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Islandia Village Mayor Allan Dorman (fourth from left) poses with members of Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veterans Association, Inc. in front of a Sikorsky UH-34D helicopter that was part of the village's Veterans Day ceremony on November 6.

A Special Day for Veterans at Islandia Village

The Village of Islandia honored its war veterans at a special Veterans Day ceremony on November 6. Mayor Allan M. Dorman, a Vietnam War veteran, joined the village board in thanking those who served and those currently enlisted in the armed forces for their service. Members of the New York Honor Guard, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the local Korean War Veterans chapter and the American Legion were in attendance.

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The ceremony opened up with a musical performance from the Central Islip High School marching band. During the ceremony, Mayor Dorman announced the addition of a monument at the Veterans Memorial Triangle. The monument lists the names of Islandia residents who proudly served in our armed forces during wartime.

Members of Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veterans Association, Inc., a non-profit association based in Cutchogue, flew in a Sikorsky UH-34D helicopter for this special event and touched down at the village hall parking lot. This helicopter was used for combat rescue missions during the Vietnam War. Residents got a chance to take a peek inside a major piece of military history.

Those in attendance were treated to a cold brunch served by village employees and USO-type entertainment performed by "The Victory Belles" under a big tent. Brunch and entertainment were sponsored by Computer Associates and Cablevision.

Local elected officials were also on hand for this special day. Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy presented the village with a proclamation commemorating the event.

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Veteran's Day Ceremony





Allan M. Dorman (behind podium) addresses those in attendance at a ceremony announcing the creation of a Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail at Lakeland County Park in Islandia. Pictured (left to right): Tim Scherer, Gold Star Father; Dawn Esposito, Gold Star Mother; Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi; Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy; Terry Willwerth, Gold Star Father; Joe Montuori, Commissioner, Suffolk County Parks Department; Tom Ronayne, Director, Suffolk County Veterans Services (background); and Michele McNaughton, Gold Star Mother.

Creation of Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail

On November 10, Mayor Dorman joined Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, local elected officials, war veterans and Gold Star parents in a ceremony at Lakeland County Park in Islandia in which Mr. Levy announced, in commemoration of Veterans Day, he will introduce legislation to establish a Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail at the park. The Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail is the first county memorial dedicated to Suffolk's Purple Heart recipients.

Lakeland County Park was chosen to host the first Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail because

of its handicap accessibility, which allows all of Suffolk's veterans the greatest accessibility in visiting the park.

"I consider it an honor for the county executive to establish a Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail at this park here in Islandia," said Mayor Dorman, a Vietnam War veteran. "This trail is a perfect way to honor those who served during wartime, including many of our local residents."

"The men and women who have given their life for our country, those who have served and survived – all those who have worn the uniform

honorably in defense of our nation – are remembered here today," said Levy. "We extend today a special recognition to those Suffolk residents who have received the military honor of the Purple Heart and will forever remember them through this Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail."

After the ceremony, Mayor Dorman joined in the unveiling of the flag with the phrase "Honor and Remember." The flag was designed by George Lutz, a Gold Star Father whose son was killed in action in 2002.



Islandia Village Hosts 6th Annual Craft Fair and Pumpkin Fest

The Village of Islandia held its 6th Annual Craft Fair and Pumpkin Fest on October 23 on the grounds of Islandia Village Hall. Five hundred local children came dressed in their favorite costumes, decorated pumpkins, took part in a costume parade and helped themselves to cookies and hot cocoa. Prizes were awarded for best decorated pumpkin and best costume.

As the children enjoyed themselves at the pumpkin patch, adults visited the Craft Fair, where local vendors sold books, candles, novelty holiday items and knick-knacks.





Reservations Being Accepted for Limited Bus Service

Pictured (left to right): Heather Blanck, Tony Church, Mary LoVerde, Patricia Dorman, Marilyn Griffaton, Amy Prokop, and Allan M. Dorman, Mayor.

Reservations are currently being accepted for limited bus service for Islandia Village seniors. The village purchased the bus to help senior citizens get to where they need to go. The handicapped-accessible bus will accommodate up to 20 people and will be used to transport seniors who may otherwise have no other means of transportation.

The bus will be used on Mondays between 9:00 a.m. and noon to bring senior citizens to their doctor's



appointments, and on Fridays to bring them to the local supermarkets. The bus will make alternate trips between Shop Rite and Stop & Shop. As the bus program moves along, the village plans to expand service in the future as needed.

"This service is being provided to our senior residents to make life a little

easier, and why not?" Mayor Dorman said. "As mayor of this village, I am proud we can offer a service that is so needed."

To make a reservation, call 631-348-1133.

Join the Neighborhood Watch!

Islandia residents are encouraged to join the Neighborhood Watch. It's easy to be part of your Neighborhood Watch. There aren't any papers to sign or forms to fill out. There aren't any meetings to attend and it doesn't cost any money. Actually, it just takes a phone call to be part of the best networking organization we have in the village of Islandia. All it takes is being a good neighbor by reporting any suspicious activity that you see. Your neighbors are asking for your help.

Always check the windows to see who



is at your door before opening it. That's just a good practice. We live in a great community and all of us can keep it that way. Thank you for joining the Neighborhood Watch, and remember: this is only the beginning.

To report something, call CrimeStoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS or dial 911 for the police.

Sincerely,

Allan M. Dorman, Mayor

Dog Waste Stations Installed



Village residents who own a dog are asked to help in “Keeping Islandia Clean.” To help, the village has installed special Dog Waste Stations for the convenience of dog owners. They are installed in front of the sumps and near sidewalks. They are not installed in front of anyone’s home.

The waste stations are supplied with small bags and a receptacle to dispose of the pet waste. Each station will be cleaned out every Monday and Friday by the village. This will help pet owners, and will also provide a cleaner path for residents to walk freely.

All pet owners are urged to plan their walking routine daily. If the owners do not carry something with them to pick up the waste while walking their dog, they can plan their walk to include a walk by a Village of Islandia Dog Waste Station.

Picking up after your pet is not only the right thing to do, it’s the law. Fines range from \$200.00 and up. It also protects homeowners’ property values. The Dog Waste Stations are designed to make life a little easier for everyone here in the village.



New Weight Watchers Program

Islandia is an official Weight Watchers center! A new Weight Watchers program began on November 30. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. at Islandia Village Hall. Weigh-in begins at 5:15 p.m. in a private room by a certified Weight Watchers counselor.

Residents can either pay as they go or purchase a monthly pass and save. Find out today how Weight Watchers can help you successfully reach your weight loss goals with all the practical strategies, life skills and tools you need to get there.

Experience a Weight Watchers meeting discussion at no cost and no obligation.

Stop in or call (631) 348-1133 for information.



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Calendar of Events

» Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday, December 4, 2010

The Village will host its Christmas tree lighting ceremony on the grounds of Islandia Village Hall. The ceremony begins at 4:00 p.m. as Christmas carolers sing holiday favorites. The Christmas tree will be lit at 5:00 p.m., followed by the arrival of Santa Claus via fire truck to give out toys to the good little boys and girls of Islandia. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Entertainment will be provided once again by "Joe The Singing Bus Driver" as he plays his guitar and sings Christmas songs. There will also be a karaoke machine for residents who wish to get behind the microphone and sing some of their holiday favorites.



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