

## A Message From The Mayor

*Dear Neighbor:*

I want to wish everyone a belated happy and healthy New Year. 2018 was an exciting one for the Village of Islandia and I expect 2019 to be even better.

Following 25% tax cuts in 2017 and 2018, for a total of a 50% reduction in village taxes, the average homeowner has saved over \$400 per year in village taxes, as compared to 2016. This, combined with the elimination of the garbage fee for the ninth year in a row, saves residents nearly \$1,000 per year on average. That is more money in your pocket, helping to make living on Long Island just a little bit more affordable.

The village's 2019 budget demonstrates that local village governments can lower the tax burden on local residents while, at the same time, improving local quality of life. These have been my goals since becoming your mayor.

In 2019, Delaware North will send the village another \$2 million as part of its Taxpayer Relief Agreement with the village. These payments have helped reduce property taxes and provided financing for the construction of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field. The total amount of the agreement is \$47 million, so the village will continue to see this additional revenue stream for many years to come.



The new park is a true state-of-the-art complex featuring ball fields for youth and community baseball and softball games, a concession stand, restrooms, a playground and an exercise path with ten different exercise stations. I look forward to hosting our village events, such as our Easter Egg Hunt, Annual Village Bar-B-Que, and Pumpkin Fest, on the grounds. With residents attending village events in record numbers in 2018, 2019 only promises to be better.

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## Village Board Passes Budget, Which Maintains 50% Property Tax Reduction

The Village Board unanimously approved the 2019 budget in November 2018. As part of the \$3.9 million budget, the village will continue its 50% reduction in property taxes from 2016. The tax cut is due in part to the ongoing payments to the village by Delaware North, the operator of Jake's 58.

In addition, the garbage tax has been eliminated for the ninth year in a row. This, combined with the tax cuts, will save taxpayers an average of \$1,000 a year.

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In other quality-of-life matters, for the convenience of our pedestrians, we are constructing new sidewalks along Old Nichols Road. For those who walk to Village Hall to attend our Village Board meetings or our village events, especially those who have little children with them, it can be very dangerous, especially at night. As a result, we have undertaken this project with the safety of pedestrians — and children — in mind.

Meanwhile, in 2019, the village will continue to provide Senior Bus service for our older residents at no cost. The village will also continue its Trap Neuter Release program, which continues to grow at a high rate. Our increased neighborhood public safety patrols will also continue. And, once again, generators will be provided by the village to residents in need, when available, during times of trouble.

On February 13, the village opened up a new senior citizens center located at 1250 Old Nichols Road. It is at the former site of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144. This will be a place where our seniors can get together to talk about what is going on in the village, watch movies and play board games.

Speaking of the VFW post, we have relocated the post from Islandia Commons to a former residence on the corner of Old Nichols Road and Halsey Avenue, right across the street from Veterans Memorial Triangle. We made improvements to a blighted property and renovated it to make it our new Village of Islandia Annex Building, along with the new home of VFW Post #12144.

We continue to put a high priority on facilitating communication between village government and residents through our annual calendar, newsletters and village website. If you have any questions or concerns, you can always call me, attend one of our Cup of Joes with the mayor or attend a Village Board meeting.

I look forward to seeing you and thank you for the opportunity to serve our village. Our village continues to be “second to none” and remember: this is only the beginning!

Sincerely,

*Allan M. Dorman*

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Mayor

## Village of Islandia Honors Retiring Fire Marshal Joe Correia for His Years of Service



At a special ceremony at Village Hall on January 29, the Village of Islandia honored Joe Correia, who is retiring as Village Fire Marshal after approximately 25 years of service.

Mr. Correia became Village Fire Marshal in 1995. He was responsible for inspecting all types of buildings to ensure compliance with established fire safety standards and making recommendations for building evacuation procedures. In addition, he assisted the Central Islip, Hauppauge and Lakeland Fire Departments at fire scenes and hazardous materials incidents.

Mayor Dorman presented Mr. Correia with a proclamation acknowledging his service with the village. Deputy Mayor and Public Safety Director Mike Zaleski presented him with going-away gifts on behalf of the village board.

## Village of Islandia Honors Local Residents at its Good Neighbor Gala



*Pictured (left to right): Deputy Mayor Mike Zaleski, Trustee Barbara Lacey, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Denise Schrage, The DNA Genealogy Group of Long Island President Patricia Ann Kellner, Marie Depaula-Walsh, Central Islip Volunteer Firefighter Robert Sutton, and Trustees Patty Peters and Burhan Kisla. Standing behind Ms. Walsh: Mayor Dorman.*

The Village of Islandia held a Good Neighbor Gala on the grounds of Village Hall on November 30, 2018 to recognize three of its residents — Patricia Ann Kellner, Maria Depaula-Walsh and Robert Sutton — for their positive impact on the community.

Ms. Kellner is president of the DNA Genealogy Group of Long Island and has found lost family members using genealogy and DNA, reunited adoptees to their families and developed successful genetic genealogy strategies. She manages numerous DNA tests, runs Facebook DNA genealogy groups, has hosted family reunions and created an extensive family tree. She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and has a B.A. in Speech Communications.

Ms. Depaula-Walsh witnessed a tragic accident in September 2018 where a boy riding his bike was struck by a car near Gina's Enchanted Flower Shoppe. She didn't know the boy, but she felt compelled to learn more about the boy's condition. She entered the flower shop to see if the shop's owner, Gina Lekstutis, had any more information

on the boy. Ms. Lekstutis gave Ms. Depaula-Walsh a red rose and asked that they continue praying for the boy. Ms. Depaula-Walsh carried the rose with her as she shared the story with everyone she met, including Mayor Dorman, and asked them to keep the boy in their prayers.

Mr. Sutton has been a volunteer firefighter for the Central Islip Fire Department since 1992. He runs the department's fire prevention program and has been recognized for developing one of the best programs in the state. He hosts fire safety presentations and poster contests at local schools. He has served as president of the Suffolk County Fire Safety Educators from 2006 to 2009 and from 2011 to 2017, bringing his passion for education to all those in the organization.

At the ceremony, Mayor Dorman thanked the honorees for their service to the community and the attendees for supporting their neighbors. He also said that there will be more Good Neighbor Gala events in the future as the village continues to recognize its citizens.



# Residents Get into the Holiday Spirit during the Village of Islandia's Thirteenth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



*Santa Claus (third from left) joins Islandia Village officials at the village's Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Village Hall. Also pictured (left to right): Deputy Mayor Michael Zaleski, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Denise Schrage, Trustee Barbara Lacey as "Mrs. Claus," Trustee Patty Peters and Mayor Dorman.*

On December 1, 2018, Village of Islandia residents came out to celebrate the holidays at the village's thirteenth annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" performed under the big tent as he played guitar and sang holiday songs, while residents sang along and enjoyed hot cocoa, coffee and cookies. After the tree was lit, Santa Claus came down to give out toys to the good little boys and girls of Islandia. The children also received candy canes, courtesy of Mrs. Claus.







## Upcoming Events

### APRIL 13 — Easter Egg Hunt

Children will have the chance to collect Easter eggs, some of which will contain a ticket allowing the children 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.

### MAY 25 — Memorial Day Ceremony/Veterans Memorial Triangle

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 an invocation and a ceremonial placing of the wreaths at the memorial.

### JUNE 8 — Ye Old Fashioned Tag Sale

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. Spacing is limited, so register early.

### JULY 13 — Village Bar-B-Que

The 14th Annual Bar-B-Que will be held on the grounds of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field. Village employees and local Boy Scouts 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.

## Islandia Village Senior Center Hours

**Monday - Friday**

*10am - 2pm*

**Tuesday & Thursday**

*7pm - 9pm*

**All Islandia Seniors are Welcome!**

## Get On The Bus!

Mayor 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.

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

## A GUIDE TO VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

### MAYOR:

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### VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

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**Patricia Dorman, Village Clerk**

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### BUILDING AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS

**Gerald Peters, Village Building Inspector**

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### VILLAGE COURT

**Alan Wolinsky, Village Justice**

Village Court is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Judgments are heard beginning at 9 a.m. Local Laws are heard beginning at 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Traffic Violations are heard beginning at 2 p.m. Please do not bring children to Court.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

**Michael Zaleski, Director of Public Safety**

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### VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

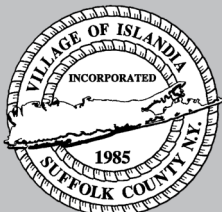
In the event of a holiday, meetings will be cancelled.

#### Board of Trustees

Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Village Hall.

Work sessions are held the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Village Hall.

The Mayor and Trustees comprise the village's Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is the village's governing and legislative body. The Board of Trustees also handles certain applications for special permits for commercial and institutional uses, and adopts the village's zoning laws.



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### VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (Closed Wednesdays)  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

You can find all of the village forms at:

[www.newvillageofislandia.com/pages/mylandia/downloadforms.php](http://www.newvillageofislandia.com/pages/mylandia/downloadforms.php).