

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND
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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.

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 may not be placed at the curb until 12 p.m. on the day before scheduled pickup, and all barrel lids must be fully closed. Items that do not fit into a barrel are considered bulk items and are collected on Thursdays only. Residents are required to register bulk items at least 24 hours in advance by emailing maddi.mahoney@villageofgreenisland.com or calling 518-273-2201. Bulk items should not be placed at the curb until Wednesday evening and only once payment is made and the pickup has been confirmed.

During winter weather, residents are asked to please clear a path to their barrels. If DPW is unable to safely access the barrel, collection may not occur.

We appreciate the generosity of those who place “FREE” items out for neighbors to take. When doing so, please keep items neatly organized and ensure they are placed outside the Village right of-way, off sidewalks, streets, and other public pathways. If the items are not taken within a reasonable timeframe, they should be brought back in. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

RECYCLING PROTECTS OUR ENVIRONMENT

Although the cost of disposing recyclables has increased, recycling remains important. Curbside Single Stream Recycling makes it easy for residents. Simply place clean, rinsed non-returnable glass, plastics, tin cans, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper, etc. in a plastic bag (preferably clear) and set it next to your garbage barrel on a regular pickup day. Christmas trees and yard waste are also picked up curbside on regular pickup days. Grass and leaves should be placed in biodegradable paper bags and set next to your barrel and recyclables. Please do not place dirt, bricks or stones in the bags. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 518-273-5565.

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. Residents may also choose to donate their returnables to local charities with established accounts at The Bottle and Can Company.

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 12/31/26 **AND** your total gross income is \$58,400 or less. Property Owners with a Basic STAR exemption turning 65 by 12/31/26 may be

automatically registered for the Enhanced STAR. All exemption applications are due 3/1/26. 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 truly appreciated.

A special thank you to the many individuals and organizations who help provide extra support to those in need, including Green Island School District employees and retirees, Green Island Senior Citizens, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Silhouette, Crystal IS, the Sunday Night Bowling League, Lynn Fraim and the Christmas Pajama Project, Peter Jones and Hannaford of Niskayuna, Luizzi Companies, and all of our anonymous Santa's Helpers. We also extend our gratitude to everyone who participated through the Giving Tree, made monetary donations or helped in any other way. This program is made possible by the support of our community, and the Village is sincerely grateful to all who contributed.

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 disability, frailty or health issues, 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 are available on the Village website www.villageofgreenisland.com/voluntary-registry-for-vulnerable-people/, the Village Office (20 Clinton St), and the Community Center (5 Center St). Completed forms must be returned to the Village Office or emailed to Maggie.Alix@villageofgreenisland.com. For questions or more information please contact Maggie Alix via email or by phone at 518-273-2201.

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.

Chicken Parm Fundraiser, Friday, March 6, 2026 (4pm-6pm). \$15/meal – includes chicken parmigiana, salad, roll and dessert. Takeout only. For reservations, please call 518-272-7262. Thank you to our friends at the Frankline Plaza for their support!

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD

Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner, Saturday, January 24, 2026, Take-Out or Free Delivery in Green Island. Cost is \$14/person and includes Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad w/side of dressing, Italian bread and dessert. Pickup times are: 4:00pm; 4:30pm; or 5:00pm. Call 518-273-5531 to reserve your pick-up time or delivery. Leave your name and phone number, and you will receive a call back.

NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #927

The Sons of the American Legion Post #927 are hosting a **CHICKEN PARMIGIANA DINNER** on **Saturday, February 21, 2026** (4:00 pm-6:00 pm) Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6 – 12 (5 and under are free). Cost includes Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, Salad, Roll and Dessert. Eat-In or Take-Out is available. Advance orders are recommended. Please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198 for more information.

2nd ANNUAL BASKETBALL GAME FOR A CAUSE

The Green Island Fire & Police Departments in collaboration with Heatly School will be hosting the 2nd Annual Basketball Game for a Cause on Saturday, January 24th starting at 11:00AM. Admission is \$2.00/person or \$5.00/family. There will be raffle baskets, 50/50 raffle and a Bone Marrow registry swabbing. All proceeds will be donated to the Tia Strong Foundation and will support others who are facing new diagnoses and challenges, offering hope, resources, and assistance to families in need. Tia is the wife of Office Tommy Szczepanski. Come cheer on your teachers and local police and fire departments.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

January 16, 2026

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with those you love. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the holiday season a little brighter for those less fortunate by giving of your time, talent and support. Know that your generosity lifted the spirits of many families in our community.

There is a ton of information in the other newsletter. I am not going to reprint the details here, so PLEASE take the time to go over the info on snow removal, trash concerns, recycling and important deadlines for property tax exemptions for Senior Citizens. And please mark down the dates for special dinners for the Green Island Senior Citizens, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the American Legion Post. These organizations do a lot for our community and it is very important that we give them our support so they can continue with their good works.

If you know of any resident that may be vulnerable in the case of an emergency, please encourage them to register by using a confidential form provided on the website or through the Village Office. This lets our Public Safety staff know to check on them when an emergency occurs. Those registered were contacted during the last power outage and taken care of. There may be more out there, but we can't help if we don't know about them. Let's partner to do the best job we can in keeping everyone safe!

If you are free on Saturday, January 24th, please try to attend the benefit "Basketball Game For A Cause" at Heatly School in support of the Tia Strong Foundation. This is a joint effort by the Heatly staff and the Green Island and other local Police and Fire Departments. Although financial support is important for these events, sometimes the moral support shown by those in attendance means even more to individuals and families that are going through a tough time. There is more info in the other newsletter. Hope to see you there.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank the GIPA and DPW crew for working around the clock on our power outage and the several snow and ice storms we had during the holiday season. You all worked long hours to keep us safe and we appreciate your efforts for going above and beyond. Keep up the good work!

That's it for this month. Stay warm and remember – Spring is just two months away!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ellen".

Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan