

New Flag Drop Box Installed at Village of Islandia Commons

Members of Islandia Village’s Building Department recently installed a new American flag drop box at the Village of Islandia Commons, located at 1250 Old Nichols Road. The new drop box will be used by anyone to deposit their worn-out and tattered American flags. Each month, the Central Islip Fire Department will retrieve the unwanted flags from the drop box, then bring them back to the firehouse, where they will be officially retired in a special ceremony.

The drop box has an American flag design, which is a great way for the village to show support for the country and its troops and contributes to the ongoing beautification of the village. It was converted from an old mailbox donated by the United States Postal Service and later restored and decorated by Tom Sweeney, a local businessman.

The village originally broke ground on Village of Islandia Commons on June 30, 2012 on the property that was a blight in the community. On February 9, 2013, Mayor Allan M. Dorman and village officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the grand opening on the 2,400-square-foot facility.

The building currently houses Gina’s Enchanted Flower Shoppe, the Islandia Chamber of Commerce and space for both the Suffolk County Police Department and the village’s Public Safety Unit and the Islandia Veterans of Foreign Wars.



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Mayor Allan M. Dorman Participates in Ribbon Cutting of Veterans Way Subdivision

On December 19, 2013, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, a Vietnam War veteran, joined war veterans, local elected officials and representatives of Long Island Home Builders Care Development Corp. (LIHBCDC) and CA Technologies in a ribbon cutting ceremony for Veterans Way, a subdivision in which six homes were built off Motor Parkway and made available at low cost to six war veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and their families.

At the ribbon cutting, Mayor Dorman thanked the veterans in attendance for their service to this country and expressed his gratitude that the first subdivision of its kind is being built in Islandia Village. He also discussed how he worked with other local elected officials and LIHBCDC — the nonprofit arm of the Long Island Builders Institute — to bring this project to Islandia.

Mayor Dorman and LIHBCDC also worked with CA Technologies, which graciously donated the 3.5-acre parcel of land for construction of the homes. The homes were built by volunteer individual LIBI member homebuilders. The volunteer members included Almas Construction Co., Alex Armonas

Development Corp., The Beechwood Organization, Benchmark Home Builders, Lewis Enterprises and Ornestein Leyton Co. Each home also contained a housewarming gift, courtesy of CA Technologies.

These houses were made available to the veterans at a price below market value. In order to be eligible, the veterans had to meet certain qualifications and were selected by a committee of local, county and state commanders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Mayor Allan M. Dorman addresses the crowd during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Veterans Way subdivision in Islandia.

Village of Islandia Honors Those Who Served during Veterans Day Ceremony



Pictured (left to right): New York State Assemblymen Michael Fitzpatrick and Al Graf, Islip Town Councilwoman Trish Bergin Weichbrodt, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Suffolk County District Court Judge Phil Goglas, and William Ferris

The Village of Islandia held its annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 9, 2013, 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 and Lakeland 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 and a presentation of the colors by local members of The United States Marine Corps. Village officials joined war veterans in placing a wreath and bouquets of roses in front of the memorial.

Be Sure to Follow Snow Emergency Rules

The Village of Islandia is asking its residents to bring all their vehicles into their driveways in the event there is a snow emergency. This will allow the village's Highway Department to plow the roads and keep them clear of snow, especially if emergency vehicles need to get somewhere. Please view the sample flier below.



NEWS RELEASE

ISLANDIA VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY

SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

1100 OLD NICHOLS ROAD, ISLANDIA, N.Y. 11749

Information: **NO PARKING ADVISORY DUE TO SNOW EVENT**
Location: ALL STREETS AND ROADWAYS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ISLANDIA.
Date/Time: TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21ST THROUGH WEDNSDAY, JANUARY 22ND 2014.

PLEASE BE ADVISED, IN ORDER FOR THE VILLAGE TO REMOVE SNOW FROM THE STREETS AND ROADWAYS, TO KEEP ALL ROADWAYS CLEAR FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE PASSAGE AND TO HAVE ALL STREETS CLEAR OF SNOW, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL RESIDENTS PARK ALL VEHICLES ON THEIR DRIVEWAYS DURING THE WEATHER EVENT IN ORDER FOR OUR HIGHWAY CREWS TO WORK AND CLEAR THE SNOW.

Thank you for your cooperation as the Village prepares to handle this snow storm in order for our residents to have clear passage on our roadways and streets.

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Village Hosts 8th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



Islandia Village Mayor Allan M. Dorman (front row, right) is joined by Mike Zaleski (back row, second from right), Santa Claus and members of the Central Islip Fire Department during the village's 8th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Islandia residents turned out for the 8th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on December 7, 2013 at Village Hall. "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" performed under the big tent as he played guitar and sang holiday songs. Residents also enjoyed hot cocoa, cookies and cupcakes while listening to the music.

Two children joined Mayor Allan M. Dorman in the lighting of the tree. After the tree was lit, Santa Claus arrived with the Central Islip and Lakeland Fire Departments 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.





Islandia Celebrates Halloween at its 9th Annual Pumpkin Fest



Children and their parents decorate pumpkins during the Village of Islandia's 9th annual Pumpkin Fest.

Over 500 local residents and children came to the 9th Annual Pumpkin Fest, which took place on October 26, 2013 on the grounds of Islandia Village Hall. The event was sponsored by the Islandia Chamber of Commerce, Postal Connections and Sign Guys.

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.

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



Ye Old Fashioned Tag Sale Has Something for Everyone

The second Ye Old Fashioned Tag Sale took place on the grounds of Village Hall on August 10, 2013. Residents cleaned out their garages, attics, basements and closets and brought down their unwanted items. Toys, books, clothes, lamps and assorted knick-knacks were on sale. Nearly 500 people came out to browse and make purchases.



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 will be provided to seniors who wish to go food 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."

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

Calendar of Events

Easter Egg Hunt: April 12

Children will have the chance to collect Easter eggs, some of which will contain a ticket allowing them to redeem it for a special prize. The Easter bunny and Islandia's own "Singing School Bus Driver," Joe Guida, will be on hand to entertain the kids.

Community Garden Planting: May 10

Village residents who have a "green thumb" are urged to come down and join village board members and employees for the ninth annual Community Garden Planting on the village hall grounds. During the year, local residents can visit the garden, help take care of the plants and enjoy watching the fruits of their labor grow.

Memorial Day Ceremony/Veterans Memorial Triangle: May 24

The village will host a Memorial Day ceremony in front of the memorial at the Veterans Memorial Triangle, located at the intersection of Old Nichols Road and Johnson Avenue. War veterans and local elected officials will join in a ceremonial placing of the wreaths at the memorial.

Ye Old Fashioned Tag Sale: June 7 and August 9

It is said that one man's junk is another man's treasure. Residents are being asked to clean out their garages, attics, basements and closets and bring down their unwanted items. Toys, books, clothes, lamps and assorted knick-knacks will be on sale. Space is limited, so register early.

Village BBQ: July 12

The 9th Annual Village BBQ will be held on the grounds of village hall. Village employees and local Boy Scout troops will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, soda and water. Children will enjoy the day with train rides, games, music, pony rides, a petting zoo, arts and crafts, face painting, piñatas and a hula hoop contest.

10th Annual Pumpkin Fest: October 25

Children and their parents will come out, dressed up in their favorite costumes. There will be pumpkin decoration stations, a costume parade, cookies and hot cocoa. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated pumpkin and best costume. There will also be a petting zoo and hayrides for the children, as well as live music from "Joe the Singing Bus Driver."



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