



Village of Islandia Provides Pumpkins to Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School Students as a Halloween Treat



In the spirit of Halloween, on October 30, the Village of Islandia provided 393 pumpkins to students at Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School for them to bring home.

Standing with the students at Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School with their pumpkins are (left to right) Central Islip Union Free School District Superintendent of Schools Dr. Howard Koenig, Andrew T. Morrow Elementary School Principal Dr. Neema Coker, Mayor Dorman, and Village Building Inspector Gerald Peters.

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Annual Memorial Day Ceremony Is Held to Remember Those Who Sacrificed Their Lives for This Country



Mayor Dorman (standing, fifth from left) poses with members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 and local war veterans at the village's annual Memorial Day ceremony.

On May 26, Mayor Dorman joined local war veterans and elected officials in its annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Triangle. Those in attendance remembered all who died while in service to this country.

VFW Post #12144 Chaplain Tom Brauner delivered the invocation. Afterwards, Mayor Dorman, a former U.S. Marine and a Vietnam War veteran, acknowledged the veterans' groups in attendance and asked to remember village residents who served and have since passed away.

The ceremony concluded with local elected officials joining veterans and village officials in placing ceremonial wreaths on the memorial.

Chaplain Brauner thanked Mayor Dorman for his assistance in establishing the VFW post in Islandia and noted that the mayor was the post's first president. Mayor Dorman also announced that the VFW post will soon relocate from Islandia Village Commons to a former residence located across the street from the memorial.



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.



Village of Islandia Officially Opens First Responders Recreational Ball Field



Mayor Dorman (left) is joined by Deputy Mayor and Central Islip Fire Department Second Assistant Chief Michael Zaleski (third from left), and members of Suffolk County Boy Scout Troop #272 in Ronkonkoma as they place a wreath at the memorial at First Responders Recreational Ball Field.

Just in time for summer, the Village of Islandia officially kicked off baseball season with its grand opening of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field that was held on June 2. Mayor Dorman and village officials were joined by local first responders, firefighters, and police officers; representatives from Delaware North and the Bolla Foundation; local war veterans and elected officials for this special event.

The ceremony began with the unveiling and dedication of the memorial honoring local first responders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Mayor Dorman then led the dedication of the ball field and threw out the ceremonial first pitch with one of the children from the village.

In addition to a state-of-the-art ball field and concession stand and memorial, the park also includes a walking path with exercise stations. Local businesses provided more than \$2.5 million to make this project a reality, including Delaware North (the operator of Jake's 58), the Bolla Foundation and Breslin Realty.

"We are proud to open the First Responders Recreational Ball Field to the residents," Mayor Dorman said. "It is truly an honor to dedicate this park in the memory of our brave first responders. I foresee the park becoming the focal point of our village, where we will be able to come together as a community and enjoy an enhanced quality of life that living in a village provides."



Mayor Dorman (right) watches Collin throw out the first pitch to commemorate the grand opening of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field. Also pictured (left to right): Village Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Denise Schrage; Bolla Market CEO Harry Singh; Kamljit Singh; and Jake's 58 General Manager Chuck Kilroy.

Hot Weather Can't Keep Away the 800-Plus Residents Who Turned out for the Village of Islandia's 13th Annual Bar-B-Que



Children collect candy after breaking open the piñata at the Village of Islandia's 13th Annual Bar-B-Que.

Despite the heat and humidity outside, more than 800 Islandia Village residents came out to the thirteenth Annual Bar-B-Que on July 14. Children in attendance received a free baseball-themed gift pack containing a box of Cracker Jacks and an inflatable baseball. The theme was to commemorate the recent grand opening of First Responders Recreational Ball Field.

A group comprised of village volunteers and local Boy Scouts helped out at the event. Some of them served residents hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, salad, ice cream, soda and water, while others operated carnival games for the children.

Other activities included a water slide, hayrides, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, piñatas, kiddie pools and a dunk tank. As part of the entertainment, a local DJ provided music. Mayor Dorman also hosted a blueberry pie eating contest with the winner earning a blueberry pie.

During the event, Mayor Dorman held a special ceremony recognizing John Corallo, Shawn Donato and Robert DellaSalle of Boy Scout Troop #252 in Ronkonkoma for the beautification projects they performed as part of their Eagle Scout projects. This included refurbishing the "little house" on the grounds of Village Hall and constructing benches at the new First Responders Recreational Ball Field.



Village volunteers (left to right) Gina Lekstutis, Thomas Lynster, Tommy Annicaro and Rosanne Freda helped out at the Village of Islandia's 13th Annual Bar-B-Que.

Rebate Programs Announced

The village board recently announced that the village is offering two rebate programs to village homeowners.

The first is a rebate of up to \$1,000 to help with the cost of engineering fees for the installation of solar energy panels on the roofs of homeowners. PSEG does not cover the cost when performing these installs.

The second rebate is for up to \$2,000 to cover the cost of removing invasive bamboo from the homeowner's property.

Both rebates run from 2018-2019. For more information, contact Village Hall at 631-348-1133.

September 11th Dedication Ceremony Is Held at New First Responders Memorial



Mayor Dorman (left) poses with members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 and the Islandia Village safety officers at the new First Responders Memorial after a special dedication ceremony on September 11.

On September 11, the Village of Islandia held a special ceremony at the new First Responders Memorial in honor of the memory of five local first responders who were killed during the September 11, 2001 attacks: Raymond M. Meisenheimer, Peter Brennan, John P. Napolitano, Glen K. Pettit and William J. Mahoney, Jr.

Mayor Dorman was joined by village trustees, safety officers and members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144. The invocation was delivered by the VFW post's chaplain, Tom Brauner.

The First Responders Memorial was unveiled on June 2. It features five plaques, one for each of the five local residents who lost their lives that day. Mayor Dorman said this ceremony will continue to be held at the Memorial to remember those who bravely sacrificed their lives.



Village of Islandia Recognizes Those Who Served Our Country during Veterans Day Ceremony



Mayor Dorman and Korean War Veterans Association's Central Long Island Chapter President Sal Scarlato.

The Village of Islandia held its annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Triangle on November 10. Mayor Dorman, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, was joined by local elected officials, war veterans and representatives from the Lakeland and Central Islip Fire Departments to honor those who served and continue to serve in the armed forces.

During the ceremony, Mayor Dorman asked those in attendance to remember those local residents who served in the military and have since passed on. He also recognized all the local veterans' groups that were in attendance. An invocation was delivered by Chaplain Tom Brauner of Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144.

Village Resident Featured in *Newsday*

Patricia Ann Keller (pictured, left), president and founding member of The DNA Genealogy Group of Long Island, was featured in *Newsday* for an article on people who use DNA kits to find long-lost relatives. In the article, Patricia described how she used a DNA kit and found a long-lost cousin who was adopted; she was later able to track down her aunt — her cousin's mother — who was the birth mother.

Patricia's company seeks to help members and the public understand how to use DNA to develop our family trees. She has found lost family members using genealogy and DNA, reunited adoptees to their families and developed successful genetic genealogy strategies.

Patricia manages numerous DNA tests, runs Facebook DNA/Genealogy groups, has hosted many family

reunions, and created an extensive family tree. She has presented numerous lectures on a wide variety of genetic genealogy topics to the Long Island community.

She resides in the village with her husband Keith and their two children.



Village Resident Named FASNY Fire Safety Educator of the Year

Robert Sutton, a member of the Central Islip Fire Department, has been named the 2018 Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) Fire Safety Educator of the Year.

Robert joined the fire department in 1992 and was assigned to the Fire Emergency Services Co. In 1995, he headed the department's Fire Prevention Committee and began executing his plan to create one of the best programs in New York State.

He has presented fire safety programs to local elementary schools, Parent-Teacher Associations and local businesses. In addition, he runs fire safety poster contests at all the schools and hosts an open house at the fire department every October, where residents can learn more about fire safety.

As a member of the Central Islip Fire Department, Robert takes a hands-on approach to safety and education for members. He is one of the lead instructors for CPR training, serves as the Department Blood

Borne Pathogen instructor and officer, and is one of the lead educators for the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training. While serving in all of these titles, Robert has also served as the president of the Suffolk County Fire Safety Educators from 2006 to 2009 and from 2011 to 2017, bringing his passion for fire education to all those in the organization.



A Letter from Marie de Paula

Several weeks ago, I left home to run some errands, when I witnessed an accident involving a young boy; after witnessing the child lying on ground, awaiting emergency medical treatment, I made a vow to pray for him every day. Two days later, I stopped at Gina's Enchanted Flower Shoppe on my daily walk to see if I could find out any information on the status of his health.

I shared with Gina that my heart is hurting for this child, and that I'm hoping and praying for his recovery. She said she knew about the accident. She walked over to the florist refrigerator and took out a beautiful Red Rose. She hugged me with tears in her eyes, handed me the rose and said, "Let's continue praying for him." In that moment, the sorrow in my heart was gone and replaced with love! I hugged her back, also with tears in my eyes, and felt a sense of transformation. As I left, I held the Red Rose and felt that I was holding the love that Gina had passed onto me. I was so moved and decided to continue to pass that love onto others.

On that day, my daily walk became a walk-for-a-cause. I extended my usual route so I could share the child's story and gather more prayers for his recovery. I held the Red Rose with honor, ready to pass on its love to others like an illuminating torch.

My first encounter was with a gentleman named Mo, who had also heard about the accident. I shared my story of the Red Rose and the love that it held, and I could see the love in his eyes, too. Mo made a vow to also pray for the boy's recovery and thanked me for sharing my story. Next, I met an elderly woman named Merina and asked her if she believes in prayer. She looked up to the sky, held her hands in prayer above her head and said, "I am 94 years old, and I've been praying all my life!" She vowed to pray for the boy. I then went on to meet a young woman named Kayla. Just as Mo and Merina were, Kayla was moved by the story of the boy and the Red Rose, and she vowed to

pray for the young boy. I was so filled with joy to receive such loving responses from all these strangers.

I decided my walk-for-a-cause had been a success and it was time to begin my journey home. As I passed the Village Hall of Islandia, I looked at the Red Rose and thought, "Why not tell the mayor about this?!" Just as my neighbors were, Mayor Dorman was eager to listen. He was also very moved by the story of the Red Rose and, of course, he joined in on the prayers, too.

I will keep this experience close to my heart. This story proves not only that something good can come from something horrible, but also that the love of one neighbor can reach many others, even if they come from different walks of life and have never met before.

Thank you, Gina, for that Red Rose. Thank you, Mo, Merina, Kayla and Mayor Dorman for taking a moment out of your busy lives to stop, listen, and care for your neighbors. Let us continue with our prayers and love.

Marie de Paula

***Editor's note:** After being hospitalized in intensive care, the boy will have a long road to recovery.



A GUIDE TO VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

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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.

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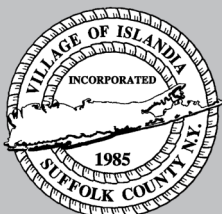
In the event of a holiday, meetings will be cancelled.

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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www.newvillageofislandia.com/pages/mylandia/downloadforms.php