

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**  
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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, 2024. 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 2022 income. The **NEW INCOME LIMIT of \$98,700** will be based on the **Adjusted Gross Income of the 2022 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 **RP-467 Senior Citizen** exemption for County and/or Village tax purposes is available for those 65 and older with an annual income not to exceed \$58,400 for county purposes and \$29,000 for village purposes. This exemption is based on the **Total Gross Income for 2022**.

**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.**

**Alternative Veterans** exemption is available on residential property of a veteran who has served during a designated time of war, or who has received an expeditionary medal. The exemption was expanded this year to include certain career members of the armed forces. Applications for the alternative veteran's exemption are available at the Village Office.

**ALL EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY MARCH 1, 2024.** If you have any questions, please call the office at 518-273-2201. Applicants are **STRONGLY** encouraged to call to make an appointment with Maggie Alix.

## **RECREATION NEWS**

**Green Island Food Pantry** - 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 have not gone unnoticed. A special thank you to Peter Jones from Hannaford for graciously donating all of the turkeys. The Thanksgiving baskets were delivered successfully in time for the holiday. The pantry runs on donations from the community; all donations, big or small are greatly appreciated.

**Pickleball League** - Albany County Parks & Recreation will be hosting a **Winter Adult Pickleball League** at Heatly School. The program is available to ages 40+ years old. The session operates Saturdays, January 13<sup>th</sup>- February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-1pm. Spots are limited. To register visit Albany County's registration portal at <https://albanycounty.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=133>. If you have any question about the program, please contact Albany County Parks & Recreation at [recreation@albanycountyny.gov](mailto:recreation@albanycountyny.gov)

## **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.

## **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

The Town and Village of Green Island will be holding a Swearing-In Ceremony for the recently elected public officials on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 11:00AM at the Green Island Community Center – 5 Geroge Street. This is a public event and all are welcome to attend.

### **PLEASE POST THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

***Village, GIPA and Town Offices will be closed on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.***

***DPW and GIPA crews will be off Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be no change to garbage pickup.***

***Also, please note that the January 2024 Village Board, Planning Board and GIPA meetings normally held on the third Monday of the month will be held on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King holiday.***

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

December 15, 2023

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our gang (25) got together at our house and we enjoyed our traditional favorites and ate way too much. Some of us were so full --- we skipped dessert! But that just means we got to enjoy it the next day. I can't wait to start cooking for Christmas. But Thanksgiving will always be my favorite!

Part of why Thanksgiving is my favorite is that it is a time to really think about our blessings. I am blessed to live in a community that truly takes care of each other. And you all show that in your generosity to our Food Pantry and our Christmas Giving Tree. With your generosity and the work of a lot of faithful volunteers, we were able to meet the wishes of all the families that needed some Christmas assistance. I can't thank you enough and I hope you are somehow rewarded for your goodness, generosity and compassion. I wish the rest of the world could follow your example!

We will be having our Swearing in Ceremony for all the recently elected local officials on Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Center at 5 George Street. Everyone is welcome to attend this public event and we hope to see you there.

Our Assessor, Maggie Alix, has a lot of information in the other newsletter for homeowners about property tax exemptions. Please take the time to read it over because there have been some changes in the last couple of years.

Please make sure to note the holiday closures and schedule changes in the other newsletter.

My Christmas present to you is I am cutting my letter short this month so you can start enjoying the Holiday merriment. I wish you happiness, health and peace!

Until next year.....



Ellen McNulty-Ryan

PS: Make sure you stop by the River Park before New Year's Day to see all the beautiful trees that were decorated for our Festival of Trees!