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Pictured left to right: Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Islip Town Councilman Steve Flotteron, and Islip Town Clerk Olga H. Murray.

Islandia Residents Celebrate Village's 30th Birthday at Annual BBQ

On July 11, more than 500 Islandia Village residents came out to celebrate the village's 30th anniversary during Islandia's 10th Annual BBQ. This year's theme was "Star Wars." Younger residents dressed up as costumed characters from the film and greeted visitors. The Village Hall parking lot was decorated with R2-D2 balloons.

Village employees and local Boy Scouts served residents hamburgers, hot dogs, roasted corn, salad, and cold drinks. The celebration included a hayride, kiddie pools, games, face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, a volunteer dunk tank, raffles, a blueberry pie-eating contest and music. Mayor Allan M. Dorman led residents in the singing of "Happy Birthday" as a

birthday cake to celebrate the village's 30 years was brought out.

The village was officially incorporated on April 1, 1985, after voters approved a referendum. On May 22, 1985, village residents voted for its first mayor and board of trustees.

The Village of Islandia is home to over 3,300 residents and over 1,300 businesses. It encompasses 2.25 square miles and contains 275 acres of Greenbelt, including Lakeland Park and Islandia Farm. The village is comprised of the Hauppauge, Central Islip and Connetquot School Districts, and the Hauppauge, Central Islip and Lakeland Fire Districts.

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Work Scheduled to Begin on First Responders Field

In the next several months, work will begin on the Village of Islandia First Responders Memorial Recreational Field. This will include installation of the restrooms, a concession stand, an office and a storage facility. The park will also have a second baseball diamond on the field, complete with dugouts.

The ball field — formerly known as Old Nichols Road Park — came under ownership of the village as the result of legislation sponsored by then-New York State Senator Lee Zeldin and New York State Assemblyman Al Graf authorizing the Town of Islip to transfer the seven-acre property to the village. Upon the acquisition of the ball field, Mayor Allan M. Dorman announced the park would be renamed the Village of Islandia First Responders Memorial Recreational Field to honor the memory of five first responders from the village who were killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The village anticipates that work will be completed in time for the spring 2016 season.



Local Elected Officials Recognize Islandia's 30 Years as an Incorporated Village



Pictured (left to right): Tom Cilmi, Mike Zaleski, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Leslie Kennedy, and Robert Martinez.

On April 10, local elected officials joined Islandia Mayor Allan M. Dorman at a special celebration of the village's 30th anniversary at Village Hall. Local residents and village employees were on hand to celebrate the milestone. During the event, Robert Martinez, the chief of staff with the Office of Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore, presented Mayor Dorman with a proclamation in honor of the village's three decades in existence.

Village Trustees Patty Peters and Barbara Lacey Sworn In for Another Term



U.S. District Court Judge Phil Goglas (right) swears in Patty Peters (left) and Barbara Lacey (center) for another term as Village Trustees at the Village Board meeting on April 7.

Islandia Village Trustees Patty Peters and Barbara Lacey were sworn in for another term during the April 7 Village Board meeting. They won their respective races in an uncontested election on March 18.

The term for Village Trustee is four years. Ms. Peters has been a Village Trustee since 2007. In 2010, Ms. Lacey was appointed to the Village Trustee post that was vacated by Suellen Leonardo. This is the second election Ms. Lacey has won.

Signs for Purple Heart Trail Installed



Mayor Allan M. Dorman has announced that the village has installed new signs for the Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail in Lakeland County Park. The signs will help attract more visitors to the trail, which was established to honor those who served this country.

Lakeland County Park was chosen to host the first Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail because of its handicap accessibility, which allows all of Suffolk's veterans the greatest accessibility in visiting the park. The trail was established after the Suffolk County Legislature approved a bill by then-Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy to create the Suffolk County Purple Heart Trail.

The trail is the first memorial in the county to honor its Purple Heart recipients.

Islandia Honors Local War Veterans at Memorial Day Ceremony



Pictured (left to right) New York State Assemblyman Michael Fitzpatrick, Islip Town Councilman John Cochrane, Jr., Suffolk County Legislator Monica Martinez, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Islip Town Councilman Anthony Senft, Leo Maesa, and Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi.

On May 23, the Village of Islandia held its Memorial Day ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Triangle, located at the intersection of Old Nichols Road and Johnson Avenue. Local elected officials, war veterans and village officials were in attendance.

Following an invocation, Islandia Village Mayor Allan M. Dorman, a Vietnam veteran, recognized those who served our country. There was also a laying of the wreaths, with flowers graciously donated by Gina's Flower Shoppe.

Mayor Allan M. Dorman Attends Installation of New Officers at Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144



Raymond Bush, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Raul Jimenez Cintron, and Chaplain Tom Brauner.

The first-ever meeting of the new members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 was held on May 30 at the Village of Islandia Commons which is located at 1250 Old Nichols Road. Mayor Allan M. Dorman, a Vietnam War veteran, attended the meeting as a member as the new officers were installed.

The following were installed as officers:

- **Commander:** Raymond Bush
- **Senior Vice President:** Carl Singer
- **Junior Vice President:** Raul Jimenez Cintron
- **Quartermaster:** Bill Fuchs
- **Adjutant:** Buddy Dekeris
- **Chaplain:** Tom Brauner
- **Three-Year Trustee:** Joel Meyers

The post was named in honor of the late Col. Midura, an Army Chaplain and Monsignor at St. Thomas More Church in Hauppauge who passed away in 2012. Col. Midura had previously presided over the village's Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, including the special memorial ceremony commemorating the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Mayor Dorman, who served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, helped to establish the post to give local veterans a place to meet and to thank the veterans for their bravery and service.

Mayor Allan Dorman Attends Grand Opening of Second Location for Gina's Enchanted Flower Shoppe



Pictured (front row, l-r): Richard Kitson, Bill Fuchs, Sal Scarlato, Mayor Allan M. Dorman, Gina Lekstutis, Dorothy Oxendine, Patty Peters and Mike Zaleski. Back row (l-r): Mike Pascal, Freeman Su, and James Lekstutis.

Mayor Allan M. Dorman attended the grand opening of the second location of Gina's Enchanted Flower Shoppe on April 25 inside the Hyatt Regency Long Island hotel, located at 1717 Motor Parkway in Islandia. Mayor Dorman was joined by the flower shop's owner, Gina Lekstutis, her friends, family members, village board members and local war veterans. After the ribbon cutting, James Lekstutis, Ms. Lekstutis' son, presented the mayor with a certificate of appreciation.

Gina's Enchanted Flower Shoppe, which opened in 1998, came to Islandia in 2005, moving to 1930 Veterans Memorial Highway from its previous location on Mount Pleasant Road in Hauppauge. In 2013,

when Islandia Commons officially opened at 1250 Old Nichols Road, the store relocated from its previous site.

A number of local veterans' leaders joined village officials for the grand opening. Ms. Lekstutis is well-known throughout Suffolk County for her support of veterans' organizations.

Ms. Lekstutis recalled that when she was a child in Taiwan (the Republic of China), she met an American soldier. He patted her head and, although she did not speak English, she could hear the kindness in his voice when he spoke to her. He also offered her a piece of chewing gum. It was this act of selflessness that she has since decided to "pay it forward" towards members of the military and everyone she meets.

"I had always remembered to 'pay it forward' when it comes to our veterans," said Ms. Lekstutis. "It is important to honor those who fought for this wonderful country."

"We are very proud to have a local business owner like Gina honor our veterans," said Mayor Dorman. "The veteran's organizations are grateful for her support and recognition of what they have done. We thank her for her support in helping to make our Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies special for our community and we wish her the best for her new endeavor."

Mayor Allan M. Dorman Renames Silverleaf Lane in Memory of Village Court Clerk



Pictured (left to right): Mayor Allan M. Dorman Denise Schrage, Alyssa Schrage, Marilyn Griffaton and Florence Barrett. Standing in front of Ms. Schrage (l-r): Sophia Schrage and Gavin Schrage. Standing behind Ms. Schrage: Justin Hinte.

On August 12, Mayor Allan M. Dorman invited family members of former Islandia Village Court Clerk Linda Sheahan to a special dedication ceremony in which Silverleaf Lane was renamed Linda E. Sheahan Lane in her memory.

Ms. Sheahan began working in the village in 1987. In addition to her duties as a village court clerk, she worked as deputy village clerk and deputy

registrar. She was remembered for being very knowledgeable in the Building Department and her willingness to help the residents in the village. In 2008, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She fought a long battle against the disease until her passing on July 27, 2014. Her sister, Marilyn Griffaton, currently serves as village clerk.

Ms. Sheahan and her husband, Dennis, lived on Silverleaf Lane for 35 years. That is where they raised their three children: twins Carrie and Kristine and their daughter Denise.

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Get On The Bus!

Mayor Allan M. 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.

In the summer of 2010, the village purchased a new bus to help senior citizens get to where they need to go. Bus service began on October 18, 2010, but only on a limited schedule. Since then, the village has expanded its service.

"This service is being provided to our senior residents to make life a little easier, and why not?" said Mayor Dorman. "As Mayor of this village, I am proud to offer this service that is so needed."

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

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Calendar of Events

10th Annual Pumpkin Fest: October 24

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, hayrides for the children, and live music from “Joe the Singing Bus Driver.”



Veterans Day Ceremony/Veterans Triangle: November 7

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.

Christmas Tree Lighting: December 12

Village residents will be in the holiday spirit as the village prepares to light the Christmas tree to kick off the holiday season. “Joe the Singing Bus Driver” will entertain children and adults alike by performing holiday songs as everyone enjoys cookies and hot cocoa. After the tree lighting, Santa Claus will arrive — courtesy of the Central Islip Fire Department — and give out presents to the good little boys and girls of Islandia.



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