

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

Property owners that are or will be 65 years old by 12/31/26 **AND** have a total gross income of \$58,400 or less, may be eligible for a **Senior Citizen** exemption. **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. 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 Finance either online at www.tax.ny.gov or by phone at 518-457-2036. Exemptions are only allowable on the property owner's primary residence. All exemption applications are due 3/1/26. Please contact the Assessor's Office for more information at 518-273-2201.

GREEN ISLAND PROMOTES CLEAN WATER

The Stormwater Coalition of Albany County was established in 2008 through an inter-municipal agreement among 11 municipalities and the University at Albany. The Village of Green Island is a proud charter member, with Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Maggie Alix, and Village Engineer Garry Nathan currently serving on the Board of Directors. The Coalition promotes cooperation and shared services to help municipalities comply with the NYSDEC SPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit Program and the Federal Clean Water Act. Through regional collaboration, the program supports clean water initiatives and provides valuable educational resources for homeowners, businesses, and contractors. To learn more about how our community benefits and to access helpful educational materials, visit www.stormwateralbanycounty.org.

GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Chicken Parm Fundraiser, Friday, March 6, 2026, from 4:00PM-6:00PM. Meals are \$15 each and include chicken parmigiana, salad, roll and dessert. Takeout only. For reservations, please call 518-272-7262. Thank you to our friends at the Franklin Plaza for their support!

Chair Yoga for Seniors will be held on Wednesdays beginning February 18th at 11:00AM at the Green Island Municipal Center – 19 George Street. Join us for a fun, 45 min seated chair yoga class set to the familiar music of the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. **FREE** to participate. Call 518-272-7262 to sign up!

The Green Island Seniors will resume their monthly dinner meetings on **Wednesday, March 18th** at 4:00 P.M.

GREEN ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS & GREEN ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Senior Citizens have partnered with the Fire Department to help ensure our seniors stay safe in their homes. Any senior citizen interested in a new smoke/carbon monoxide detector should contact Maddi Mahoney at the Village Office, 518-273-2201. Tenants must obtain authorization from the property owner prior to installation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

A friendly reminder about car-theft prevention measures. Always lock your vehicle doors, close all windows and never leave a key fob inside your car. Residents are strongly encouraged not to keep cash money or valuable items in their vehicles. If you must leave items inside, please be sure they are kept 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 21, 2026**, (4:00pm-6:00pm) Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6 – 12 (5 and under are free). 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.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Tuesday March 17, 2026 (5:00pm-8:00pm). Corned Beef or Ham Dinner served with potatoes, cabbage, carrots, rye or Irish soda bread, coffee/tea and dessert. Cost is \$17.00 for adults; \$8.00 for kids 5-12 (4 and under are free). Eat-in or Take-out is available, with limited delivery options.

Chili Cook Off, Saturday, April 18, 2026 (2pm) Cost to enter the contest is \$20/team and must be pre-registered. \$20/person to attend – includes taster's cup from all contestants, draft beer, soda and bread. Live music by Soul Provider starts at 2:30pm. Proceeds from the event will be donated to a Veterans organization to be determined. Donations will also be accepted. Please contact the American Legion at 518-272-1198 for more information.

NEWS FROM HEATLY SCHOOL

2026-2027 Pre-K Registration: If your child is going to be 4 years old by December 1st, he/she is eligible for the 2026-2027 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.

2026-2027 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, 2026**. 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 3rd 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. One (1) Public Forum will be held at the beginning of each meeting and individuals must sign in first and state the issue to be discussed. Individuals will be allowed to speak on agenda items only, limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

February 18, 2026

Dear Friends,

Have you thawed out yet? That sure is some chilly temperatures we have been having. And all that “white stuff” on the ground isn’t helping any. My husband and I were away for the big snow storm. I am so proud of all of our departments for the job they did on the curb to curb snow removal. Every department in the village worked together to get it done. We haven’t had a curb to curb in several years, but they didn’t miss a beat. That’s how it goes when everyone works together. And thanks to all of our residents who cooperated by getting their vehicles moved so the operation wasn’t slowed down. Hopefully we don’t have to do that again for a few years. I know our DPW and GIPA guys are tired out. It seems the snow comes on nights, weekends and holidays. I hope Mother Nature gives it a rest and sends us an early Spring!

If you are having some winter “cabin fever,” check out the other newsletter to see what’s going on around town. The Green Island Seniors are starting a “Chair Yoga for Seniors” class at the Municipal Center, which begins today and will be held every Wednesday at 11am. I am going to give it a try. I find that the older I get, I tend to become much more sedentary, especially in the long winter months. This will be a chance to get this old lady body moving again. And it sounds pretty safe. What damage can you do sitting in a chair? I’ll let you know how I make out next month. The Seniors are also doing a Chicken Parm dinner on March 6th. See the other letter for the details.

The Sons of the American Legion are also doing a Chicken Parm dinner this Saturday from 4 to 6pm. And for St. Patrick’s Day, from 5 to 8pm, they are having a Corned Beef or Ham Dinner. In April, they will be hosting a Chili Cook Off. Sounds like the kitchen at the Legion is going to be pretty busy. Please support our Veterans!

The Seniors have partnered with the Green Island Fire Department in a program to supply and install a smoke/carbon monoxide detector in

the residence of any Green Island senior citizen. The details are in the other newsletter. But don't wait too long because the program will be ending soon.

Be sure to read the other newsletter because there is a lot of valuable information in it from the Assessor's office, the Police Department and Heatly School.

That's it for this month. As I finish up my letter, I keep looking out the window because the weatherman says we may get some more crummy weather today. I really hope it misses us. I can't wait for winter to be over!!!

Sincerely,



Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan