

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND**  
**20 CLINTON STREET, GREEN ISLAND, NY 12183**  
**(518) 273-2201**  
**[www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com)**  
**JANUARY 2025**

**Green Island Police Department Telephone Numbers**

**EMERGENCY – 911**  
**NON-EMERGENCY TO DISPATCHER – 518-655-7854**  
**ANONYMOUS DRUG TIP LINE – 518-655-7971**  
**PHONE TREE LINE TO GIPD OFFICERS – 518-765-2351**

**SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL**

**Snow Removal Reminder.** If the Village is going to do a curb-to-curb snow removal, a snow emergency will be declared in advance of the operation. Residents are strongly encouraged to sign up for Alert notifications. The order of street plowing is available on our website at [www.villageofgreenisland.com/village/public-works](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com/village/public-works).

It is the responsibility of the property owner and occupant/tenant, jointly, to keep sidewalks free from snow and ice. According to the Village Ordinance, snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow/ice has stopped. In addition, it is illegal to shovel, throw or deposit snow or ice onto any street or roadway.

**GARBAGE CONCERNS**

Garbage barrels and recyclables cannot be put out to the curb until 12 p.m. on the day before scheduled pickup. The lid of the barrel must close. Large items, anything that cannot fit into a barrel, would fall into the bulk pickup category and would be picked up on a Thursday. All bulk pickups must be registered first by emailing [Janis.scott@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:Janis.scott@villageofgreenisland.com) or calling 518-273-2201, at least 24 hours in advance. Bulk items should not be put out until payment is made and your item(s) are confirmed for pick up.

In the event of snow please be sure to clear a path to your barrels. If DPW cannot easily get to the barrels, the barrels may not get picked up. Let's all do our part to help keep our Village clean. Place all garbage in your barrels and keep all other items off the curb and out of site until your scheduled pickup day. Thank you for your cooperation.

To those who generously leave out "FREE" items for the community to take, we appreciate your efforts to share and repurpose items. Please keep the following guidelines in mind. Ensure that the items are organized and not scattered about. Please place the items out of the Village right of-way, off sidewalks, streets, and other public pathways. If the items are not picked up within a reasonable timeframe, bring them back in. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**RECYCLING PROTECTS OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Although it is now more expensive for the Village to dispose of recyclables, it is still beneficial for our environment to recycle. Curb side Single Stream Recycling is easy. All you have to do is put clean and rinsed non-returnable glass, plastics, tin cans, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper, etc. in a plastic bag (preferably clear) **outside of your barrel** on a regular pickup day.

Returnable bottles and cans can be removed from the waste stream and taken to a redemption center, such as the Bottle and Can Company at 7 James Street in Green Island. The Bottle and Can Company will reimburse you 6 cents per item every day. You also have the option to donate your returnables to your favorite local charities that have a pre-set account.

Christmas trees and yard waste are also picked up curbside on regular pickup day. Please place grass and leaves in a biodegradable paper bag and place it next to your barrel and recyclables. Please don't put dirt, bricks or stones in the bags. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565.

#### **NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

You may be eligible for a senior citizen tax exemption on your primary residence if you are 65 or older by 12/31/25 **AND** your total gross income is \$58,400 or less. Property Owners with a Basic STAR exemption turning 65 by 12/31/25 may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR. All exemption applications are due 3/1/25. Please contact the Assessor's Office for more information at 518-273-2201. Appointments are **strongly** encouraged.

#### **RECREATION NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who sent a donation in support of the Green Island Food Pantry and/or the Green Island Christmas Program this holiday season. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Special thanks go out to the following groups that assisted those that needed just a little extra help throughout the holiday season: Green Island School District employees and retirees, Green Island Senior Citizens, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Silhouette, the Sunday Night Bowling League, Lynn Fraim and the Christmas Pajama Project, Alkegen, Peter Jones and Hannaford of Niskayuna, Luizzi Companies, and all of our anonymous Santa's Helpers (shoppers and wrappers – you know who you are), all those that took tags from the Giving Tree or gave a monetary donation, and any others that may have assisted in any other way. Many people and organizations are involved in this program and the Village is extremely appreciative of all of them.

#### **VOLUNTARY REGISTRY FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

The voluntary registry for vulnerable people is a tool that the Village can use to help residents within the community during an emergency situation. People who are at risk due to a disability, frailty or health issue, regardless of age are encouraged to complete a form. All information will be used for emergency purposes only and will be kept strictly confidential.

Forms will be made available on the Village website [www.villageofgreenisland.com](http://www.villageofgreenisland.com), the Village Office (20 Clinton Street), and the Community Center (5 Center Street). Completed forms must be returned to the Village Office, C/O Voluntary Registry for Vulnerable People – 20 Clinton Street, Green Island, NY 12183. For questions or more information please contact Maggie Alix at 518-273-2201 or [Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com](mailto:Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com).

#### **GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS**

The Green Island Senior Citizens are holding a Super Bowl fundraiser. For more information stop by the Senior Center or call Jill Alix at 518-272-7262.

#### **NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927**

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 22, 2025** 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 THE GREEN ISLAND FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

The Green Island Fire Department in collaboration with Heatly School will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Basketball Game for a Cause on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00AM. Admission is \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 for a family. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association in Memory of Izayah Avery. Izayah was an elementary student at Heatly. Come cheer on your teachers and local police and fire departments.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND**

January 16, 2025

Dear Friends,

I start my letter this month with a heavy heart. Green Island lost a dear friend and a fixture in our community, Ricky "The Duke" Fulgan. Ricky died peacefully at home on January 9<sup>th</sup>, with his twin sister and consummate caregiver, Rachel Perfetti, and family members surrounding him. Until recent years, Ricky would be seen all over town, be it at the Heatly School cafeteria, Little League, the Paine Street Park, the old Park Hotel or the old Carlow's Garage. He was very devoted to his service as an altar boy at the former St. Joseph's Church for decades and since its closing, at St. Anthony's Church in Troy. Ricky always had a big smile and I am sure he was beaming when he was reunited in Heaven with his beloved parents, brothers and his best friend, big Lou Perfetti. Now we have another "angel" in Heaven. Look over us Rick and keep us safe. We will miss you!

We have been very lucky this winter with the weather. While we have had some pretty cold temperatures, the snow has been mild. I hope I didn't just curse us. But it's only January, so we could still get dumped on. Please see the other newsletter for guidance when it snows. Your cooperation makes all the difference when it comes to clean up.

I just want to say how grateful I am for the Police and Fire Department Mutual Aid system that we have with our neighboring communities. Usually we give a lot more aid calls than we get, but in the past few weeks our neighboring communities have come to back us up. We know when we need them that Watervliet, Cohoes, Menands, the Watervliet Arsenal, Troy and Colonie will be there. Thank you!

On Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. there will be the "Second Annual Basketball Game for a Cause" held at Heatly School. The Green Island Fire Department in collaboration with Heatly School started this last year and it was a great success. Local Police and Fire Departments and the teachers and staff at Heatly will challenge each other, so please come and cheer them on. There is an admission fee of \$2.00 per person

or \$5.00 for a family. There will also be raffle baskets and a 50/50. All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association in memory of Izayah Avery who was an elementary student at Heatly who passed away recently. Please come and spend the day and support a good cause.

The Sons of the American Legion will be hosting a Chicken Parm Dinner on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Legion. This is a great dinner and you can get all the details in the other newsletter.

The Green Island Senior Citizens are holding a Super Bowl fundraiser. Stop by the Senior Center or call Jill Alix at 518-272-7262 for more details.

Please see the other newsletter for lots more info on snow plowing, garbage issues, Assessor tax exemption deadlines and how to sign up for a vulnerable persons registry.

I guess that's it for this month. Only a couple more months of winter weather, so stay warm, be careful walking and driving and think about how nice Spring will be when it finally gets here!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan