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'Tis The Season In The Village

WINTER TIPS

» Shovel snow before it becomes packed or turns to ice.

» Don't hurt your back shoveling! Call Village Hall at 631-348-1133 and have a neighborhood teen do the work for you at a minimal cost through the Community Match program.

» Instead of salt or calcium chloride, use cracked corn on walkways. Calcium chloride and salt are harmful to your walkways, surrounding vegetation and can be irritating to your pet's paws. After the ice is melted, the cracked corn provides food for wintering birds.

» Check in on elderly neighbors, especially during and after inclement weather. See if they need help shoveling, or if they need something picked up from the store.

Tony Church, Village Activity Director

The Village of Islandia held its Holiday Festival and tree lighting, Dec. 2 outside Village Hall. Hot beverages were served and musical performances were provided by the award-winning Central Islip High School Choir. Area children were invited to bring their own ornaments to hang on the tree as Santa arrived via fire engine.

The Village also participated in the United States Marine Corps *Toys for Tots* program for the first time. Residents were very charitable and the toy drive was a

big success. Worthy of note was the generosity of Islandia's children who responded in large numbers to the Village's call to bring an unwrapped toy for a child their age to the tree lighting.

1. A pair of decorative reindeer guard the tree at Village Hall after the inaugural tree lighting.

2. Tom Scott Jr., Santa's Helper from the Central Islip F.D.; and Santa Claus with Mayor Allan Dorman, who holds Daniel DeRienzi, and Pamela Dorman, who holds Alyssa Schrage.

3. Patty Peters gets toys ready for Toys for Tots.



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Stay Safe This Winter

SAFETY TIPS FROM FIRE MARSHAL JOE CORREIRA

With its cold and stormy weather, winter presents many safety challenges both indoors and out. Being prepared and following simple safety tips can help you stay safe and warm this season.

KEEPING YOUR HOME WARM & SAFE

Follow these tips from the National Fire Protection Association and the Village of Islandia to prevent injury and death related to heating your home:



» Install a smoke alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. If it has a battery, change it once a year.

» Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home.

» If your alarm sounds, immediately move to fresh air by going outside or near an open window.

» Call 911.

» Symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, fatigue, dizziness and shortness of breath.

» Make sure heating equipment is installed properly. Have a trained specialist inspect and tune up your heating system each year.

» Keep children and pets away from portable space heaters. Never leave children in a room where a space heater is in use.



» Keep portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn, including bedding, furniture and clothing.

» Have your fireplace chimney and flue inspected each year and cleaned if needed.

» When fireplace is in use, flue should be open and use a sturdy fireplace screen.



» During the holiday season, make sure that all of your holiday displays, both indoors and out, are properly wired. Unplug all displays before going to bed. Keep Christmas trees watered and away from anything that can burn and do not let candles burn out of sight.

SURVIVING A WINTER STORM

» Be prepared. Before cold weather hits, make sure you have a way to heat your home during a power failure. Keep an ABC Fire Extinguisher nearby when using alternative heating sources.

» Keep on hand extra blankets, flashlights with extra batteries, matches, first aid kit, manual can opener, snow shovel and rock salt or cracked corn for walkway.

» Stock a few days supply of water, medications, and non-perishable foods that need not be refrigerated or cooked.

» Dress in several layers to maintain body heat. Covering up with blankets can also conserve heat.



» Burn only untreated wood.

» Never burn paper or pine branches. Pieces can float out of the chimney and ignite your roof, a neighbor's roof or nearby trees and other brush.

» If you use a wood-burning stove, have the chimney connection and flue checked each year. Make sure the stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and coals.



We hope that with the above safety tips, you will have a happy and safe winter season. Please feel free to contact the Village Hall with any questions you may have.



Tricks & Treats at Pumpkin Fest

Halloween came a couple of days early in Islandia, as dozens of children of all ages flocked to Village Hall for the annual Pumpkin Fest on October 29. There were hay rides, candy, games and, of course, pumpkins. Children picked and painted them, adding colorful designs to the orange delights. More photos from the event are available online at:

www.newvillageofislandia.com

Residents Have a Day for Crafts

The 2nd Annual Village of Islandia Craft Fair, held on September 9 at Village Hall



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ONLINE

The official website of the Village of Islandia now has a new look and an important new mission. The site has been redesigned for easier navigation. New content and enhanced forms of interaction have been added to strengthen communications between the Village and residents. Get instant access to essential Village government services and keep up with news from the Mayor and the Village Board.

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