

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, 2023. 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 2023 ROLL** will be based on the applicant's 2021 income. The **NEW INCOME LIMIT of \$93,200** will be based on the **Adjusted Gross Income of the 2021 Income Tax Return**. The income limit applies to the combined income of all owners (residents and non-residents), and any owner's spouse who resides on the property. The STAR exemption is only an option for homeowners prior to 2015. If you became a homeowner after 2015, you may be eligible for the STAR credit check.

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 2021**.

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. 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 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, 2023. If you have any questions, please call the office at 518-273-2201.

TOWN NEWS

The Town of Green Island is interested in hiring a well-organized, detail-oriented individual for a part-time assistant court clerk position. Salary and hours are negotiable based on experienced. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, and resume with references to Town Supervisor, Rachel Perfetti - by mail at 69 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, NY 12183 or by email at rperfetti@townofgreenisland.com no later than January 13, 2023.

RECREATION NEWS

Thank you to everyone who gave a donation, either of non-perishable items or monetary, 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 and the Lydall employees for donating gift cards. It certainly was a community effort; the Thanksgiving baskets were delivered successfully in time for the holiday.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

If you are looking for a last minute gift for the Special Senior in your life, gift certificates for lunch are available. Lunch gift certificates are \$3.00 each. Call Jill at 518-272-7262 or stop in at the Senior Center if interested.

PLEASE POST THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th and Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2nd in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Also, please note that the January 2023 Village Board, Planning Board and GIPA meetings normally held on the third Monday of the month will be held on Tuesday, January 17th beginning at 6:00 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

December 15, 2022

Dear Friends,

I can't believe it is almost Christmas. Where has the time gone? It seems like we just finished our concert season and the kids went back to school. Thanksgiving flew by and now we are waiting for Santa! Our Festival of Trees went very well, considering it rained all morning and the wind the night before nearly took down all the trees. But we made it. And the kids all showed up to greet Santa and Mrs. Claus when they came to do the countdown to light the trees. Many thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus, the guys in the DPW and GIPA for all their hard work setting up the trees and electrical outlets, the Fire Department for leading Santa's sleigh that night and my amazing husband, Mark, for all the work he did on the graphics, music, PA system and organizational skills. If you haven't been by the park at night to see the beautiful trees, please take a few minutes to do so. If you aren't already in the Christmas mood yet, walking through that winter wonderland will certainly help you get there!

In case you haven't noticed, STOP signs have replaced the YIELD signs in the slip lane at the Green Island Bridge from Lower Hudson going north onto the bridge. We have been trying to get that changed for about a year and DOT just did it a week or so ago. That area is governed by NYSDOT and we do not have control over it. It is tough to get traffic patterns changed when they have been a certain way for so long. Our DPW put orange flags on the STOP signs to help alert motorists because they weren't stopping. Hopefully compliance will improve. If it doesn't, we may have to put a Police detail down there to get people's attention. I remember how hard it was to get used to the STOP signs we put at Tibbits and Cannon streets a few years ago, but now it's second nature.

We have been getting some complaints about residents feeding the birds and the "mess" that the birds are making on their properties and automobiles. This is a reminder that feeding any animal outside the home is not allowed in the village. We had a problem a few years back with some residents feeding their dogs and cats outside the home because it was attracting rodents (rats,

skunks and groundhogs). PLEASE don't throw bread or other food out for the birds. Besides the fact that it creates a mess, it is NOT good for the birds. Our food contains many chemicals and additives that are harmful to wildlife. I know people feed the birds because they want to help them, but they may actually be doing more harm than good. Let's keep the birds healthy and our neighbors happy!

Supervisor Rachel Perfetti is looking for a part-time assistant court clerk. Please see the other newsletter for details.

Please also see in the other newsletter information from the Assessor about property tax exemptions. It is up to homeowners to apply for the exemptions and our Assessor, Maggie Alix, is always happy to assist.

Hats off to our DPW and GIPA guys for a great job on our first snowstorm of the season. As I am typing this on Thursday, we are getting weather alerts for a storm starting tonight. I hope it isn't going to be a bad one, but whatever it turns out to be, our success in clearing the streets depends on cooperation from our residents. That means clearing off your car and moving it so the roads can be plowed. If we don't have to do a "curb to curb" operation, please move your car to a cleared spot so the plows can clean up the parking areas. And please be a good neighbor. Don't park your vehicle in front of someone else's house and leave it there. I have noticed several cars that have not been cleaned off or moved since the last storm almost a week ago. And please remember it is illegal to shovel or blow snow into the road. Put it into piles on the sidewalk along the curb or at the ends of your property. Let's do all we can to make dealing with winter as painless as possible.

That's it for this month --- and this year! 2022 has been more "normal" than 2020 and 2021, but we still have a long way to go. I'm hoping 2023 will be wonderful and that everyone stays healthy and happy. And I truly wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan