



Pictured (left to right): Trustees Barbara Lacey, Deputy Mayor Diane Olk and Michael Zaleski, Parks Commissioner Tony Church and Mayor Allan M. Dorman.

Mayor Allan M. Dorman Announces Groundbreaking of Village of Islandia Commons

Site of Former Delicatessen Purchased by Village Will Provide Office and Retail Space to Generate Revenue and House Police and Safety Units to Reduce Crime and Blight

Mayor Allan M. Dorman was joined by village trustees and members of the village police and safety units in a groundbreaking ceremony on June 30 at the former site of the In & Out Deli, located on the corner of Old Nichols Road and South Bedford Avenue, to announce that the building had been purchased by the village and will be renamed Village of Islandia Commons.

In order to generate revenue, the village will lease out office and retail space to incoming businesses. The building will also house the Suffolk County police and the village’s code enforcement and safety units in order to increase police presence in the area, since the

building has high visibility along the main corridor. An artist’s rendition of what the building will look like upon completion was made available for public viewing.

By making improvements in the area and renovating this now-shuttered building, it will also eliminate blight from the village which attracts criminal activity and drives down property values.

“Criminals should think twice before committing any crimes in Islandia,” Mayor Dorman said. “This is just another step along with many that we have put into place to make our community safer for everyone.”

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Village Officially Opens Its Community Garden For 7th Season

Village residents, board members and employees got together at the village hall grounds on May 12 to take part in the village's seventh annual community garden planting. They planted tomatoes, beans, peppers, cucumbers, squash and tomatoes. Now, local residents can visit the garden, help take care of the plants and enjoy watching the fruits of their labor grow.

The garden was opened in 2006 as the result of an initiative put forth by Village Mayor Allan Dorman. Mayor Dorman and the village residents are hoping for a bumper crop this year. Residents who participate in the planting not only help beautify the village, but will get a chance to work alongside their neighbors and enjoy each other's company.



Practice BBQ Safety This Summer

Summertime is now here and many of our residents are now taking part in one of their favorite activities: barbecuing. People like to fire up their grills and throw on some steaks, chicken or fish. Barbecuing is a way for people to get out of the kitchen, spend time outdoors and enjoy the sunshine with family and friends.

However, there are some precautions you need to take before firing up the grill:

- Make sure the propane tank and the gas hose are still in good shape. Check the tank for rust and leaks in the valve. Also, make sure the hose that runs from the tank to the grill is not leaking, bent or cracked.
- Be sure to clean off the grill before cooking. Dust and grime may have accumulated as the result of lack of use over the winter and spring seasons. If you are using a wire brush, please make sure that none of the bristles have broken off and attached themselves to the grill. If ingested, they may result in hospitalization (*see photo*). After scrubbing down the grill, either rinse it off or wipe it down.
- Never use cigarettes, lighters or matches near your gas grill, whether or not it is being used. There may be a gas leak, which might trigger an explosion.
- Close the valve on the tank when you are done. Do not remove the valve because you may risk an explosion.
- If you are using a charcoal grill, use lighter fluid only for charcoal briquettes that have not been used yet. Do not use fluid for briquettes that have already been lit.
- In the event of a fire, use a fire extinguisher or, if possible, close the lid.
- When finished with the charcoal grill, close the lid. If you want to cool off the briquettes faster, pour cold water on them and wrap them up in heavy-duty aluminum foil. Dispose the used charcoal in a fireproof receptacle. Never throw out charcoal where there is other garbage, as this can cause a fire.
- Whether using a gas grill or charcoal grill, please keep small children and pets away to avoid serious injury.



An Islandia Village resident underwent surgery to have a wire brush bristle removed from his stomach. The bristle had come off the brush and attached itself to the grill.

- When cooking, make sure the tank is upright. Move gas hoses away from dripping grease and hot surfaces.

Let's make your summer a safe and enjoyable one!

7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Brings Out 500 Children

Rain did not stop approximately 500 children from coming out to the Village of Islandia's 7th annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 31. Children collected eggs to find tickets they could redeem for special prizes. They also had an opportunity to go on hayrides and have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny.



Mayor Dorman Attends Ribbon Cutting for New Handicapped-Accessible Bus



Pictured (left to right): Nancy Cohen, Matthew Silver, Trish Bergin Weichbrodt, Robert Quinn, Tom Croci, Robert Gallose, Helen Robacker and Mayor Allan M. Dorman.

Mayor Allan M. Dorman took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 29 to introduce a new handicapped-accessible bus that Rides Unlimited of Nassau & Suffolk received at its Hoffman Lane facility. Local elected officials and representatives from Rides Unlimited of Nassau & Suffolk and Arcola Bus Sales joined Mayor Dorman for the ribbon cutting.

The new bus features a hydraulic lift that allows those in wheelchairs to board the bus more easily.

Rides Unlimited of Nassau & Suffolk received a donation from a family member of Robert Gallose, the New York City/Long Island sales representative of Arcola Bus Sales, and used the money to purchase the bus.

Rides Unlimited of Nassau & Suffolk is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides transportation services to special-needs individuals. It has a fleet of 120 buses and serves residents in Suffolk, Nassau, Queens and Kings Counties.

Get On The Bus!

Mayor Allan M. Dorman is urging the village's senior citizens to take advantage of the village's bus service.

The handicapped-accessible bus accommodates up to 20 people and is used to transport seniors — who may otherwise have no other means of transportation — to their doctor's appointments. On certain days, transportation is provided to senior citizens who wish to do some local shopping.

In the summer of 2010, the village purchased a new bus to help senior citizens get to where they need to go. Bus service began on October 18, 2010, but only on a limited schedule. Since then, the village has expanded its service.

Bus service is available by reservation only. To arrange a pickup, please call (631) 348-1133.



Memorial Day Ceremony Features



The Village of Islandia held its annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Triangle on May 26. The event opened with an invocation from retired Army Chaplain Francis Midura, followed by a wreath presentation in front of the memorial. The wreaths were provided by Gina's Enchanted Flower Shoppe in Islandia.

The ceremony also included a flyby from the U.S. Marine Corps Helicopter Squadron 361 in Cutchogue in a Sikorsky UH-34D helicopter. This type of helicopter was used for combat rescue missions during the Vietnam War, served during the Cuban Missile Crisis and was used by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to recover astronauts from the Mercury mission.

Special Flyby of Sikorsky UH-34D Helicopter



Pictured (left to right): Alan Weiss, Neil Dembinski, Patrick and Brian McCormack, Islip Town Supervisor Tom Croci; Mayor Allan M. Dorman, NYS Senator Lee M. Zeldin, Sal Scarlato, Art Andolfi, Lou Montani, Islip Town Councilman John Cochran, and Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi.



Islandia Village Mayor Allan Dorman, a Vietnam veteran, addressed members from the local chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Korean War Veterans of America and the Vietnam Veterans of America, residents of The Arbors Assisted Living Facility and local elected officials. He also honored two local residents: Bill Dufek, a retired U.S. Army drill instructor, and Jim Dowling, a former highway superintendent for the Town of Smithtown who was a prisoner of war during World War II. Mayor Dorman also presented a special bouquet of flowers to Deputy Village Clerk and resident Marilyn Griffaton, whose husband, Charles, passed away earlier this year. Mr. Griffaton served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1962.



Village Celebrates Summer with 7th Annual BBQ



Children take part in some of the games at the Village of Islandia's 7th annual BBQ.

More than 800 Islandia Village residents came out to the village hall grounds on July 14 for the 7th Annual BBQ. Village employees and local Boy Scouts volunteered their time that day serving residents hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, soda and water. Children enjoyed the day with hayrides, games, pony rides, a petting zoo, arts and crafts, face painting, and piñatas. A local DJ provided the music to keep the party going. Residents of The Arbors Assisted Living Facility and local elected officials were also in attendance.

In addition, Mayor Allan M. Dorman hosted a blueberry pie eating contest. Winners received a blueberry pie and a \$25 gift certificate to Dave and Buster's.

The Central Islip Fire Department was also on hand to teach children about fire safety. The village's code enforcement and safety unit also conducted its DWI Awareness program, in which those on peddle carts donned a pair of goggles to simulate the effects of being intoxicated and attempted to navigate a course designed by the safety unit.





Calendar of Events

Ye Olde Fashioned Tag Sale: August 11

It is said that one man's junk is another man's treasure. Residents are being asked to clean out their garages, attics, basements and closets and bring down their unwanted items. Toys, books, clothes, lamps and assorted knick-knacks will be on sale. Space is limited, so register early.



8th Annual Pumpkin Fest: Oct. 20

Children and their parents will come out dressed up in their favorite costumes. There will be pumpkin decoration stations, a costume parade, cookies and hot cocoa. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated pumpkin and best costume. There will also be a petting zoo and hayrides for the children, as well as live music from "Joe the Singing Bus Driver."

Veteran's Day Ceremony: Nov. 10

Mayor Allan M. Dorman, a Vietnam War veteran, will be joined by the village board in thanking veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces for their service at the Veteran's Memorial Triangle. Local war veterans and elected officials are expected to be in attendance.

7th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting: Dec. 1

Join in the holiday celebration as the Village of Islandia presents its 7th annual Christmas tree lighting. Children will get to go on hayrides, visit the Christmas cottage and meet Frosty the Snowman. After the ceremony, residents will come to the big tent and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa as "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" plays guitar and sings some holiday favorites. Santa Claus will give out toys to the good boys and girls.



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