



*Pictured (left to right): John Mauro, Lee Zeldin, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Al Graf, John Kennedy and Bill Ferris.*

## Village of Islandia Honors Local War Veterans at Memorial Day Ceremony

On May 25, the Village of Islandia held its Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Triangle, located at the intersection of Old Nichols Road and Johnson Avenue. Local elected officials, war veterans and village officials were in attendance.

Mayor Allan M. Dorman, a Vietnam veteran, recognized those who served our country, including Islandia resident and Vietnam veteran Vincent Loverde, who died on April 21, and army chaplain Monsignor Francis Midura, who passed away on July 30, 2012. Msgr. Midura presided over the village's Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies and a special memorial service commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the September 11 attacks. There was also a laying of the wreath, with flowers graciously donated by Gina's Flower Shoppe.

During the ceremony, Ed Gorniak, sergeant-at-arms of the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario at Branch 50 Fred Gies

in Kitchener, Canada, awarded Mayor Dorman with a certificate of appreciation for serving as a Vietnam veteran. Mr. Gorniak thanked Mayor Dorman for allowing his RCL members to attend and participate in the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, all visitors gathered at Islandia Commons for brunch.



*Ed Gorniak, William Prince and Mayor Allan M. Dorman*

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# Mayor Participates in Groundbreaking of Veterans Way Subdivision

Mayor Allan M. Dorman joined war veterans, local elected officials and representatives of Long Island Home Builders Care Development Corp. (LIHBCDC) and CA Technologies to help celebrate the groundbreaking of the soon-to-be-constructed Veterans Way subdivision on May 23. The houses will be built off Motor Parkway and made available at low cost to war veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

At the groundbreaking, Mayor Dorman thanked the veterans in attendance for their service to this country and expressed his gratitude that the first subdivision of its kind is being built in Islandia Village.

He also discussed how he worked with other local elected officials and LIHBCDC — the nonprofit arm of the Long Island Builders Institute — to bring this project to Islandia. They also worked with CA Technologies, which graciously donated the 3.5-acre parcel of land for construction of the homes.

The houses will be available to the veterans at a price below market value. In order to be eligible, all veterans who apply must meet certain qualifications and will be selected by a committee of local, county and state commanders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Construction of the houses is scheduled to be completed before Veterans Day.



*Pictured, with shovels (left to right): Adam Famularo, Edgar Goodale, Tom Datre and Mayor Allan M. Dorman.*

# Mayor Allan M. Dorman Supports Jacob's Light Foundation

On May 5, Mayor Allan M. Dorman spoke at the 3rd annual Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit Jacob's Light Foundation. Approximately 300 bikers, many of them veterans themselves, took part in this event, which was presented by Michael "Motorcycle Mike" Levine, a partner with the law firm Rappaport Glass Levine & Zullo LLP. Mayor Dorman also had the opportunity to meet with Dorine Kenney, the founder and executive director of Jacob's Light Foundation.

Jacob's Light Foundation sends out care packages to troops serving overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. The packages go to those who do not receive mail from home and to those whose families cannot afford to send a care package. The packages include basic amenities such as toothpaste and deodorant.

The organization is named for U.S. Army Specialist Jacob Fletcher, Ms. Kenney's son. He served as a

member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade and was one of the 1,000 paratroopers to make the historic jump into Iraq on March 26, 2003. On November 14, 2003 — less than two weeks before his 29th birthday — Specialist Fletcher was killed by a roadside bomb in the Iraqi city of Samarra.



*Pictured (left to right): Mayor Allan M. Dorman; Dorine Kenney, JP Groeninger and Tony Church.*

# Allan M. Dorman, Diane Olk and Mike Zaleski Sworn In for Another Term

Islandia Village Mayor Allan M. Dorman and Trustees Diane Olk and Mike Zaleski were sworn in for another term during the April 2 Village Board meeting. Mayor Dorman, Ms. Olk and Mr. Zaleski won their respective elections on March 13. All three races were uncontested.

The terms for mayor and village trustee are four years. Mayor Dorman and Ms. Olk, who also serves as the deputy mayor, were first elected in 2005. Mr. Zaleski, who is also the village's public safety officer, was elected in 2009.



*Village Attorney Joseph Prokop (left) swears in Mayor Allan M. Dorman (right), while Mayor Dorman's grandson Collin (center) looks on.*

## Mayor Seeks to Establish VFW Post in Islandia



*Mayor Allan M. Dorman (back row, third from right) poses with local war veterans inside the Village of Islandia Commons, where the mayor announced plans to establish a Veterans of Foreign Wars post in the village.*

Mayor Allan M. Dorman invited local war veterans for a meeting on March 30 at the Village of Islandia Commons to announce plans that he is looking to establish a Veterans of Foreign Wars post here in the village.

The meetings would be held inside the Islandia Chamber of Commerce's 800-square-foot meeting room located at the Village of Islandia Commons. The

village is looking to establish a post so local veterans would not have to travel long distances to meet with fellow veterans.

In order to establish a post, Mayor Dorman asked those in attendance to sign a petition and provide a copy of their DD214, which verifies their military service. Thirty-five signatures are needed to establish a VFW post.

# Islandia Village Relaunches Website

The Village of Islandia has launched its new and improved website! The website, [www.newvillageofislandia.com](http://www.newvillageofislandia.com), offers a plethora of information, such as a full calendar of community events, contact information for village officials, government services, and village history. This website also holds a more extensive photo gallery that is now placed on top of the home page, so visitors can see photos and videos of all the events that have taken place in the community.

The website also makes it easier to navigate with an easy-to-read menu and access to downloadable forms and information regarding emergency awareness and stormwater management. Residents of the Village of Islandia are constantly delivered new information and updates straight to their homes via the village's website.

"The website is comprehensive and easy to navigate, for all our residents. We've partnered with The Public Relations and Marketing Group (PRMG) to redesign and maintain the site within our budget," Mayor Allan M. Dorman said. Additionally, PRMG designs a quarterly newsletter for the village that reaches 3,000 individuals and businesses.

The village's revamped website was designed in a cost-effective way to keep residents informed about the community they live in. Mayor Dorman is asking all residents to take a look at the newly designed website and the online resources it offers.



*Screenshot of the new and improved website.*

# Islandia Hosts 8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt



*Children collect Easter eggs as their parents look on at the Village of Islandia's 8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt.*

Three hundred fifty children and adults came out to Islandia Village's 8th annual Easter Egg Hunt, which took place on March 23. During the Easter Egg Hunt, children collected 6,000 Easter eggs that were distributed throughout the village hall grounds. Some of the eggs

contained a ticket in which the lucky children were able to redeem it for a special prize. Those in attendance also had the opportunity to meet the "Easter Bunny" and "Daisy the Duck." Joe Guida, Islandia's own "Singing School Bus Driver," also came down to entertain the kids.



# Practice BBQ Safety This Summer

Summertime is now here and many of our residents are 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.
- When cooking, make sure the tank is upright. Move gas hoses away from dripping grease and hot surfaces.
- 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.

*One of the village residents needed to have the bristles of his BBQ brush surgically removed from his stomach. It is important to make sure the grill is totally clean and free of dust, grease and debris.*



## Let's hope your summer is a safe and happy one!

## 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.**



## Local Resident Shy Main Shieh Honored

During the 8th annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 23, Mayor Allan M. Dorman made a special presentation honoring village resident Shy Main Shieh for offering her time and talents at all of the village's events.

Ms. Shieh has constantly volunteered her time at the village's Easter Egg Hunt, Ye Olde Fashioned Tag Sale, Pumpkin Fest events, and Village Bar-B-Que.

*Pictured: Mayor Allan M. Dorman (left) and Shy Main Shieh (right)*



## Village of Islandia Launches Feral Cat TNR Program



*Pictured (left to right): John Haufe, Josephine Palladino, Tony Church, Michele Alier, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Philip Falco and Mike Allen.*

Mayor Allan M. Dorman announced the launch of the Village of Islandia Feral Cat TNR (trap, neuter, return) Program. The program was the idea of local resident Josephine Palladino, who voiced her concerns to Mayor Dorman about the proliferation of feral cats in the village.

On March 9, village employees, local volunteers and members of Guardians of Rescue, a nonprofit animal rescue group, helped bring in approximately 50

stray cats to Village Hall. Volunteers from Helping Paw, a nonprofit animal welfare organization, performed alterations on the cats before releasing them back into their natural habitat.

The village's financial support of the program also shows its commitment to maintaining the health and safety of these cats by reducing the cat population. According to the Humane Society, there are 50 million feral cats in existence in the United States.

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## Calendar of Events

### **Ye Olde Fashioned Tag Sale: August 10**

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. Spacing is limited, so register early.

### **9th Annual Pumpkin Fest: October 26**

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."

### **Veterans Day Ceremony: Nov. 9**

The ceremony will be held at the Village Memorial Triangle. Mayor Allan M. Dorman, a Vietnam veteran, will be joined by local elected officials, war veterans and representatives from local fire departments to honor those who served and continue to serve in the armed forces. The ceremony concludes with the placing of the wreaths at the memorial.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting: Dec. 7**

Village residents will see the lighting of the Christmas tree, after which they will go into the big tent and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa as "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" plays guitar and sings holiday songs. Santa Claus will give out toys to the good boys and girls, with help from Santa's elves. Children will also get candy canes, go on hayrides, visit the Christmas cottage and meet Frosty the Snowman.



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Joseph Prokop

#### **Village Justice**

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#### **Village Clerk**

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