



*Mayor Allan M. Dorman (front row, center) poses with the members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144, the Central Long Island Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association and other war veterans at the Village of Islandia's Veterans Day ceremony. He is also joined by New York State Assemblyman Al Graf (back row, third from left) and Gina's Flower Shoppe Owner Gina Lekstutis (kneeling).*

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

On November 5, the Village of Islandia held its annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Triangle. Mayor Dorman, a Vietnam veteran, was joined by local elected officials, war veterans and representatives from the Lakeland and Central Islip Fire Departments 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 before the ceremony. Deacon Jim Altonji of St. Joseph Parish in Ronkonkoma and Chaplain Tom Brauner of Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 delivered the invocation.

During the ceremony, Mayor Dorman asked those in

attendance to remember those local residents who served in the military and have since passed on. 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.

After the ceremony, attendees went home with a gift bag containing an American flag and a green light bulb. They were asked to replace their outdoor lights with the green light bulb on Veterans Week as part of the "Greenlight a Vet" program, which honors those who served our country.



**Video of the ceremony can be viewed on the village's website at [newvillageofislandia.com](http://newvillageofislandia.com)**

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## Rain Doesn't Deter Residents from Attending Pumpkin Fest



*Mayor Allan M. Dorman (back row, right) is joined by the winners of the costume contest at the village's 12th annual Pumpkin Fest.*

More than 500 residents endured the rain as they celebrated Halloween at The Village of Islandia's 12th annual Pumpkin Fest on the grounds of Village Hall on October 22. Throughout the event, children decorated their pumpkins, took part in a Halloween costume parade and contest and joined their families on hayrides. Islandia's own "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" was there to tell spooky stories and sing Halloween songs to the children.

The village also provided guests with hot cocoa, cider and cookies. All the residents left with their very own pumpkins.

## Village Donates 235 Pumpkins to Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School Students as a Halloween Treat



*Joining the students at Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School with their pumpkins are Mayor Allan M. Dorman (back row, third from left), Village Activities Director Denise Schrage (back row, third from right), and School Principal Dr. Neema Coker (back row, second from right).*

On October 27, in the spirit of Halloween, the Village of Islandia donated 235 pumpkins to Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School for the students to bring home. Teachers brought the children outside where they searched for and picked a pumpkin for their very own. The school thanked the village for its generous donation.

## Local Residents Victor Montanez and Raul Jimenez Cintron Honored at Hispanic Heritage Awards Ceremony



*Pictured at the Hispanic Heritage Awards ceremony on September 23 include (left to right): Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Victor Montanez, Raul Jimenez Cintron and New York State Senator Tom Croci.*

Two Islandia residents—Victor Montanez and Raul Jimenez Cintron—were honored at the Hispanic Heritage Awards Ceremony at Sachem Public Library in Holbrook. The event, which was held on September 23, was presented by the Office of New York State Senator Thomas D. Croci.

The awards ceremony followed a September 7 event held at Village Hall where the two were recognized for their volunteer work in the community and in helping their fellow veterans. They were joined by their neighbors and members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144.

Mr. Montanez and Mr. Cintron, who are also members of Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 in Islandia, were two of seven honorees who were recognized for their dedication to improving

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# Local Residents Victor Montanez and Raul Jimenez Cintron Honored at Hispanic Heritage Awards Ceremony

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Mayor Allan M. Dorman (front row, second from left) honors Victor Montanez (front row, second from right) and Raul Jimenez Cintron (front row, right) at a special ceremony on September 7 for their volunteer work in the community and in helping their fellow veterans. They are joined by members of Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144, including John Probst (front row, left) and (back row, l-r) Chaplain Tom Brauner, Eusebro Soto, Jr. and Post Commander Raymond Bush.

their local communities and serving as role models in the Hispanic community. The pair was nominated by Mayor Dorman for the honor.

A 43-year village resident, Mr. Montanez was born in the Bronx. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy where he reached the rank of E-4 Airman.

In 1974, he graduated from Fordham University, where he made the Dean's List (Phi Alpha Sigma). In 1981, he formed Vista Horizon Realty in Central Islip, which he operated until 1996. He then joined M&T Bank as a senior loan officer, focusing on mortgage lending, until his retirement in 2011.

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Mr. Cintron joined the U.S. Army after graduating high school. He was stationed in Germany as a combat medic during the Vietnam War. After returning from active duty in 1965, he moved to the Bronx and took a position as a maintenance worker at John Jay Criminal Justice College. He later took and passed the civil exam for a New York City police officer. He was assigned to the 43rd Precinct in the Bronx, where he served as an undercover police officer for 22½ years. By 1983, he was promoted twice, to Detective and Detective Sergeant.

While serving with the NYPD, he joined the Army Reserves in 1974, serving in the Military Intelligence Unit as Chief Prisoner Interrogator. In 1989, he was an interrogator and military advisor in the invasion

of Panama. During Operation Desert Storm, he was stationed in Kuwait, where he was given special authority by the Secretary of Defense to be in charge of a detachment of interrogators. He was later promoted to Master Sergeant and quickly became Unit First Sergeant. He retired from the Army Reserves in 1994 and is the recipient of over 18 honors and medals.

In addition, Mr. Cintron serves as First Vice Commander for the American Legion Post 155 in Ronkonkoma and as a member of numerous committees, including the U.S. Congressional and New York State Veterans Advisory Committees, the Disabled American Veterans Advisory Committee and the Sergeant Benevolent Association of the NYPD, among others. He also organizes many events, including the Christmas party at the Stony Brook Veterans Home.

The Hispanic Heritage Awards Ceremony coincides with Hispanic Heritage Month, a national observance celebrated in the United States from September 15 to October 15 to reflect on the significant contributions made by members of the Hispanic community as well as the diverse culture and traditions that have come together in our country. The start of Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 to coincide with the anniversary of the independence of the following countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.



# Village Joins Breslin Realty in Sponsoring Field Trip for Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School Students

*Schoolchildren Go Apple Picking at Orchard in Water Mill*



As part of its continuing partnership with the school, the Village of Islandia and Breslin Realty sponsored a field trip for approximately 220 students from Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School to go apple picking at Seven Ponds Orchard in Water Mill on September 28.

*Pictured with the students and teachers at Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School are Islandia Village Activities Director Denise Schrage (back row, second from left), Mayor Allan M. Dorman (back row, third from left); School Principal Dr. Neema Coker (back row, fourth from left), and Village Deputy Mayor Michael Zaleski (back row, center) before the children leave for their field trip.*

## 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?" said Mayor Dorman. "As Mayor of this village, I am proud to offer this service that is so needed."



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# Village of Islandia Distributes Smoke Detectors to Residents in Conjunction with National Fire Prevention Month



*Mayor Allan M. Dorman (third from left) is joined by village residents who received free smoke detectors as part of the village's commemoration of National Fire Prevention Month during the Pancake Breakfast with the Mayor. Also pictured are Islandia Dunkin' Donuts Owner Jesse Walia (fifth from right), Fire Prevention Officer Robert Sutton (fourth from right) and Safety Officer Kevin McCarroll (third from right) of the Central Islip Fire Department and Village Fire Marshal Michael Zaleski (right).*

In conjunction with National Fire Prevention Month, the Village of Islandia distributed free smoke detectors to the first 100 families during its Pancake Breakfast with the Mayor on October 29. The smoke detector giveaway kept in line with this year's theme, "Don't Wait — Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."

Village Fire Marshal Michael Zaleski and members of the Central Islip Fire Department were on hand to answer questions regarding home safety and fire prevention. Robert Sutton, a fire prevention officer with the Central Islip Fire Department — who has organized and facilitated numerous fire safety programs for the residents — hosted demonstrations in the department's "Safety Trailer," showing residents how to stay safe in the event of a house fire and distributed literature and other items regarding fire prevention.

National Fire Prevention Month helps raise awareness on fire safety, provides information on how people

can prevent fires from happening, and how to stay safe in the event of a fire. According to the National Fire Protection Association, a fire occurs every 24 seconds nationwide. Due in part to the use of portable heating devices, the colder months tend to be a time of increased home fires, making October the ideal month to communicate fire safety.

During the Pancake Breakfast, Mayor Dorman and village volunteers served pancakes to the residents in attendance. There were also donuts and other breakfast items provided by Dunkin' Donuts of Islandia.



## Calendar of Events



### Christmas Tree Lighting: December 10

Village residents will be in the holiday spirit as the village prepares to light the Christmas tree to kick off the holiday season. “Joe the Singing Bus Driver” will entertain children and adults alike by performing holiday songs as everyone enjoys cookies and hot cocoa. After the tree lighting, Santa Claus will arrive — courtesy of the Central Islip Fire Department — and give out presents to the good little boys and girls of Islandia.



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