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Pictured is Mayor Allan Dorman of the Village of Islandia along with employees who helped to distribute 1600 recycling pails to Village of Islandia residents.

# Village of Islandia Goes Yellow on Earth Day

Earth day (Tuesday, April 22, 2008) was the kickoff for Islandia's new recycling campaign. In order to increase recycling in the area, the Village of Islandia has distributed new sunshine yellow recycling pails to village residents as part of its new initiative to further encourage recycling.

"Imagine looking down your street on recycling day and seeing all the bright yellow pails out in front of our homes. What a great way to send a message to our children and neighbors that we care and we recycle," said Allan Dorman, Islandia Village Mayor, in describing the inspiration for the program. The color of the pails was chosen by the residents of Islandia. Intended to draw attention and encourage recycling, the pails will replace aged green pails many residents currently use.

"Our goal is nothing less than 100% resident participation in our recycling program. We must all do our part to encourage recycling and conserve the environment. We hope that other municipalities will join us in this effort," said Mayor Dorman.

For more information about the Village of Islandia's recycling program and other village services, visit www.newvillageofislandia.com or call 631-348-1133.

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## **Victory Garden Planting**

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, Village of Islandia residents participated in the 3rd Annual Village of Islandia Community Victory Garden Planting. The rain held off until the garden was planted. The Village is keeping its fingers crossed for a bumper crop.



## **Educating Our Children Against DWI**

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, Village of Islandia residents participated in a newly established program that will target the effects of driving while intoxicated (DWI). The program is designed to demonstrate to our young, and not so young adults, how DWI will affect their judgement and driving abilities.

Participants were given the opportunity to experience the effects of impairment by using special goggles. They were asked to walk on a straight line, first without goggles, and then while wearing goggles designed to simulate being intoxicated. They then drove peddle carts, first without the goggles, and then wearing the goggles, to experience the differences in their judgment and reaction time when driving impaired.

This was organized as an enjoyable event, but also as one that would leave an important mark on the participants. The powerful hands-on interactive tool demonstrated the dangers of impairment. Younger children drove their parent in a two-seater peddle-cart, as older children experienced driving the obstacle course themselves. Participants who completed the course were given a t-shirt with the "Village of Islandia Educating our Children Against DWI" logo and all were given a certificate of achievement.

The Village also thanks members of the Suffolk County Police Department for demonstrating their roll-over vehicle to stress the importance of wearing seatbelts. The Village also thanks MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), who spoke about the consequences of driving while impaired.

Based on the program's success, the Village plans to have it running at all of its events to encourage safe and responsible driving.



Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, March 15, 2008, children hunted eggs on the Village Hall lawn, enjoyed cocoa and cupcakes, and met the Easter Bunny.



















## **Coloring Contest Winners**

Islandia children participated in an Easter coloring contest during the egg hunt on Saturday, March 15, 2008. The five winning pieces are shown below.



Brendan McMullen Age 8



Meghan Elberti Age 8



Samantha Moore Age 8



Connor Elberti Age 6



Gabriela Montanez Age 6

#### **3rd Annual Village Bar-B-Que**

On Saturday, July 12, 2008, the Village of Islandia will be hosting its 3rd Annual Village of Islandia Bar-B-Que. This year's theme will be "All American" red, white and blue. The Village is expecting a large crowd, as each year this event gets bigger and bigger, so mark your calendars for this popular event.



» Village Bar-B-Que, Saturday, July 12

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** 

- » Craft Fair and Pumpkin Fest Saturday, October 18
- » Veterans Memorial Dedication Tuesday, November 11



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