

# ISLANDIA NEWS

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The Village of Islandia hosted the 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 27th. See more photos on page 3.

## Mayor's Message

This month, we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the inception of the Village of Islandia. Our village has come a long way in that time. Since I first took office in 2005, our priority as a village board has been to foster a sense of community, while improving our village's infrastructure and reducing taxes, all to enhance our quality of life.

Like you, I take pride in our community. There are communities where most people are not acquainted with their neighbors at all. This is not the case in Islandia, as evidenced by attendance at our village events. On Saturday, March 27th, the village hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Hundreds of children enjoyed sing-alongs, arts and crafts, and of course, the egg hunt featuring over 3,600 plastic eggs and prizes.

On April 11th, the village will be hosting a breakfast to commemorate our 25th anniversary. Our biggest event is the annual barbecue to be held on July 10th which was attended by 850 residents last year. I hope you will join us for our upcoming events. Please see the calendar for details.

The annual Memorial Day observance is one of the many village events held each year. This year's observance will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the Veterans Memorial

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Triangle at Old Nichols Road and Johnson Avenue. The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. After an invocation, the veterans will place wreaths at the memorial.

As I explained in my annual New Year's message, we have made great strides to improve our village through enhancements that increase property values and create a pleasant setting for our community. This has been accomplished while being fiscally responsible and reducing property tax burdens on village residents. When I first took office in 2005, the village had a \$3 million debt. Thanks to the hard work of the village board and employees, I am proud to say that we are now debt free and have a funded capital reserve.

Back in January, we announced that we're eliminating the village garbage tax, providing a savings of \$354.00 per year for every village homeowner. However, this wasn't some type of tax gimmick. We kept general village taxes the

same this year. Today, village taxes are 6% less than they were in 2005. By comparison, those who live outside the village in the Town of Islip pay about \$472.80 for garbage collection.

Like many other municipalities, we have faced reduced revenues as the result of reduced mortgage tax collections, fewer building permit applications and fewer traffic tickets being written on the Long Island Expressway. However, we have been able to reduce debt, create a surplus and reduce taxes by being fiscally responsible in good times and in bad times.

As we celebrate our village's 25th anniversary, there is much to be proud of about Islandia. Since 1985, we have transformed 2.25 square miles on a map to one of Long Island's best places to live and raise a family. I thank you for making this possible.

**-Allan M. Dorman**

## Village Finance Facts

2005: \$3 Million Debt —→ 2010: Debt Free  
2009 Garbage Tax: \$354 —→ 2010 Garbage Tax: \$0



This year's Memorial Day observance is being held on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at the Veterans Memorial Triangle.

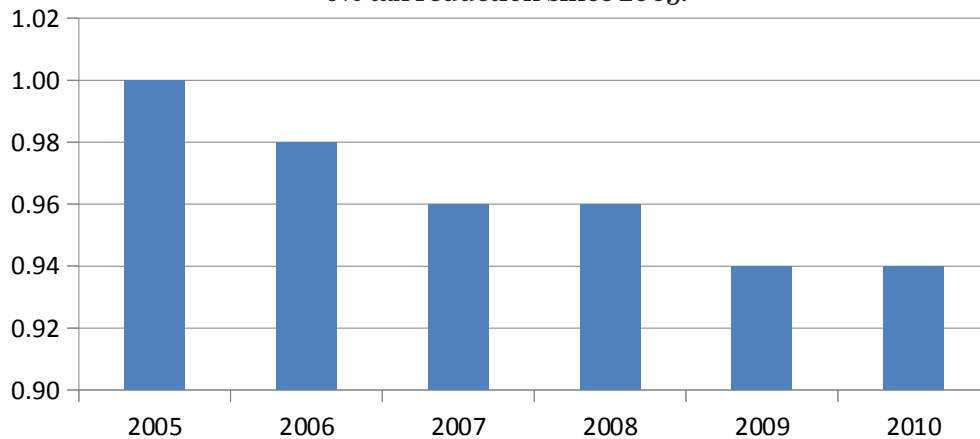


Pictured is Mayor Allan Dorman of the Village of Islandia along with employees who helped to distribute 1,600 recycling pails to Village of Islandia residents in the spring of 2008.

## Village General Tax Rate (2005-2010)

**Tax Rate (Per \$100 of Assessed Value)**

\*6% tax reduction since 2005.





## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**March 27, 2010**

Children scampered the village hall grounds searching for Easter eggs on March 27. They also got a chance to meet the Easter Bunny and some of their favorite cartoon characters in person. Children also participated in a coloring contest and a jellybean counting contest. Islandia's own "Singing School Bus Driver" Joe Guida came down to entertain the kids.



# Celebrating 25 Years

## Sunday, April 11th

Come celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Village of Islandia with breakfast under the big tent on Sunday, April 11 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Boy Scout Troop #272 of Ronkonkoma will be cooking breakfast for the residents. Breakfast will be served by Mayor Allan Dorman and the board of trustees. Bacon, sausage, eggs, French toast, rolls, cereal, fruit, coffee, tea, juice and hot cocoa will be served.

Come down to the breakfast and receive your 25th anniversary Douglas fir sapling just in time for Arbor Day! Plant your tree with your children and watch it grow as your children grow.

Bring your old photos and stories to share with your neighbors. Entertainment will be provided by village resident DJ Robert Gerardi. Have your child's photo taken with the Statue of Liberty or Uncle Sam. We look forward to celebrating the day with you.



The first swearing in of the mayor, Warren Raymond, and the board of trustees on May 30, 1985.



Voters line up at A.T. Morrow Elementary School on April 1, 1985 to cast their vote on a referendum to incorporate the Village of Islandia.



The first village hall was housed in the Crossroads Executive Center.



Groundbreaking ceremony for the Islandia Shopping Center, February 1990.

## History of Islandia

On April 1, 1985, voters at A.T. Morrow Elementary School approved a referendum to incorporate the Village of Islandia. In accordance with state law, the Town of Islip appointed a village clerk to conduct the first village election. On May 22, 1985, village residents voted for their first mayor and board of trustees. Warren A. Raymond served as the first mayor, along with Elaine Benaburger, John J. Flanagan, William LeStrange and Douglas Mansmann as village trustees.

Raymond served as mayor until 1987, when he was succeeded by John J. Flanagan. In 1989, Sebastian Estrada served as mayor until 1991. Frank B. Falco succeeded Estrada as mayor. Allan M. Dorman, who was elected in 2005, currently serves as mayor.

The original village hall was housed in the Crossroads Executive Center on Veterans Memorial Highway. On March 1992, construction began for a new village hall on Old Nichols Road. On June 24, 1995, the village celebrated its 10th anniversary and held a dedication of the new village hall.

Since the village's incorporation, several major projects have helped to shape the community. These include:

- Islandia Pavilion on Motor Parkway and Veterans Memorial Highway
- Radisson Hotel on Express Drive North and Old Nichols Road
- Computer Associates' world headquarters on Motor Parkway
- Islandia Adult Home and Spa for Seniors
- Tutor Time Day Care Center

On September 1, 2008, the village broke ground on the war veterans memorial at the Veterans Memorial Triangle on Old Nichols Road and Johnson Avenue. The memorial was completed two months later — just in time for Veterans Day. On November 8, 2008, Mayor Allan M. Dorman joined local elected officials and war veterans in dedicating the memorial.

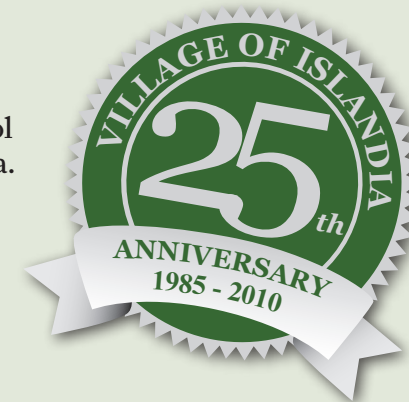
The Village of Islandia is home to over 3,000 residents and over 1,300 businesses. It encompasses 2.25 square miles and contains 275 acres of Greenbelt, including Lakeland Park and Islandia Farm. The village is comprised of the Hauppauge, Central Islip and Connetquot School Districts; the Hauppauge, Central Islip and Ronkonkoma Postal Districts; and the Hauppauge, Central Islip and Lakeland Fire Districts.



The clearing of the property to make way for the new village hall, March 1992.



Ribbon cutting ceremony at Islandia Village Hall in June 1995.



## Islandia Mayors



Allan M. Dorman  
(2005-Present)



Frank B. Falco  
(1991-2005)



Sebastian Estrada  
(1989-1991)



John J. Flanagan  
(1987-1989)



Warren A. Raymond  
(1985-1987)



## Rain Doesn't Put A Damper on Islandia Village's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

December 5, 2009

The weather outside was frightful, but that did not scare away Islandia Village residents who came to the 4th annual Christmas tree lighting on December 5. Residents stayed dry and warm with cookies and hot cocoa as "Joe The Singing Bus Driver" entertained the residents, playing his guitar and singing Christmas songs. Santa Claus hitched a ride with the Central Islip Fire Department inside their fire truck and came to distribute toys to the good boys and girls, with help from Santa's elves. Santa Claus also posed for pictures with the participants and village board members.





Allan M. Dorman (second from right) joins Santa Claus and participants at the 4th annual Christmas tree lighting. Mayor Dorman is also joined by Village Trustee Patty Peters (left), Deputy Mayor Diane Olk (second from left) and Village Trustee Suellen Leonardo (kneeling), a/k/a "Mrs. Claus." Santa had help distributing the toys from his "elves," Amanda Hackford (back row, third from left) and Amanda Brinkworth (right).



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# Calendar of Events

## » 25th Anniversary

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## » Community Garden Planting

**Saturday, May 8, 2010**

Islandia Village is calling on residents to bring their “green thumbs” to the grounds of Village Hall. The planting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon. During that time, the village will also hold a DWI awareness program.

## » Memorial Day/Veterans Triangle

**Saturday, May 29, 2010**

The village is holding a Memorial Day observance at the Veterans Memorial Triangle at Old Nichols Road and Johnson Avenue. The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. After an invocation, the veterans will place wreaths at the memorial.

## » Village Bar-B-Que

**Saturday, July 10, 2010**

## » Tag Sale

**Saturday, August 14, 2010**



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Village Attorney

**Alan Wolinsky**  
Village Justice

**Patricia Dorman**  
Village Clerk