

## Residents Anticipate Visiting the Park as Warmer Weather Arrives



With the weather getting warmer, the First Responders Recreational Ball Field is expected to see more village residents using the park. The park features a variety of amenities, including a state-of-the-art ball field, a children’s playground, a fitness path and a gazebo.

The ball field has bleachers which can hold several hundred spectators, concession stands and restrooms. Since it first opened in 2018, the ball field has hosted baseball and softball clinics, as well as youth and adult baseball and softball contests. Residents can use the field for themselves when it is not in use (proof of village residency is required).

The village recently purchased a pitching machine to help ballplayers improve their hitting skills and intends to install a batting cage and bullpens in time for this coming season.

A children’s playground is located inside the park where children can climb, swing and slide. Residents can take advantage of the walking path featuring ten separate exercise stations.

The park also features a common area with a gazebo that has been the site of village events, such as the annual Easter

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### Help Wanted

The Village of Islandia is looking to hire two part-time (12-17 hours/week) Laborers for its Parks & Recreation Department. Duties include maintenance of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field, cleanup of the park after village events and baseball and softball games and other tasks. Must be available to work evenings and weekends. Salary: \$18/hour. If you are interested, please email [dschrage@newvillageofislandia.com](mailto:dschrage@newvillageofislandia.com).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy belated New Year. The year 2020 was a challenge for all of us in the Village of Islandia and across our country. I expect 2021 to be challenging also. With the pandemic still upon us, we must be careful how we live our lives during this crisis. Please wash your hands, don't touch your face, keep your distance (six feet) and wear a mask. The Village continues to work with our insurance company to purchase masks at a reduced cost. These savings have been passed on to our residents with our free mask distributions held at the Village Hall.

On other matters, I am pleased to report that the Village Board passed a budget for the tax year of 2021 without any increase in taxes for our residents. The Village will also eliminate the garbage fee for the eleventh year in a row. This means residents have saved an average of \$500 per year, compared to what they would expect to pay if they lived outside the Village for their garbage to be picked up. This, combined with the 50% tax cuts in 2017 and 2018 still in place, saves residents over \$1,000 per year on average, based on the assessed value of their home. Together, we have demonstrated that local village governments can lower the tax burden on residents while, at the same time, improving quality of life.

Our new park has been one of the focal points with respect to improving the quality of life in our Village. The First Responders Recreational Ball Field 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 once again hosting our Village events on the grounds, such as our Easter Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Fest and Annual Village Bar-B-Que, which was attended by 950 residents in 2019.

On other matters, for the safety and 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 extremely dangerous, especially at night. As a result, we have undertaken this project with the safety of pedestrians — and children — in mind. Our plan this year is to continue to repair and replace sidewalks where needed. The Force Main Project is coming to an end in our Village. The final new roadwork is mostly complete. We still have new signage and lighting to install.

Despite the closure due to COVID-19, and in accordance with our agreement, the Village recently received its 2021 payment in the amount of \$2,250,000.00 from Jake's 58 that Delaware North and OTB agreed to pay as part of its Taxpayer Relief Agreement with the Village of Islandia. This agreement has helped reduce taxes and provided the finances for the construction of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve you as your Mayor and remember: this is only the beginning!



Sincerely,

*Allan M. Dorman*

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Mayor

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Egg Hunt, Village Bar-B-Que and Pumpkin Fest and the first-ever Movie Night. The village anticipates bringing back these events this year.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. Residents can also access the park for non-profit and commercial uses. For more information, contact the village's parks and recreation commissioner, Denise Schrage, at 631-348-1133 or at dschrage@newvillageofislandia.com.



## Additional Magnets Available

Village residents recently received a free refrigerator magnet along with a copy of their Winter 2020 newsletter. Additional magnets are available, while supplies last and on a first-come, first-served basis.

The magnet features a list of important phone numbers to call in the event of emergencies and during natural disasters.

The phone numbers are as follows:

<b>Islandia Village Hall</b>	631-348-1133
<b>Islandia Public Safety</b>	631-481-6290
<b>Islandia Storm Related Emergencies</b> <i>Request Generators or Downed Trees</i>	631-704-8077 631-245-0700
<b>Poison Control</b>	1-800-222-1222
<b>PSEG</b> <i>Power Outage</i>	1-800-490-0075

<b>National Grid</b> <i>Gas Emergencies</i>	1-800-490-0045
<b>Suffolk County Water Authority</b> <i>Customer Service</i>	631-698-9500
<i>24 Hour Repair</i>	631-665-0663
<b>Suffolk County Police</b>	911
<b>Optimum</b> <i>Residential Customer Service</i>	631-393-0636

## Islandia Distributes More Free Face Masks to Residents



As part of its commitment to the community and to protect the health and safety of its residents, the Village of Islandia distributed free face masks to several hundred residents between January and March. Mayor Dorman joined village employees and volunteers in handing out the masks to residents. To date, the village has distributed more than 10,000 masks.

## A GUIDE TO VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

### MAYOR:

**Allan M. Dorman**  
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### VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

**Barbara Lacey, Trustee**  
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**Patricia Peters, Trustee**  
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### ADMINISTRATION:

**Denise Schrage,**  
**Village Commissioner of**  
**Parks and Recreation**  
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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.

### 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.

For emergencies, call 911.

Check village website for other important contact information.