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On The Hunt For Eggs And Springtime Fun

More than 130 children and more than 250 parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents attended the Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 and were greeted by the Easter Bunny and Dora the Explorer. Each child received a basket filled with candy and everyone enjoyed

cupcakes and hot chocolate. More than 2,000 eggs were collected by the children, and prizes were distributed to 50 lucky winners. There was a jelly bean count guessing contest and 41 children were winners in a coloring contest. [More Photos, Page 4](#)

VILLAGE ELECTION



Board Welcomes Trustees, Justice Wins Re-Election

Suellen Leonardo, Alan Wolinsky and Patricia Peters all won office in village elections held on March 20. Leonardo, a member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, and Peters, a secretary at St. Joseph's Church in Ronkonkoma, secured positions as trustees on the Village Board. Wolinsky, the Village Justice, has run undefeated for the past 19 years.



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Time to Talk About Islandia's Accomplishments



Allan M. Dorman is in his first term as mayor of the Village of Islandia.

Spring is here. It is a time for renewal, and a time to talk about the accomplishments and improvements that have made the Village of Islandia an even greater place to live, work and play.

Let's talk about economic improvements:

- » The new Village Flag Pole, at the intersection of Veterans Memorial Highway and Suffolk Avenue, doubles as a cell phone tower and provides revenue to the Village for the next three decades.
- » The Reductions in Village tax rates by two percent per year over the past two years and the collection of back taxes from the past four years.
- » The consolidation of Village finances for better control and the transfer of Village funds into high interest accounts for better returns.
- » The \$100 reduction in garbage service fees for each of the past two years.

- » The updated Village Hall mailing system reduces the cost to 12 cents per mailing and the printing of our own envelopes to further cut costs.
- » The acceptance of credit cards at Village Hall to expedite the payment of fines and taxes.
- » The improvement in staffing at Village Hall to provide better service for our taxpayers.

Let's talk about quality-of-life improvements:

- » The increase in round-the-clock Code Enforcement to keep our community safe.
- » The speed sentry located on Old Nichols Road, which helps to slow down vehicles, and the STOP program, which further deters speeders in our neighborhoods.

- » The garbage baskets located at bus stops to keep our community clean and the landscaping mandates given to new commercial and residential buildings to improve the appearance of our community.

- » The Community Garden, planted and maintained for the en-



The Community Garden, the speed sentry on Old Nichols Road, and garbage baskets at bus stops have helped improve Islandia.

joyment of our residents, and the handicap accessories installed in the garden at no cost to the Village, thanks to a donation from the Town of Islip.

» The alteration of the flight path of Computer Associates' corporate helicopter, which now arrives and departs the company's headquarters from the north, instead of along the previous southerly route, which took the aircraft across the village and directly over our heads.

Let's talk about improvements in communication:

- » The new official Village website, www.newvillageofislandia.com and the quarterly Islandia News newsletter, which provide vital news, information and resources to residents.
- » The computer located in the lobby of Village Hall, which residents can use to access and read sections of the Village Code.
- » The inaugural community calendar and the Maptoons village map, which was paid for by advertisements from local businesses.

Let's talk about community involvement:

- » Our proposed Veterans Memorial, an honor to our community veterans, which will be located at the triangular intersection of Old Nichols Road and Johnson Avenue. Corporate supporters including Verizon, Keyspan, Cablevision and AT&T have all volunteered to help with this project, along with

many local businesses.

- » The events and services produced for the enjoyment of our residents at no cost to the village: the inaugural village barbeque, which was attended by more than 550 people; the newly-planted Christmas tree and tree lighting ceremony; the bus trips to destinations such as New York and Atlantic City, and the defensive driving classes, which are provided at



An artist's rendering of the Village's planned Veterans Memorial.



A computer at Village Hall allows residents to check codes.

minimal cost to participating residents.

- » The Match program, which helps our seniors, the programs for our youth, such as trips to Long Island Ducks baseball games, and the American Cancer Society awareness programs.
- » The Village's participation in events at the Andrew T. Morrow School in Central Islip and Bretton Woods Elementary School in Hauppauge.
- » The Toys for Tots program, through which the Marines helped to collect more than 400 toys donated by our community.

It takes the hard work and dedication of many people to achieve these accomplishments and make these improvements. It takes ideas, vision and strong leadership. Our volunteers dedicate their time and give from their hearts to make our events happen.

The business of the Village is always at the forefront, but the events are just as important. They bring our community together and allow the residents to break out of their daily routines and meet their neighbors. If you haven't attended any of our events, I encourage you to give them a try. I will continue to do my part to help make the Village of Islandia an even greater place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,
ALLAN M. DORMAN, Mayor



The Village Flag Pole serves as a revenue-producing cell tower.



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On The Hunt For Easter Eggs



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANTING SATURDAY, MAY 19

Village of Islandia residents are invited to participate in the second annual planting of the Community Victory Garden, 11 a.m. at Village Hall. The garden, which was dedicated last Spring, is a source of floral beauty and communal pride in Islandia.



VILLAGE BAR-B-QUE SATURDAY, JULY 14

Residents are encouraged to attend the 2nd annual Country Bar-B-Que at Village Hall. Last year, hundreds of village residents and their families enjoyed the day, which is fast becoming an Islandia tradition. As with last year's event, residents can enjoy barbecue favorites and children will be able to enjoy a petting zoo, games, face-painting and entertainment. For more information about this year's BBQ and other Village events, call (631) 348-1133 or visit the Village website at <http://www.newvillageofislandia.com>



FUTURE EVENTS

- » Craft Fair, September 15
- » Pumpkin Fest, October 27
- » Veterans Memorial Dedication, November 10
- » Christmas Tree Lighting, December 1