

ISLANDIA NEWS

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Summer Fun Means Safety

Summer is the season for fun, but in order for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time, safety must be *your* top priority.

Preparing for your backyard barbeque or other summer event can often mean some form of landscaping, whether it be cutting the grass or trimming the hedges. Keep these tips in mind when working with tools powered by gasoline:

- » Store as little gasoline as is practical and never in the home.
- » Always use an approved container specifically designed to hold gasoline. Never use a glass or thin plastic jug.
- » All lawnmowers, power tools and boat engines should be turned off when fueling. Never smoke and keep open-flame devices (such as grills) far away.

Once your friends arrive and you head to the grill, be sure to follow these tips:

- » All grills (charcoal or propane) should only be used outside the home.
- » Inspect the grill, gas connections and the tubing prior to use. Propane has an odor similar to sulfur. If you suspect a leak, do not light the grill.
- » When using your grill for the first time, be aware of spiders and small insects that can nest in your burner assembly. A nest will block the flow of gas and sometimes cause a flashback.



Resident volunteers Denise Schrage; Barbara Carpenter, Village Receptionist; Mayor Allan Dorman; Suellen Leonardo, Member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals; Phil Goglas 2nd; and Muriel Cipriani.

A Country Celebration

The Village of Islandia held its 1st Annual *Country Bar-B-Que* at Village Hall on July 15th. The event was attended by hundreds of village residents and their families.

Thanks to contributions of corporate sponsors and the work of volunteers, those attending enjoyed barbeque favorites.

Children were able to partake in a petting zoo, games, face-painting and entertainment. For more information about this year's barbeque and other Village events, call (631) 348-1133 or visit the Village website at <http://www.newvillageofislandia.com>

A New Home, Online

In conjunction with the release of this newsletter, the Village of Islandia is relaunching its website with a new design, a new address and a new purpose. The site, at <http://www.newvillageofislandia.com>, will serve as a conduit of communications between the Village and its residents. **A guide appears on page 2.**



DID YOU KNOW?

Fun Facts About Islandia Village

- » The Village has a total area of **2.2** square miles.
- » According to the 2000 United States Census, **3,057** people live in the Village of Islandia.
- » There are **1,007** households and **753** families.
- » **35.3** percent had children under the age of 18 living with them and **59.8** percent had married couples living together. The average household has between **3** and **4** persons.
- » The median age is **36**.
- » The median household income is **\$69,519** and the median income for a family is **\$69,615**. Males had a median income of **\$46,083** and females had a median income of **\$34,261**. The per capita income is **\$25,682**.
- » Islandia is one of four incorporated villages in the Town of Islip. The others are Brightwaters, Ocean Beach and Saltaire.

Source: United States Census Bureau

Islandia Gets In Toon

MapToons has immortalized the Village of Islandia in its own cartoon cartograph! The map will be sent to all households. Additional copies will be available at Village Hall.



A New Look. A New Mission.

The official website of the Village of Islandia now has a new look and an important new mission. The site has been redesigned for easier navigation. New content and enhanced forms of interaction have been added to strengthen communications between the Village and its residents. The following chart details some of the changes.

The screenshot shows the website layout with the following callouts:

- 1** Village Hall: Points to the main header area.
- 2** Mylandia Online Services: Points to the top right navigation menu.
- 3** Government Services: Points to the left sidebar menu.
- 4** Visiting Islandia: Points to the 'A Makeover in Islandia' article.
- 5** News & Events: Points to the 'Village Board Meeting' and 'Village Victory Garden' news items.
- 6** More News, Audio/Video, & Newsletter: Points to the bottom navigation bar.

- 1** » Each Village department now has a section on the site, including details on department duties and employees.
- 2** » Instant access to essential Village government services, including forms, contact numbers, maps and calendars.
- 3** » Keep up with building regulations and the latest changes to Village Code. Use an online form to suggest a law.
- 4** » Learn more about the Village, its places of interest and demographics. Plus, view photos in updated galleries.
- 5** » Catch up on the latest news from the Mayor and the Village Board. Read the agenda and recent resolutions.
- 6** » Watch video and hear audio of Village events. Sign up to receive a periodic e-newsletter and e-alerts.

Visit the new website at www.newvillageofislandia.com



Islandia Goes Country, For a Day

Hundreds of residents, including many children, attended the Village of Islandia's 1st Annual *Country Bar-B-Que*, which was held on July 15 on the grounds of Village Hall. View more photos on the Village website: <http://www.newvillageofislandia.com>

Clockwise from top left: Samantha Schenkel and Justin Hinte, volunteers at the petting zoo that was provided by Islandia Farms.

Volunteer Kerri Dorman paints the face of Joanna DeMarco, while Julianna Calderon and Angelica Escobar look on.

Phil Goglas with volunteers Jose Vitancurt and Joe Bandalos of Islandia Farms.

Village Clerk Marie Zielenski, Code Enforcement Officers Chris, Mike and Mario, Mayor Allan M. Dorman and Phil Goglas.



Community Helps Dedicate Garden

Mayor Allan M. Dorman and Village of Islandia officials joined with members of the community to dedicate a new victory garden on the grounds of Village Hall on May 20. More photos of the event can be viewed on the Village website: <http://www.newvillageofislandia.com>

SPOTLIGHT ON: CODE INVESTIGATIONS

Helping You Follow The Code

The Village of Islandia currently has three code enforcement officers who investigate complaints and work with residents to resolve any issues they may have related to the Village Code.

The Code Investigations Division's main responsibility is for the enforcement of Village local laws and New York State laws, including, but not limited to, illegal multiple housing, quality of life concerns, property maintenance and garbage issues. Their objectives include:

- » Providing proactive enforcement of local laws, including building and zoning codes in the Village.
- » Timely issuance of rental permits and inspections.
- » Timely response and investigation of complaints for the residents of the Village.
- » Provide efficient customer service to residents beginning home improvement projects that require Village permits.
- » Provide consistent and aggressive enforcement geared toward eliminating illegal multiple dwellings.

The investigations unit also handles parking enforcement concerning handicap and fire lane violations. The unit issues violations and appearance tickets, where appropriate.

CODE FACTS

Use your home according to its certificate of occupancy:

- » Don't allow anyone to live in your garage.
- » Don't allow anyone to live in your attic.
- » Your home should be for single-family occupancy.
- » Multi-family dwellings are not permitted in Islandia.

One unregistered vehicle may be kept covered on your driveway. No vehicles are permitted on your lawn, front or back.

Do not perform the following work without contacting the Village to see if you need a permit:

- » Construct a deck.
- » Finish an attic.
- » Convert a garage into a living space.
- » Place an accessory structure on your property (garage or shed).
- » Change or replace your heating system.
- » Change your interior structure.

Other activities may require a permit. See the village code on the village website or contact the Code Investigations Division at 631.348.1133.



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Village Craft Fair Among Upcoming Events

ATLANTIC CITY AUGUST 12

A bus trip to Bally's Resort and Casino in Atlantic City, N.J. will commence on Saturday, August 12. The cost is \$30 and the bus departs Village Hall at 7:30 a.m. Stop by Village Hall to make your reservation. No mail-in reservations will be accepted. Be sure to hurry. There is limited seating and reservations will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.



CRAFT FAIR SEPTEMBER 9

Village of Islandia residents are invited to participate in the *Second Annual Village of Islandia Craft Fair*, to be held on Saturday, September 9 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, September 10.

Admission is free for buyers and browsers. Vendor space is available to residents for \$20 and non residents for \$35. Come meet your neighbors and friends, show off your creativity and sell your hand-made crafts.

Registration forms are available by call-

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



FUTURE EVENTS

- » Pumpkin Fest, October 28
- » Christmas Tree Lighting, December 2