort; the Thanksgiving baskets were delivered successfully in time for the holiday.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Thank you to the Huersch Marketing Group LLC and Green Island Senior Citizens for sponsoring the Holiday Decorating Contest. Participants should email pictures to Wendy.Richmond@villageofgreenisland.com. Photos will be posted on the Green Island Recreation Department Facebook page. The top three photos with the most "Like/Reactions" will win a Visa gift card.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

If you are looking for a gift for the Special Senior in your life, gift certificates for Lunch are available for \$3.00 each. Call Jill at 518-272-7262 if you wish to purchase a gift certificate.

SAVE THE DATE: A "Valentine's Day Party" featuring "THE ACCENTS" will be held on Friday, February 11th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the American Legion. Tickets are \$20.00 (must be 21 years old) and includes beer, wine, soda and snacks. Call 518-272-7262 for more information. Proceeds to benefit the Green Island Senior Citizens.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 19th, 2022** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 5 – 12. Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Roll and Dessert. For further information, please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198 or Bridget Brannigan at 518-273-1812. ****Currently masks are required indoors. As always, details may change due to the ever-changing COVID-19 Pandemic.****

REMINDER – Masks are required in all Municipal buildings.

PLEASE POST THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 23rd, Friday, December 24th and Thursday, December 30th and Friday, December 31st in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Also, please note that the January 2022 Village Board, Planning Board and GIPA meetings normally held on the third Monday of the month will be held on Monday, January 24th beginning at 6:00 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

December 15, 2021

Dear Friends,

We had our 17th Festival of Trees on Saturday, December 11th. We are convinced Mother Nature has a bone to pick with us because it seems like every time we try to do something in the River Park it rains. Fortunately the rain stopped late in the morning --- and then the winds came, which started tipping all the trees. Our DPW and GIPA guys worked so hard all week getting the trees and electricity set up. But the ground was soft and wet, so the stakes supporting the trees kept tilting. But we did our best to get through it and the guys came back and reinforced the trees again. We just need to get through the next couple of weeks. If you haven't stopped by to see them, please do because it is worth the trip – especially after dark!

COVID once again made us adjust our plans, but Santa and Mrs. Claus still came, but couldn't come down from their sleigh. Santa counted down for the lighting of the trees and then all the kids put their letters to Santa in his special mail bag and we handed them up to him. Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming back to ride around town on Tuesday, December 21st at 5:00 pm to go up and down the streets to wave to the kids. It will be the same route that we have used for our Memorial Day Parade the last couple of years. So please bundle up the kids and go out to see them. We are very lucky that Santa and Mrs. Claus are able to come back again with things being so busy at the North Pole at this time of year. We are truly blessed!

Thank you to all the folks who supported our "Giving Tree" this year. You never cease to amaze me with your generosity. And thank you to all "Santa's Elves" who work so hard on this every year to make sure every child has a Christmas. May God bless you all!

We are also having a Holiday Decorating Contest this year. Check out the other newsletter for instructions on how to vote for the three best entries.

The Seniors had to postpone their annual Christmas Party due to the latest mandates on indoor events. So now they are planning on a Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 11th from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Legion. While canceling the Christmas Party was disappointing, it was the right thing to do with the high number of new cases of COVID being reported. We are grateful the "The Accents" were kind enough to change their schedules to accommodate us. This band is great

and I guarantee you will have a fun time in February. Also, see the other newsletter for details and how to get Gift Certificates for lunches at the Seniors.

The Legion will be hosting a Chicken Parmigiana Dinner on February 19th, so mark your calendars. This is always a great meal and bring your appetite because they make sure you don't go home hungry!

Lots of news from the Assessor in the other newsletter. Please read it carefully because a lot of things have changed with the STAR program and some things cannot be done locally and you must apply to the State. If you miss the deadlines, we can't fix it. So please read it over carefully and if you have any questions, please call the Assessor.

I think that is about it for this month. Please note that the Village, Town and GIPA offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 23rd and 24th and Thursday and Friday, December 30th and 31st so our employees can enjoy some time with their families. They always work hard and do a great job, but these last couple of years have been extremely difficult dealing with COVID mandates and restrictions and STILL GETTING THEIR WORK DONE. I applaud and appreciate their efforts and dedication. Maybe next time you see any of them you could give them a "Thank You" for their efforts.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. And please stay safe by wearing your mask in public and getting your vaccinations if you haven't already done so. Getting everyone vaccinated is the only way we are going to be able to put this pandemic behind us. PLEASE DO YOUR PART SO WE CAN ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan