



*Two children receive their baskets of eggs from the Easter bunny during the Village of Islandia's Easter event.*

## Islandia Village Provides Its Residents with a Dry, Warm and Happy Easter

On March 28, the Village of Islandia helped its residents celebrate Easter without having to go out in the snow and the cold. In a unique alternative to the Easter Egg hunt — which would have meant the children would have gone outside in inclement conditions — the village set up a system in which residents drove through the Village Hall parking lot, where the Easter Bunny gave out Easter baskets to all of the vehicle's occupants without the residents

having to step outside. Each Easter basket contained hollow plastic eggs, with a piece of candy inside each egg.

More than 100 baskets were given out that day. The remaining baskets were brought over to the Office of New York State Assemblyman Al Graf, who, along with his staff members, gave out the baskets to the patients at local children's hospitals.

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## Get On The Bus!

Mayor Allan M. Dorman is urging 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 also provided to senior citizens who wish to go 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.

“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 to offer this service that is so needed.”

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

# NYS Supreme Court Allows Islandia’s Lawsuit against Suffolk County Seeking Lost Ticket Revenue to Move Forward

The New York State Supreme Court has allowed a lawsuit the Village of Islandia filed against Suffolk County two years ago, in a bid to recoup lost ticket revenue since the county established the Traffic Violations Bureau (TVB), to proceed.

In 2008, then-Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy replaced Suffolk County police highway patrols on the Long Island Expressway between Exits 57 and 58 with deputies from the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Office as a cost-saving measure. Just before leaving office in 2011, he extended the agreement with the deputies through 2017. Under the agreement, the Sheriff’s Department continued the longstanding practice of writing tickets between the exits with Islandia as the court of jurisdiction.

In 2012, the current county executive, Steve Bellone, made a new agreement with the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD), allowing them to patrol the LIE and Sunrise Highway. On April 1, 2013, County Executive Bellone established the TVB, in which all fines paid for traffic infractions — including those within the village’s jurisdiction — would go directly to the TVB instead of Village Court, which was established in 1990, or five years after the village was established. As a result, the number of tickets adjudicated in Islandia Village Justice Court dropped precipitously from 9,178 in 2012 to 3,628 in 2013.

Village Mayor Allan Dorman filed a \$2 million lawsuit against the county on December 30, 2013, claiming the county was not following the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act when it failed to take a “hard look” at how villages such as Islandia — which depend on fines paid for traffic violations to operate much-needed services for its residents — would face negative economic impacts from the establishment of the TVB. The village has lost about \$270,000 in ticket revenue annually.

In 2012, the village budgeted \$536,000 for anticipated tax revenue to be collected from the tickets written to the village in 2013, but the amount collected was less than half of that because of the decrease in tickets given out by the SCPD. In order to close the budget shortfall, the Village Board of Trustees was forced to raise local property taxes by 72% in 2013.

“We are pleased to hear that the state Supreme Court allowed our lawsuit to proceed against the county,” Mayor Dorman said. “The county is desperate to raise tax revenue and is using the TVB to do this on the backs of Islandia Village residents. The TVB is little more than a money grab by a county going bankrupt. We look forward to litigating the issue on the merits and restoring these funds where they belong: with local taxpayers.”

# Rain Does Not Deter Islandia Village's 9th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



*Pictured (left to right): Tony Church, Barbara Lacey as "Mrs. Claus," Santa Claus, Shy Main Shieh, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Diane Olk, Mike Zaleski and Patty Peters.*

Islandia residents braved the cold pouring rain to turn out for the 9th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on December 6, 2014 at Village Hall. "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" performed under the big tent as he played guitar and sang holiday songs. Residents stayed dry and warm as they enjoyed hot cocoa, cookies and cupcakes while listening to the music.

Mayor Allan M. Dorman went out to light the tree. After the tree was lit, Santa Claus arrived with the Central Islip Fire Department and went inside the tent to distribute toys to the good boys and girls, with help from Santa's elves. Santa also posed for pictures with the children, who also received candy canes, courtesy of Mrs. Claus.

## Mayor Allan M. Dorman Welcomes Mugi Sushi Hibachi & Bar



*Mayor Allan M. Dorman (center) prepares to cut the ribbon in celebration of the grand opening of Mugi Sushi Hibachi & Bar with village officials and Mugi's owners and managers.*

On November 16, 2014, Mayor Allan M. Dorman attended the grand opening of Mugi Sushi Hibachi & Bar, located at 1708 Veterans Memorial Highway in Islandia. The mayor joined village officials and Mugi's co-owners and managers in a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Construction began on the 5,000-square-foot restaurant in July 2014 and opened in late October 2014. The restaurant section seats 150 people, and features six hibachi tables. Menu items include soups, salads, sushi and sashimi, hibachi lunch and dinner specials and more. In addition, the restaurant is available for private parties.

# Village of Islandia Remembers Those Who Served during Veterans Day Ceremony



Mayor Allan M. Dorman (behind podium) speaks to the attendees at the Veterans Day ceremony as members of the Central Long Island chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association look on.

The Village of Islandia held its annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 8, 2014 at the Village Memorial Triangle. Mayor Allan M. Dorman, a Vietnam veteran, was joined by local elected officials, war veterans and representatives from the Central Islip Fire Department to honor those who served and continue to serve in the armed forces.

There was a musical performance by the Central Islip High School marching band and a presentation of the colors by local members of The United States Marine Corps. Deacon Jim Altonji of St. Joseph Parish in Ronkonkoma delivered the invocation.

During the ceremony, Mayor Dorman asked those in attendance to remember local residents who served in the military and have since passed on, including U.S. Army Sergeant Bill Dufek, who read the poem "In Flanders Field" at the village's Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies. He also recognized all the local veterans' groups that were in attendance. The ceremony ended with village officials joining war veterans in placing a wreath and bouquets of roses in front of the memorial.

## Islandia Celebrates Halloween at its 10th Annual Pumpkin Fest



Winners of the girls' Halloween costume contest pose with their prizes at the Village of Islandia's 10th annual Pumpkin Fest.

More than 600 local residents and children turned out for the 10th Annual Pumpkin Fest on the grounds of Islandia Village Hall on October 25, 2014.

Throughout the event, children decorated pumpkins and took part in a Halloween costume parade and contest. They also joined their families as they went on hayrides and walked through a chilling Haunted Castle that kept everyone on their toes. Islandia's own "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" was there to tell spooky stories and sing Halloween songs for the children.

The village also provided guests with hot cocoa, cider and cookies. Each resident left with their very own pumpkin.

# 10th Annual Pumpkin Fest Photo Gallery



## Did You Get Your New Calendar?

The Village of Islandia is reminding its residents that the 2015 calendars are available. The calendars provide important dates for village board meetings, public meetings, recycling and trash pickup and community events. To receive your copy, stop by Village Hall during normal business hours or download from the village's website at [newvillageofislandia.com](http://newvillageofislandia.com).

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## Calendar of Events

### **Memorial Day Ceremony/Veteran's Memorial Triangle: Saturday, May 23**

Mayor Allan M. Dorman will be joined by members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America chapters and other local organizations. Representatives from the local fire departments and local elected officials will be in attendance. There will also be performances by the Central Islip High School marching band.

### **Ye Old Fashioned Tag Sale: Saturday, June 6**

It is said that one man's junk is another man's treasure. Residents are asked to clean out their garages, attics, basements and closets and bring their unwanted items to the "Ye Olde Fashioned Tag Sale." Village residents will be on hand to sell items such as toys, books, clothes, lamps and assorted knick-knacks. These spaces are filling up fast, so please register as soon as possible.

### **30th Anniversary/Bar-B-Que: Saturday, July 11**

Islandia celebrates 30 years as an incorporated village. Join Mayor Dorman and local elected officials as they celebrate this incredible milestone! There will be a face painting contest, train rides for kids, a hula hoop contest, pony rides and a petting zoo. Hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, water and ice cream will be served.

### **Pumpkin Fest and Craft Fair: Saturday, October 24**

Children will paint and decorate their own pumpkins, take part in the costume contest and visit the Haunted Tunnel. There will also be hot cocoa and cupcakes, trick-or-treat bags and much more. While the kids are enjoying the festivities at the local pumpkin patch, the adults can stroll through the aisles as they browse and purchase handmade crafts and goodies.

### **Veterans Day Ceremony/Veterans Memorial Triangle: Saturday, November 7**

Mayor Allan M. Dorman will be joined by members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America chapters and other local organizations. Representatives from the local fire departments and politicians will be in attendance. There will also be performances by the Central Islip High School marching band.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting: Saturday, December 12**

The Village of Islandia will host its Christmas tree lighting ceremony on the grounds of Islandia Village Hall. The ceremony begins as Christmas carolers sing holiday favorites. The Christmas tree will then be lit, 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.



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