

Beautification Enhancements Begin in Islandia



Pictured [Left-Right] are Tony Church, Steve Wheatley, and Mayor Allan Dorman proudly standing behind the newly built Sycamore Avenue Triangle. The Triangle is a gateway into the residential streets of Islandia from Veterans Memorial Highway. It is also the entrance to the Andrew T. Morrow School, which is the only school that physically falls within the boundaries of our Village. There are a total of twelve enhancement projects that are scheduled to be completed throughout the Village.



Pictured is the new look of your Islandia Village Hall. New fencing and flags were recently added to the parking lot entrance.



Stormwater Management Program

Recognizing Volunteers Who Helped in Islandia's Program

The Mayor and the new Board of Trustees, along with Activity Directory Tony Church presented certificates of achievement to volunteers in Islandia. These volunteers helped install medallions by drainage basins and handed out

informational literature to increase awareness to stop pollutants from being dumped in our drainage basins.

Remember, "Only rain down the Storm Drain."

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Clean Water Starts with Islandia

Islandia, located at the center of Long Island, does not appear to play an important role in the quality of the water surrounding and under Long Island. But that is not true!

Islandia is home to the Connetquot River headwaters. The river is one of the major rivers of Long Island and carries large water flow into the Great South Bay. Stormwater runoff that enters the river from Islandia's streets and properties can carry pollutants all the way to the Great South Bay.

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that flows from rooftops, over paved streets, lots, and bare soil, and through lawns while picking up a variety of materials on its way. As it flows, stormwater runoff collects and transports soil, animal waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and grease, debris and other potential pollutants. If this stormwater flows into lakes, rivers, and bays, it can be a major source of water pollution, and if it reaches Long Island's aquifers, it can pollute our drinking water. It is estimated that 70 percent of the water pollution in the United States comes from stormwater and other indirect discharges that are collectively called "nonpoint" sources.

Typically stormwater runoff normally is not treated by sewage and wastewater treatment plants. More often than not, end-of-pipe controls are not the best answer for removing pollutants from stormwater runoff. Pollutants in runoff enter our waterways in numerous ways and the best way of control is usually at the pollutant's source. Sometimes, significant improvements can be made by employing best management practices, or "BMPs". Proper storage of chemicals, good housekeeping and simply paying attention to what happens during rainfall events can lead to relatively inexpensive ways of preventing pollutants from getting into the runoff in the first place and then our waterways.

How You Can Help

The Village encourages all residents to reduce the pollutants they generate by taking simple measures.

- » Reduce lawn areas by increasing planted areas and use fertilizers sparingly.
- » Never dump anything into storm drain inlets.
- » Revegetate bare soil to prevent erosion.
- » Reduce the use of toxic chemicals and dispose of chemicals properly.
- » Check vehicles for leaks and recycle motor oil.
- » Pick up after your pet.
- » Maintain your septic system and pump when necessary.
- » Pick up litter.

Municipality Regulations

All regulated municipalities must obtain a permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the discharge of stormwater runoff into their surface waters. As a condition of this permit, regulated municipalities must develop and implement a comprehensive stormwater management program that includes mandated programs and practices in the following six categories:

- » Public education and outreach on stormwater impacts
- » Public participation/involvement
- » Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- » Construction site stormwater runoff control
- » Post-construction stormwater management in new development/ re-development
- » Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations

Our Plan

Islandia filed a Stormwater Management Plan with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation that describes what the Village will be doing each year to meet the requirements of the Stormwater



Management Program by 2008. Each year the Village must prepare and submit an Annual Report describing the steps that it enacted during the prior year and the steps to be taken in the coming year. One of our steps for this year is to add a discussion of the program to the Village website.

This year's report can be obtained at the Village Hall. The Annual Report was reviewed and public comments were received at the May 1, 2007 public hearing and in writing for ten days following that meeting.

Links of Interest

Below are websites that provide additional information on the impact of stormwater on Long Island's resources and additional measures to reduce the pollutants generated.

New York State's Stormwater Information Main Page

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8568.html

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds Main Page www.epa.gov/owow

Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program

www.co.suffolk.ny.us/stormwater

Center for Watershed Protection's Stormwater Page

www.cwp.org/stormwater_mgt.htm

Stormwater Manager's Resource Center www.stormwatercenter.net

Nonpoint Education of Municipal Officials by New York Sea Grant

www.seagrant.sunysb.edu/NEMO/default.htm



Hundreds of Village Residents Attend Annual Barbeque

On July 14, the Village held its second Annual Bar-B-Que at Village Hall. Over 500 residents attended the fun-filled event, which featured a “luau” theme with plenty of food, soft drinks, goodies and games.





Islandia Meets Montauk

On Saturday, August 4, 2007 the Village of Islandia went on a trip to Montauk Point, visited the Montauk Point Lighthouse, dined at Gurneys Inn, and shopped at Gosman's Dock.



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A Community Garden Grows in Islandia

Islandia residents came together on Saturday, May 19, 2007 to plant The Community Victory Garden of Islandia. Volunteers spent the day planting and sharing thoughts and hopes for the future. The Community Victory Garden is a place where residents can gather and enjoy each other's company and teach their children the rewards of gardening. The Community Victory Garden was established in 2006.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PUMPKIN FEST AND CRAFT FAIR OCTOBER 27

Village of Islandia residents are invited to participate in the *Third Annual Pumpkin Fest* along with the *Third Annual Village of Islandia Craft Fair*; both to be held on Saturday, October 27 on the grounds of Village Hall.

The event will run from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. with setup scheduled for 7 A.M. to 9 A.M. The rain date is Sunday, October 28.

Admission is free for buyers and browsers. Vendor space is available to residents

for \$20 and non residents for \$35.

Children can paint pumpkins as their parents browse through hand-made crafts.

Registration forms are available by calling 631-348-1133, by visiting Village Hall or by logging onto the Village website at <http://www.newvillageofislandia.com>.



FUTURE EVENTS

- » Veterans Memorial Dedication, November 10
- » Christmas Tree Lighting, December 1