

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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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, 2026. The exemptions are income based. One of the owners must meet the age requirement and the home must be 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 15th, please contact the Assessor's office. New applicants can receive an application by calling the Assessor's office.

The **RP-467 Senior Citizen** exemption gives taxing jurisdictions the option of granting a reduction in the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens. Eligible applicants must be 65 years or older. For County and/or Village the applicant must have an annual income not to exceed \$58,400 for county purposes and \$29,000 for village purposes. This exemption is based on the applicant's **2024 Total Gross Income**.

If you are eligible and enrolled in the STAR program, you'll receive your benefit each year in one of two ways:

STAR CREDIT. If you are registered for the STAR credit, the NYS Tax Department will issue your STAR benefit via check or direct deposit. You can receive the STAR credit if you own your home and it's your primary residence. For a **BASIC STAR** credit, the combined income must be \$500,000 or less. The income limit applies to only the owner's and owner's spouses who reside at the property. For an **ENHANCED STAR** credit, the combined income must be \$110,750 or less. The income limit applies to the combined incomes of all owners (resident and non-residents), and any owner's spouse who resides at the property. Income for a **2026 STAR Credit** is based on federal or state income tax return information from the **2024 tax year**.

STAR EXEMPTION: a reduction on your school tax bill. If you've been receiving the STAR exemption since 2015, you can continue to receive it for the same primary residence. As long as you remain eligible, you'll see a reduction on your school tax bill for the amount of your STAR exemption. The STAR exemption is no longer eligible to new homeowners.

The RP-467 Senior Citizens exemption and the ENHANCED STAR exemption are two (2) separate exemptions.

The local assessor cannot accept new STAR applications. **If you have recently purchased your home and/or think you may be 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 exemptions are available on the 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, 2026. 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-Niskayuna and Anthony Lazzaro & the American Legion for graciously donating all 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.

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.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

Holiday Breakfast - On **Sunday, December 21st**, the American Legion Auxiliary #927 is sponsoring a Holiday Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Breakfast will consist of Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes, Coffee, Tea and Juice. The cost is \$12.00 per person and children under 5 are Free. You do not need to purchase breakfast to see Santa. All Green Island children are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE – February 21, 2026 (4pm-6pm) Chicken Parmigiana Dinner sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion. Dinner includes chicken parmigiana, pasta, salad, roll and dessert. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12 yrs old (5 and under are free). Eat in or take out is available but advance orders are recommended. Contact the Legion at 518-272-1198 for more information.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Town and Village of Green Island will be holding a Swearing-In Ceremony for the recently elected public officials on Monday, December 29, 2025, a 5:00pm -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 Wednesday, December 24th and Thursday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 31st and Thursday, January 1st in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

There will be NO changes to regular garbage pick up.

There will be NO BULK PICK UP on Thursday, December 25th or Thursday, January 1st

Also, please note that the January 2026 Village Board, Planning Board and GIPA meetings normally held on the third Monday of the month will be held on Tuesday, January 20th beginning at 6:00 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

December 17, 2025

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving! It is my favorite holiday and it was so nice to have the family together. We enjoyed lots of good food and shared many laughs. I wish every day could be Thanksgiving, but I think I would have to “expand” my wardrobe if I ate like that every day!

Our Festival of Trees went very well on December 6th. The 36 trees in the River Park are amazing. Our DPW and GIPA had one heck of a week leading up to it, but they got it done like they always do. And we had a great turnout for our Santa Parade on the 14th. Santa and Mrs. Claus looked verrrrry cold, but they made it through. Thank you for coming out of your warm homes to show Santa and Mrs. Claus your appreciation and Christmas Spirit.

I can't tell you how grateful I am for the generosity shown by so many of you for our food pantry and Christmas gift program. We are so fortunate to live in a community that truly takes care of each other. I know you all have more expenses at this time of year, but you still share your blessings with those who need a little help. Just know that your generosity helps to make a difference between families having a “Happy Holiday” as opposed to no holiday at all! I hope you are all rewarded tenfold and if you are ever in need of help, someone will be there for you!

We would like to invite you to our Swearing In Ceremony on Monday, December 29th at 5:00 pm at the Community Center at 5 George Street. Oaths of Office will be taken by all Village and Town officials that were recently elected to office and also our County Legislator, Maggie Alix. Hope to see you there.

If you own your home in Green Island, please make sure to read all the information in the other newsletter about property tax exemptions. There are filing deadlines for the exemption application, so please make sure to read all the info in the other newsletter so you don't miss out.

I think that just about wraps it up for this month. I hope you all have the best Christmas ever with your family and friends. And if you know someone who is alone for the holiday and you have an extra chair at your table, think about asking them to join you. Or if you know of someone alone in their home who can't get out, think about dropping them a little dinner plate to warm their tummy – and their heart!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan