

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Property owners that are or will be 65 years old by 12/31/24 **AND** have a total gross income of \$58,400 or less, may be eligible for a senior citizen tax exemption. Property owners that are or will be 65 years old prior to 12/31/24 **AND** have an adjusted gross income of \$98,700 or less may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR. Exemptions are only allowable on the property owner's primary residence. All exemption applications are due 3/1/24. Please contact the Assessor's Office for more information at 518-273-2201.

Water Service Self Check

The Village is asking all Village of Green Island water customers to conduct a brief check of your water service line to determine its type. A detailed letter was included with this month's water bill. The EPA has made revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule for drinking water. All water providers are required to develop an inventory of all service lines within their system. Please locate the water service line coming into your home; which is typically in the basement, and let us know if it is Copper, Galvanized Steel, Plastic, or Potential Lead. Residents do not need to test their water as part of this process. Information, including a photo can be sent to micheleb@villageofgreenisland.com. If you need help determining the type, please contact the Water Department at 518-273-4959 for assistance.

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 Albany County Health Department's recommendations. For a full report visit www.villageofgreenisland.com. The Village is currently seeking proposals from engineering firms to further address the health department's recommendations.

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 SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

The Green Island Seniors will resume their monthly dinner meetings on **Wednesday, March 20th** at 4:00 P.M. All those interested are encouraged to call the center at 518-272-7262 to sign up!

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

A friendly reminder about car-theft prevention measurers –Always lock all doors, close windows and do not leave a key fob inside the vehicle. You are strongly encouraged not to keep cash money or valuable items in your car; if you do, keep them out of plain sight.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 24th, 2024** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6 – 12. Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Roll and Dessert. Eat-In or Take-Out is available. Advance orders are recommended. For further information, please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198.

NEWS FROM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Corned Beef & Cabbage Furnace Fundraiser Dinner - Sat, March 9th. Take-outs start at 4 PM. Eat in from 4:30-6pm. Free delivery in Green Island. **Advanced reservations are required.** Call 518–273–5531 and leave your name and a callback number. Cost: TBD. Dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rolls and dessert.

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL

2024-2025 Pre-K Registration: If your child is going to be 4 years old by December 1st, he/she is eligible for the 2024-2025 Pre-K program at Heatly. To register, submit a completed registration packet with the required documents to the school's main office. Registration packets are available on the district website or can be picked up at the school. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Legault at (518) 273-1422.

2024-2025 Request for Transportation: Residents of the Village of Green Island who are requesting transportation for their children to charter and 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 1, 2024**. Questions may be directed to and forms obtained from Ms. Kimberly Watkins, Heatly School, 171 Hudson Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183 (518-273-1422).

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

February 20, 2024

Dear Friends,

We are better than half way through February and there is no snow on the ground! Mother Nature has been very nice to us so far this winter and I hope she stays in a good mood. My generation keeps talking about how winters used to be when we were kids, how much snow we had from November through to March and April. I know global warming is a bad thing and we need to stop it, but as an old gal living in the northeast, I am enjoying the benefits of a mild winter while they last. I really hope I didn't jinx us by saying that!!!

I don't have a lot to say this month (enjoy it because it won't last). This time of year tends to be quiet except for weather events. Once winter is behind us, I am sure things will get very busy.

Make sure you see the other newsletter because there is a lot of important info from the Assessor's office that needs to be addressed in a timely manner if you are eligible to receive some benefits. Also included in the newsletter, is info from the Water Department. I am sure you have all been reading about the statewide mandate to determine the makeup of every lateral water line into every building to see if it is made of lead and may have to be replaced in the future. This is a huge undertaking and will take a while to complete, but we need to get started. Many of the lines have already been changed during previous construction projects, but there are still a lot out there. If you need help to determine what your lateral is made of, just call the Water Department and they will assist you.

Every municipality, including ours, is still having issues with vandals going into vehicles and stealing items. Almost always, the vehicles are left unlocked by the owner. I don't know how many times we have to say, "PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLE WHEN YOU PARK IT!" It is especially important at night. And even if you do lock it, please don't leave any valuables (even loose change) where the vandals can see it. If you see something – say something. Call 911.

I somehow always manage to talk about food somewhere in my letters. The Legion is having a Chicken Parm dinner on Saturday, February 24th. This is always a great dinner and the details are in the other letter.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is also having a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on March 9th. This isn't just a usual fundraiser. They need to raise money to replace their furnace, and that is an expensive project. So please support their dinner and maybe, if you can afford it, give them a little extra to go towards the furnace. Every little bit helps and sometimes, a lot of "little bits" can make a big difference!

I think that's it for this month. I sure hope I didn't jinx our good weather by bragging about how mild it has been. Only time will tell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen".

Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan