

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
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Green Island Police Department Telephone Numbers

EMERGENCY – 911
NON EMERGENCY TO DISPATCHER – 765-2352
ANONYMOUS DRUG TIP LINE – 655-7971
PHONE TREE LINE TO GIPD OFFICERS – 765-2351

NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR

SENIOR CITIZENS (65 yrs. and older) - There are exemptions available to those senior citizens that are or will be 65 during the year that they are filing for the exemption – 2018. The exemptions require that one of the owners meet the age requirement, and that the home is the primary residence.

New and renewal applications for the **ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION ON THE 2018 ROLL** will be based on the applicant's 2016 income. The **NEW INCOME LIMIT** of \$86,000 will be based on the **Adjusted Gross Income of the 2016 Income Tax Return**.

The **Senior Citizen** exemption for County and/or Village tax purposes is available for those 65 and older with an annual income not to exceed \$37,400 for county purpose and \$29,000 for village purposes. This exemption is based on the **Total Gross Income for 2017**.

If you are eligible for the Senior Citizen Exemption you will automatically receive the Enhanced STAR. However, if you are eligible for the Enhanced STAR you may NOT be eligible for the Senior Citizen exemption. **They are two (2) separate exemptions.** Senior Citizens exemptions are filed at the Village Office with Maggie A. Alix.

New Home Owners – Due to recent law changes approved by the Governor and the NYS Legislature, the BASIC STAR program has been restructured. The NYS Tax Department will administer any NEW STAR applications, taking the responsibility from your local assessor. **If you have recently purchased your home and are 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.**

ALL EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY MARCH 1, 2018. If you have any questions or would like to meet with Maggie it is highly advised that you call the Village Office to schedule an appointment, (518) 273-2201.

2018 RELAY FOR LIFE – Kickoff Celebration

You're invited to the 2018 Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities Kickoff Celebration! Please join us on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the **Arsenal City Tavern** located at 795 3rd Avenue, Watervliet (directly across from Arsenal gate) for food and drink specials! There will be raffle prizes available to win. Come and learn about the **3rd Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities!** Hope to see you there! For further information, please contact Danielle Boudreau at 518-274-3274.

RECYCLING PROTECTS OUR ENVIRONMENT AND SAVES YOU MONEY

Recently, the tipping fee (the cost to dump regular household garbage) at the City of Albany Landfill went from \$52/ton to \$66/ton. This is the first increase there since 1993, but it will be costly unless you make some changes that protect our environment and save money too.

The cost to dispose of single stream recyclables under a shared service arrangement with the City of Watervliet is \$0/ton, that is correct, **no charge**. This is a great time to save yourself some money and take the time to separate your trash and bag your recyclable materials for curbside pickup.

Curbside 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 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 where they will reimburse you 6 cents per item every day, or even donate them to your favorite local charities that have pre-set accounts there.

Yard waste is also picked up curbside on regular pickup day and does not belong in the garbage barrel. Please place grass and leaves in a biodegradable paper bag and place next 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.

RECREATION NEWS

Food Drive

Thank you to the many residents who donated toward our annual food drive, with the food that we collected we were able to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to several families. We are sure that the families that receive the food baskets are very grateful to those of you that contributed and all those who purchased gifts off the Giving Tree.

Special thanks go out to the following groups that assisted with both the food and gift programs for the needy which were held throughout the holiday season: Lydall Manning employees, Green Island School District employees and retirees, Green Island Senior Citizens, Albany County Legislature, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bimbo Bakeries, Cheer Intensity, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Green Island Lanes "Sunday Night" bowlers, Silhouette, Department of Motor Vehicle Crash Records Center, the Punishers, all of our anonymous Santa's Helpers, (you know who you are), all those that took tags from the Giving tree, and any others that may have assisted in any way at all. A big thanks to our volunteers that helped prepare and/or deliver the goods including Chris Karwiel, Ellen McNulty-Ryan, Mark Ryan, Kristin Swinton, Rachel Files, Shelby Herrington, Heather Johnson, Bob Johnson, Larry Brown, Michele Bourgeois, Tara Bourgeois, Sean Ward, Colleen Ward, Jill Alix and Tom Mullins. As you can see, we have many people and organizations involved in this program.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GREEN ISLAND

January 16, 2018

Dear Friends,

Well, we made it half way through January and Mother Nature hasn't been too bad on us. The long stretch of cold weather was tough, but we survived. I feel bad for the DPW guys because it seems like every snow and ice storm has happened on nights, weekends and holidays – including Christmas! But they do a great job and never complain – at least not to me. Most of you have been very helpful about moving your cars so the guys can clear near the curb, but we still have some folks who don't move their cars for weeks after a storm. I would ask those people to try and be a little more considerate of others. When you don't move your car to a cleared spot so the parking areas can be cleaned, you inconvenience your neighbors because the plows leave big “tails” of snow, which can't be avoided. This leaves fewer places to park and we all know parking is at a premium when you live in an urban area. We have saved money by not having to do “curb to curb” snow removal, but if we get any bigger storms and folks don't cooperate, we will have to do it curb to curb. **PLEASE** help us to keep our streets safe and save money in our budget by moving your vehicles after a storm.

I can't thank all of you enough for your generous support to our Food Pantry and our Giving Tree this past holiday season. You come through every year and it still amazes me. I would also like to give a huge thank you to the “Elves” (who wish to remain unnamed) for all the countless hours you put in every holiday season to make sure all of our kids have a Christmas. I know when you reach the “Pearly Gates” that you will be welcomed in with open arms. What you do is so special, and the fact that you remain anonymous makes it even more special. You are special angels!

Maggie Alix, our Assessor, has a lot of news in the other newsletter about changes in the Star Program and the Senior Citizen Exemptions. Please look it over and if you have any questions just call the office and leave a message for Maggie and she will get back to you.

The Relay for Life of the Hudson River Communities is having a kickoff celebration on Monday, January 22nd at 6 p.m. at the Arsenal City Tavern in Watervliet. Relay is a great event and these folks work year round to make it a success, so please support them.

Well folks, I think that's about it for this month. I stopped writing this letter last night to go to our board meetings and figured I would finish in the morning. Well, we woke up to quite a few inches of snow, so I am off to tackle that and hope that everyone takes to heart our request to move your cars so the guys can make our streets safe and wide. I'm going out now to do my part! Hope you all do yours!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen".

Ellen McNulty-Ryan