

**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**  
**Village of Green Island**  
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**FEBRUARY 2025**

**NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR**

Property owners that are or will be 65 years old by 12/31/25 **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 12/31/25 **AND** have an adjusted gross income of \$107,300 or less may be eligible for Enhanced STAR. Exemptions are only allowable on the property owner's primary residence. All exemption applications are due 3/1/25. Please contact the Assessor's Office for more information at 518-273-2201.

**GREEN ISLAND WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS**

The Village of Green Island has always operated the water treatment plant as a ground water treatment plant. In November, the Village underwent a routine inspection, and the Albany County Health Department determined that the ground water **may** be influenced by surface water. There is no immediate concern, if there was the Village would notify the public immediately. **The drinking water is tested routinely and continues to meet all the state water regulations.** The Village is currently working with an engineering firm and is under the guidance of the State and County health departments.

**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 serving 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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 P.M. All those interested are encouraged to call the center at 518-272-7262 to sign up!

**G.O.L.D – GET OUT LET'S DINE**

The GOLD program encourages eligible senior citizens (60 years or older) to dine out for lunch or dinner by providing meal vouchers to participating restaurants. Eligible participants must be Albany County residents. This program is sponsored by the Albany County Department for Aging. For more information and to receive a registration form please visit or call the Senior Center at 518-272-7262.

**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 22, 2025**, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6 – 12. The 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.

**SAVE THE DATE** - the **GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be held on **Friday, June 27, 2025**, at Frear Park Golf Course, Frear Park Road, Troy, NY 12180. Tee time is 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$125.00/person and includes Greens Fees, Coffee and Donuts at the Course, Hot and Cold Buffet, and three (3) hours of open bar from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. back at the American Legion. The Non-Golfer Cost is \$60.00 and includes buffet and open bar only. Make checks payable to "LCP 927". Please submit all teams and money to Donna Lazzaro or Ozzie Cusack by Friday June 13, 2025. Any questions, please contact Donna Lazzaro at 518-274-1237 or the legion post at 518-272-1198. Don't miss out on the fun!!!

### **NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Furnace Fundraiser Dinner - Sat, March 8th.** 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: \$18. Dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rolls and dessert.

### **NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL**

**2025-2026 Pre-K Registration:** If your child is going to be 4 years old by December 1<sup>st</sup>, he/she is eligible for the 2025-2026 Pre-K program at Heatly. To register, submit a complete 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.

**2025-2026 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, 2025**. 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).

### **MONTHLY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

Monthly Board meetings are held at 6:20pm, or immediately upon the conclusion of the 6:00pm Green Island Power Authority board meeting or the 6:05pm Planning Board meeting, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, at the Green Island Municipal Center, 19 George St. In the event of a Monday holiday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

February 19, 2025

Dear Friends,

I think Mother Nature is on vacation and Old Man Winter decided to drop in and stay a while! We were pretty lucky in November, December and January, but February is kicking our backends pretty hard. Those little one to three inch fluffy snowfalls were a piece of cake, but this ice and bitter wind is a killer. I feel really bad for our DPW/GIPA guys because it seems like every storm happens on weekends, nights or holidays. Thank you to the residents who park in the old Ford lot or other Municipal lots so the guys can plow the roads. I wish more folks would work with the guys so they could plow back to the curbs. And to the people who do move their cars to the Municipal lots, please remember that once the roads are plowed you need to move your vehicles out of the lots so they can get it ready for the next storm. You cannot leave your cars in the lots indefinitely. And please when you are shoveling your sidewalks, do not throw the snow back into the road. I truly hope this is the last month that we have to talk about snow and ice!

OK. Let's move to trash. We have noticed that some folks are leaving the lids open and piling their garbage high above the tops of the barrels. If you cannot close the lid on your barrel because of excess trash, you must put the excess trash in a large green or black plastic bag, go to the Village Office and buy a sticker for \$2, put it on the outside of the bag and leave the bag next to your barrel. We understand that sometimes you have more trash than usual. That's why we instituted the sticker solution. Please help us keep our Village clean and tidy. And make sure there is a path to get your barrel out to the truck because the guys are not allowed to lift those big barrels over the snow piles for fear of being injured. Help us keep them safe!

We told you last month that the Legion is having a Chicken Parm Dinner on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so this is just a reminder. They also

announced that their Golf Tournament this year will be held on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. All the details are in the other newsletter.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is having their Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 8<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for their new furnace. Please support them and all the details are in the other newsletter.

The Green Island Senior Citizens will resume their monthly dinner meetings on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Also at the Seniors lunch last week, Commissioner Deb Riitano from the Albany County Department of the Aging came to fill us in on a program they have called G.O.L.D. (Get Out Let's Dine) for eligible seniors over the age of 60. Details for how to apply are in the other newsletter.

Also make sure you check out the "News From The Assessor" in the other newsletter to see if you may be eligible for some exemptions on your property taxes. The applications are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>, so don't delay.

And see the information from Heatly School about Pre-K registrations and Transportation requests for students who attend school out of town.

Remember that COVID, the Flu, RSV and all kinds of "bugs" are still around. Get your vaccines, wash your hands often and stay home if you are not feeling well. I think all this "stuff" is our "new normal."

Well, I think that's it for this month. I can't wait to see kids playing in the parks again, Moms and Dads pushing their babies in their carriages, people sitting on their porches and even seeing everyone mowing their lawns. Beats the heck out of shoveling snow!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan