



Office of the Town Historian Town of Islip, New York

Detailed Descriptions of Chapel Presentations and Walking Tour

Walking Tour of Islip Grange

In the 1970's Islip Town began to grow, and a number of historic structures were saved from destruction and moved to Islip Grange Park for preservation. In this short walk you will gain a glimpse into the past of Islip Town represented by these structures and the grounds of this park.

The Growth of Faith in Islip Town

Today the Town of Islip is a place where many houses of worship representing a number of faiths are located. While many of those who settled here came in order to follow their own consciences, it was not until 1765 that there was a house of worship built within the boundaries of the Town. That small church is still a place of worship today and is passed by Islip residents daily who do not know the important part this little building and its congregation played in our Town's history and its connection with our Constitutional right of Freedom of Religion and as a "Mother of Churches."

Telefunken

Only a short distance from this park is an area just north of the Long Island Rail Road and west of Cherry Avenue in West Sayville that was home to the Telefunken Company of Germany prior to World War I. In the early Twentieth Century the rising technology was radio and the installation here in Islip Town was, at that time, the most advanced long-distance radio installation in the world. Find out the secrets hidden in this now lost historic site and how this site in Islip impacted national and world history.

Interactive Town Meeting

Town meetings for the first 150 years of the Town of Islip were held only once a year, unless there was an emergency. They took place in local homes (many of which were also hotels where food and drink was available) where Town officials and residents would elect and appoint officials for the coming year, settle Town problems and air grievances. Join us for a opportunity to be part of an example Town meeting based on the entries in the Town minutes of the 18th and 19th Centuries and to touch the face of history so to speak. You will get an opportunity to hear of the issues that confronted the residents of the Town and perhaps get to influence some of the outcomes as an interactive participant in history.

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Living History Day - 2019

Schedule for events on June 8, 2019 at Islip Grange Park in Sayville

0830 – Set Up

10:00 – Open to the Public, all displays, and continual events start

10:00 – First Walking Tour of Grange Park – Starts at Town of Islip Tent

11:00 – “**The Growth of Faith in Islip Town**” – Program in the Chapel

12:00 – Second Walking Tour of Grange Park – Starts at Town of Islip Tent

1:00 – “**Telefunken**” – Program in the Chapel

2:00 – Walking Tour of Grange Park – Starts at Town of Islip Tent

3:00 – “**Interactive Town Hall Meeting of the Early Years**” – Program in the Chapel

4:00 – Event Closes and Breakdown

Continual Events

- Historic Games – Picnic Area
- Photos in the $\frac{3}{4}$ scale World War I Biplane
- Military Drills
- Fire Apparatus of the 19th Century
- Historical Society Displays
- Town Clerk’s Office tent research on Town military records
- Food Trucks on site

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