

Grand Opening for First Responders Recreational Ball Field Scheduled for June 2



Artist's rendering of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field.

Village residents are invited to join Mayor Dorman, members of the Board of Trustees and local elected officials as the village dedicates the First Responders Recreational Ball Field on June 2, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In addition to a state-of-the-art ball field and concession stand, the park features a memorial dedicated to local first responders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The park also includes a walking path with exercise stations.

Following the memorial dedication, there will be a barbecue for village residents through 3:00 p.m. A dedication of the ball field will take place at noon, followed by the ceremonial first pitch and the first official game between the Lakeland Fire Department and the Central Islip Fire Department. This game will be followed by a girls' youth softball game. Throughout the day, there will be a DJ, a bounce house and

face painting for the children's enjoyment.

Local businesses provided more than \$2 million to make this project a reality, including Delaware North (the operator of Jake's 58), the Bolla Foundation and Breslin Realty. The seven-acre property was owned by the Town of Islip until 2014, when the village acquired the property from the town — with the support of then-Town Supervisor Tom Croci — at no cost, with the help of New York State Assemblyman Phil Ramos, then-New York State Assemblyman Al Graf and then-New York State Senator Lee Zeldin. The state legislators co-sponsored bills to allow for the transfer of the property from the town for the purpose of developing the ballfield.

In the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 3.

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Budget Features 25 Percent Tax Cut for Second Consecutive Year 50 Percent Reduction Since 2016

On November 28, 2017, The Village of Islandia unanimously passed a \$3.974 million 2018 budget that included a tax cut of 25 percent. It was the second consecutive year the village lowered taxes by 25%, effectively reducing taxes by over 50% of what they were in 2016, saving an additional \$200 a year for the average resident, for a total savings of \$400 per year on average since 2016. The tax cuts are, in part, the result of the village's revenues received from the Taxpayer Relief Agreement with Delaware North.

In addition, the budget once again eliminated the village garbage tax. This means residents save an average of \$500 per year than what they would have to pay if they lived outside the village. This, combined with the 25% tax cuts in 2017 and 2018, saves residents \$1,400 total on average. The budget also included \$600,000 for additional recreational spending as part of the construction of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field.

"Once again, this budget provides village residents real tax relief, putting more money in their pockets, where it belongs," Mayor Dorman said.

Mayor Dorman Receives President's Award from Suffolk County Village Officials Association



Pictured (left to right): Babylon Village Mayor Ralph A. Scordino, Mayor Dorman and Suffolk County Village Officials Association Executive Director Hon. Paul J. Tonna.

On April 11, Mayor Dorman received the President's Award at the Suffolk County Village Officials Association (SCVOA) Legislative Dinner and Awards Night, which was held at the Hotel Indigo East End in Riverhead. The event also featured a passing of the torch as Mayor Dorman handed over the presidential duties to Nissequogue Village Mayor Richard B. Smith.

Mayor Dorman has served as SCVOA's president for the past three years. During his time in this role, he led the fight against unfunded mandates, including Governor Andrew Cuomo's Shared Services Property Tax Plan, which was passed by the New York State Legislature without any input from local government. He also worked to increase the recognition of benefits offered by village government, such as fiscal responsibility, cost-effective services, and enhanced quality of life for all village residents.

"I am honored to receive this award from an organization of which I was proud to serve as president," Mayor Dorman said. "I also wish to congratulate Mayor Smith on his new position. SCVOA provides an invaluable service to village officials and employees through training, knowledge-sharing and support, while, at the same time, advocating on behalf of local government and residents on the county, state and national levels. I am proud to have served as president and I look forward to making contributions as a member of the executive board."

"I want to congratulate Mayor Dorman on receiving the President's Award," Mayor Smith said. "SCVOA has seen extremely significant growth while he served as president the past three years. During Allan's tenure, SCVOA has greatly expanded our service to our village members. I'm very honored to serve as president of this fine organization and I look forward to working with Allan in serving our members."

"Mayor Dorman embodies all we hope to accomplish as public servants and strong advocates for the villages," said SCVOA Executive Director Hon. Paul J. Tonna. "Under Al's leadership, SCVOA was on the front lines of numerous critical issues affecting villages, passionately protecting the rights and interests of our residents. The SCVOA executive board and the 32 member villages are proud to honor Mayor Dorman for his exemplary service."

Residents Celebrate the Holiday Season during 12th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



Pictured (front row, left to right): Mayor Dorman, Village Activities Director Denise Schrage and her sister Carrie Hays. Back row (left to right): Deputy Mayor Michael Zaleski, Village Trustee Barbara Lacey as "Mrs. Claus" and Village Trustee Patty Peters.

Village residents came out to celebrate the holidays at the village's twelfth annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, which took place on December 2, 2017. "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" performed under the big tent as he played guitar and sang holiday songs, while residents 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.



Snow and Cold Weather Does Not Stop the Fun at the 13th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Neither the cold temperatures nor the aftereffects of a Nor'easter kept away local children and their families from the Village of Islandia's 13th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which took place on the grounds of Village Hall on March 24. Children had the opportunity to color their own Easter eggs, get their picture taken with the Easter bunny and guess the number of jellybeans in the jar.

Each child also received a basket full of Easter eggs which contained pieces of candy; some of them also had tickets which they could redeem for a special prize. Those in attendance were treated to cookies and hot cocoa and entertained by the music of "Joe the Singing Bus Driver."





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.

Joseph W. Prokop Serves as Attorney Coach to Winner of the Long Island High School Mentor Moot Court Competition



Pictured (left to right): Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn, Village Attorney Joseph W. Prokop, Michael Lu, Jay Sangwan, Andi Sauer, Jake De Pinto and Doug Elliot.

Village Attorney Joseph W. Prokop served as the attorney coach for the Ward Melville High School Moot Court Team, which won the Long Island High School Mentor Moot Court Competition. A special ceremony was held at the Rogers Building's Suffolk County Legislative Auditorium in Hauppauge on December 19, 2017, in which Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn presented the team members and their coach with proclamations recognizing their achievement.

As attorney coach, Mr. Prokop provided mentoring for the team. He taught the members real-world legal procedures and assisted them in crafting arguments in constitutional law.

After beating William Floyd High School in the Suffolk County finals, the team defeated Nassau County champion Sacred Heart Academy in the Long Island championship, which was held at U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York in Central Islip on November 16, 2017.

Office of NYS Senator Tom Croci Hosts Narcan Training



New York State Senator Tom Croci, Suffolk County Department of Health's Director of the Office of Minority Health Gregson H. Pigott and Deputy Mayor Mike Zaleski.

Approximately 30 people came to Village Hall on September 6, 2017 for Narcan Training, which was presented by the Office of New York State Senator Tom Croci. The guest speakers were Robert Delagi, Suffolk County Department of Health Services' director of EMS and public health emergency preparedness, and Gregson H. Pigott, the agency's director of the Office of Minority Health.

Mr. Delagi discussed the increase in drug use and overdoses in Suffolk County, especially with opioids. However, he has seen more lives being saved as a result of Narcan. He also explained how to tell if someone has overdosed and demonstrated how to dispense Narcan to that person. Mr. Pigott described the various medications used to treat addicts and its effectiveness against certain types of opioids.

Those in attendance received a free Narcan overdose prevention bag.

Village of Islandia Remembers Those Who Served during Veterans Day Ceremony



Mayor Dorman (center) poses with the members of the Central Long Island Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association and the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 at the Village of Islandia's Veterans Day ceremony.

The Village of Islandia held its annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Triangle on November 4, 2017. Mayor Dorman, a Vietnam veteran, 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.

There was a musical performance by the Central Islip High School marching band before the ceremony. Both Deacon Jim Altonji of St. Joseph Parish in Ronkonkoma

and Chaplain Tom Brauner of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 delivered the invocation.

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. The ceremony ended with village officials joining war veterans in placing a wreath and bouquets of roses in front of the memorial.

600 Residents Turn out for 12th Annual Pumpkin Fest



The winners of the costume contest show off their prizes at the Village of Islandia's 12th Annual Pumpkin Fest.

Six hundred residents came down to Islandia Village Hall to celebrate Halloween at The Village of Islandia's 12th annual Pumpkin Fest on October 28, 2017. Throughout the event, children decorated their pumpkins, took part in a Halloween costume parade and contest and joined their families on hayrides. Islandia's own "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" was there to tell spooky stories and sing Halloween songs to the children.

The village also provided guests with hot cocoa, cider and cookies. All the residents left with their very own pumpkins.



Calendar of Events

MAY
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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.

JULY
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Village BBQ

The 13th Annual BBQ will be held on the grounds of Village Hall. 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.

OCT
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13th Annual Pumpkin Fest

Children and their parents will come out, dressed up in their favorite costumes. There will be pumpkin decoration stations, a costume parade, cookies and hot cocoa. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated pumpkin and best costume. There will also be a petting zoo and hayrides for the children, as well as live music.

NOV
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Veterans Day Ceremony/ Veterans Memorial Triangle

The village will host a Veterans 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 village board members in an invocation and a ceremonial placing of the wreaths at the memorial.

JUNE
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First Responders Recreational Ball Field Dedication

Village residents are invited to join the Village Board and local elected officials at the dedication of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field. There will be a memorial ceremony honoring local first responders who died in the September 11, 2001 attacks. A barbecue for village residents and guests will take place afterwards, followed by a dedication of the ball field, the ceremonial first pitch and the opening game between the Lakeland Fire Department and the Central Islip Fire Department.

JUNE
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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.



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