

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Property owners that are or will be 65 years old by 12/31/23 **AND** a total gross income of \$37,400 or less, may be eligible for a senior citizen tax exemptions on your primary residence. Property owners that are or will be 65 years old prior to 12/31/23 **AND** an adjusted gross income of \$92,300 or less may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR. All exemption applications are due 3/1/23. Please contact the Assessor's Office for more information at 518-273-2201.

GREEN ISLAND PROMOTES CLEAN WATER

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was formed in 2008 via an inter-municipal agreement between 11 municipalities and the University at Albany. The Village of Green Island is a charter member and Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Maggie Alix, presently serves on the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Coalition is to foster cooperation and to provide for the provision of joint shared services related to compliance with the NYSDEC SPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit program and Federal Clean Water Act requirements. For more information about the Stormwater Coalition, please log on to their website at www.stormwateralbanycounty.org. This website has very specific information about how our community benefits from the program and includes educational components for homeowners, businesses and contractors. We also do our own outreach. This is just an example of our many efforts to educate the public in the quest for clean water.

GREEN ISLAND WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

During a recent inspection a violation was noted. The occurrence was not an emergency nor did it require immediate action. As a customer, you have a right to know what happened, and what we did to correct the situation. The treatment plant was not in contact with enough chlorine or similar disinfectant for a minimum amount of time. Upon notification the Water Department increased the chlorine levels in compliance with the health department's recommendations. For a full report visit www.villageofgreenisland.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

A reminder about car-theft prevention measurers – Please lock your car doors, close your car windows, do not keep cash money or valuable items in your car; if you do keep them out of plain sight.

GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

The Green Island Seniors will resume their monthly dinner meetings on Wednesday, March 22nd at 4:00 P.M. All those interested are encouraged to call the center at 518-272-7262 to sign up!

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 25th, 2023** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 5 – 12. Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Roll and Dessert. Eat-In or Take-Out is available. For further information, please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198.

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL

REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION AND CLASS OF 2023 FUNDRAISER

2023-2024 - Request for Transportation

Residents of the Village of Green Island who are requesting transportation for their children to private and/or parochial schools within the 15-mile limit that has been established by the Green Island Board of Education, should submit their request(s) no later than **April 1st, 2023**. Separate request forms must be used for each student. Late submission could jeopardize the student's right to transportation. If the student's placement or acceptance at a particular school has not been finalized, return a completed request form in anticipation of acceptance. Questions may be directed to and forms obtained from Mrs. Kimberly Watkins, Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183 (518-273-1422).

Class of 2023 - Fundraiser

The Class of 2023 will be hosting a Craft Fair on Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, NY. Admission is FREE for all ages. There will be various vendors, raffles, a bake sale and much more. Your support is greatly appreciated!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

February 15, 2023

Dear Friends,

I can't believe this weather. It is the middle of February and it is 63 degrees outside today! Less than two weeks ago it was below zero. I won't say too much because Mother Nature might get a hot flash and decide to turn the thermostat down on us again. I guess we should just enjoy it while it lasts.

With the weather being so nice today, my husband and I took a quick walk to enjoy it. I can't believe the amount of dog poop all over the streets! Dogs are not allowed to be on the streets without a leash on, so I have to assume that the dog owners are intentionally leaving their dog's waste on other people's property. **THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW!** If anyone witnesses these violators leaving their waste behind, the violator will be given a ticket. Remember, a lot of people have cameras on their property. If they call the Police and report it, you will be given a ticket and fined. Or if an officer observes the violation, you will be ticketed and fined. **PLEASE be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet.** Or keep your pet in your own yard to do his business. "This has been a public service announcement". I also want to send out a reminder that dogs are not allowed in any of our parks.

The Police Department has asked me to remind EVERYONE to lock your cars at all times. There appears to be some individuals going up and down the streets checking to see if any doors are unlocked and then stealing contents inside the vehicles. Please don't leave any valuables inside your vehicle and keep anything you do normally leave inside the vehicle out of sight. And remember, if you see something –

say something. Better to call 911 immediately and let our men and ladies in Blue check it out. Don't wait until the next day to call, because then it is too late. Help us keep you and your property safe.

Our longtime Crossing Guard, Gerry Legault, has decided to retire. (I think that cold snap may have helped his decision.) We want to thank Gerry for his years of service keeping our children safe as they go to and from school. With that being said, if you know of anyone who might be interested in the job, please have them fill out a job application at the Village Office. Not a bad job – you get weekends, holidays and summers off! It does entail some safety and traffic training, but it isn't a lot. It also requires a background check because we have to do all we can to keep our children safe.

Make sure you check out the other Newsletter. The Assessor is reminding homeowners that any exemptions on property taxes must be applied for by March 1st and February is a short month, so that deadline is right around the corner. The Legion is also having their Chicken Parm dinner on the 25th and I can tell you, that is a great meal and you won't go home hungry. And the Heatly Class of 2023 is having a Craft Fair on March 11th at the school. Let's support all of our organizations!

I think that is it for this month. I hope we keep the warm weather. I love the days getting longer and that it isn't dark by 3:30pm. And seeing the sun so high in the sky gives us hope that Spring will be here early. We don't care if the groundhog saw his shadow. Let him be wrong for a change. We need Spring!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan