

Islandia Village Breaks Ground on the First Responders Recreational Ball Field



Mayor Dorman (third from left) is joined by dignitaries, local elected officials and first responders for the groundbreaking of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field. Also pictured (l-r): Islandia Deputy Mayor and Central Islip Fire Chief Michael Zaleski, Delaware North's Gaming Division President Brian Hansberry, Bolla Market President/CEO Harry Singh, Breslin Realty Senior Property Manager Salvatore Vitale, and Suffolk County Legislator Thomas Muratore.

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Replacement USMC Medallion Arrives in Time for Memorial Day Ceremony



Mayor Dorman (third from left) poses with members of the Marine Corps League in front of the replacement United States Marine Corps medallion that was installed in time for the village's annual Memorial Day ceremony.

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As Promised, Village Receives Payments of Over \$2.5 Million from Delaware North as Part of a Taxpayer Relief Agreement



Mayor Dorman (fourth from right) is joined by members of the Islandia Village Board of Trustees in holding the two checks from Delaware North in the amounts of \$1 million and \$1,532,400 at a special ceremony at Jake's 58. Also pictured (left to right): Village Building Inspector Gerry Peters, Village Attorney Joseph Prokop, Village Trustee Patty Peters, Delaware North Co-CEO Louis M. Jacobs, Jake's 58 General Manager Chuck Kilroy, Delaware North's Gaming Division President Brian Hansberry, Deputy Mayor Michael Zaleski, and Village Trustee Barbara Lacey.

Mayor Dorman and village trustees were presented with two checks from Delaware North during a special ceremony that took place on February 8 at Jake's 58 (formerly the Islandia Marriott Hotel). These payments were made as part of the Taxpayer Relief Agreement the village made with Delaware North on August 17, 2016.

One check was a payment for \$1,532,400 that would go to pay for the completion of construction and development of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field on Old Nichols Road in Islandia. The other check for \$1 million would be used as tax relief payment, in which residents would see their taxes reduced by 50% within the first two years of the agreement.

In addition to the initial payments, Delaware North will make \$47 million in tax relief payments to the village over the next 20 years. Meanwhile, the company will be allowed to operate up to 1,000 Video Lottery

Terminals, two Suffolk Off-Track Betting kiosks and OTB simulcasts at the hotel under a special use permit that was approved by the Village Board of Trustees on August 12, 2016. The agreement gives the village the authority to review the conditions of the special use permit every two years.

"These payments are providing real tax relief to village residents," Mayor Dorman said. "As promised, the village already reduced property taxes this year by 25 percent and will reduce taxes by another 25 percent in 2018. This, combined with the village's continued elimination of a garbage tax, saves residents about \$700 a year. This is money in your pocket. This agreement will protect the financial security of the entire village. Business owners will also get tax relief, helping them to expand their operations in Islandia and creating much-needed jobs for local residents."

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

On June 7, Mayor Dorman joined village trustees, local elected officials and representatives of Delaware North, Bolla Market and Breslin Realty in the groundbreaking of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field.

The First Responders Recreational Ball Field will feature a state-of-the-art ball field for youth and community baseball and softball games. The redeveloped park will also include a concession stand, restrooms, a playground and an exercise path around the perimeter of the park with 10 different exercise stations.

Delaware North, operator of the new Jake's 58 in Islandia, provided \$1.53 million for the completion of the construction and the development of the ball field as part of its Taxpayer Relief Agreement with the village.

Bolla Market contributed \$500,000 for construction of the restrooms, a storage area and a concession stand. Breslin Realty had also donated \$100,000 for the development of the ball field.

In 2014, the park, formerly known as Old Nichols Road Park, was acquired by the village from the Town of Islip with the help of then-Town Supervisor Tom Croci, for the purpose of developing a state-of-the-art ball field on an underutilized, dilapidated property.

The acquisition was made possible through the assistance of then-New York State Senator Lee Zeldin and New York State Assemblyman Al Graf, who introduced legislation the previous year to authorize the transfer of ownership of the seven-acre park to the village at no cost. On June 17, 2013, the state Senate passed the bill; four days later, it was approved by the Assembly. On October 21, 2013, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the bill into law.

"We wish to thank Delaware North, Bolla Market and Breslin Realty for their financial assistance on making this neighborhood baseball field become a reality," Mayor Dorman said. "The park promises to be a place where members of the community will come together to spend time with their children and enjoy the outdoors. It will have the potential to become the focal point of our community, where we will be able to enjoy and improve upon our quality of life that living in a village affords to us."

"Delaware North always establishes strong, cooperative relationships with the communities where we operate, so Delaware North and Jake's 58 are proud to have established a strong relationship with the Village of Islandia and appreciate the village's support," said Brian Hansberry, president of Delaware North's gaming division.

A video of the groundbreaking ceremony can be viewed at www.newvillageofislandia.com/groundbreaking.

Replacement USMC Medallion Arrives in Time for Memorial Day Ceremony

Mayor Dorman joined local war veterans and elected officials in unveiling the replacement United States Marine Corps medallion that was installed in the Islandia Veterans Memorial just before the start of the village's annual Memorial Day ceremony, which took place on May 27.

The original medallion was unlawfully removed from the memorial on the night of January 15, 2017, causing significant damage to the memorial.

The village is currently offering a \$5,000 reward for the

arrest and prosecution of those involved in this criminal act.

Mayor Dorman thanked Empire National Bank for its generous donation in assisting the village in purchasing the replacement medallion. The unveiling was followed by the village's annual Memorial Day ceremony, which featured an invocation, recognition of the local war veterans in attendance, remembrance of those who gave the greatest sacrifice, and the laying of wreaths at the memorial.

Children Collect 8,000 Eggs during 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Local families celebrated Easter a little early at Islandia Village Hall as they attended the 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which took place on April 8. Children scampered across the grounds of Village Hall to collect some of the 8,000 eggs that were available; many of these eggs contained a ticket in which the lucky children were able to redeem for a special prize. They also enjoyed hot cocoa, coffee, tea and cookies, danced to the music performed by "Joe the Singing Bus Driver" and had their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny.



Children run out to collect some of the 8,000 Easter eggs that were laid out on the grounds of Village Hall during Islandia Village's 12th Annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Nearly 800 Residents Turn out for 12th Annual Bar-B-Que

More Than 50 Volunteers on Hand to Help Keep the Fun Going



Gavin Schrage cools off as he runs through the water slide during the Village of Islandia's 12th annual Bar-B-Que.



Nearly 800 village residents came out to the twelfth annual Bar-B-Que, which was held on July 15. This year's theme was "The Wild Wild West." Children in attendance received a free T-shirt to commemorate the event and a cowboy hat.

More than 50 volunteers — 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, giving children a chance to win some prizes.

Children enjoyed the day with a water slide, hayrides, games, races, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, piñatas, train rides, a limbo contest and a dunk tank. Musicians and a local DJ provided music to keep the party going.

In addition, Mayor Dorman hosted a blueberry pie eating contest with the winners each getting a blueberry pie. The Bar-B-Que also featured raffles, in which two lucky children each won a bicycle, courtesy of Bolla Market.

Col. Francis S. Midura VFW Post #12144 Celebrates Three-Year Anniversary

This year marks the third anniversary of the establishment of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #12144, located at the Village of Islandia Commons at 1250 Old Nichols Road.

The current post commander is Raul Jimenez Cintron (pictured), who previously served as Junior Vice Commander and Judge Advocate.

Meetings are held once a month. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (631) 348-1133 or visit www.newvillageofislandia.com.



Raul Jimenez Cintron



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

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.

SCVOA Releases Results of Its Village Survey

The Suffolk County Village Officials Association (SCVOA) recently conducted a survey of village residents throughout Suffolk County. The results are as follows:

- 91% said they were either very happy or happy with the level of village services.
- 75% said their village board was doing an excellent or good job.
- 70% said they were either very happy or happy with village code enforcement.
- 66% said their village board works together in a spirit of partnership.
- 66% agreed that smaller government, like villages, are more efficient than large state government.

- 65% said their village was on the right track.
- 63% said their village is being run honestly and efficiently.
- 52% said their village taxes are a good deal.

"The results show that village residents are highly satisfied with their village governments," said Mayor Dorman, who is also president of SCVOA. "On behalf of the village board, we pledge to continue to do our part in ensuring that your village government provides the best services and enhances local quality of life, while reducing the tax burden on local residents."

Mayor Dorman, Michael Zaleski Sworn in for Another Term

Village Welcomes Burhan Kislá as New Trustee

Mayor Dorman and Village Trustees Michael Zaleski and Burhan Kislá began their new terms after a swearing-in ceremony was held on April 4.

On March 21, the Village of Islandia held its election for Mayor and two Village Trustee positions. Mayor Dorman was re-elected Mayor with 507 votes, winning 66% of the vote. He beat out challenger Neil Munro, who garnered 258 votes.

Mr. Kislá was elected new Village Trustee with 487 votes. Mr. Zaleski was re-elected with 484 votes. They defeated incumbent Trustee Diane Olk, who had 278 votes, and challenger Mario Carbellano, who received 275 votes.



Pictured (left to right): Suffolk County Court Judge and Acting Family Court Judge Phil Goglas, Mayor Dorman, Village Trustees Michael Zaleski and Burhan Kislá and Family Court Judge Frank Tantone.

Mayor Dorman Visits Local War Veterans at The Arbors Assisted Living at Islandia West for a “Vets’ Chat”



Mayor Dorman (standing, front row, left) and Col. Francis S. Midura VFW Post #12144 Commander Raul Jimenez Cintron (standing, front row, fourth from left) are joined by local war veterans and members of VFW Post #12144 during the “Vets’ Chat.”

Mayor Dorman, a Vietnam veteran, joined members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 and local war veterans at The Arbors Assisted Living at Islandia West for a “Vets’ Chat” on July 24. Those in attendance enjoyed breakfast while discussing issues of concern as veterans and sharing stories of their time in the service and during combat.

Residents Are Asked to Use Dog Waste Stations When Walking Their Pets

Village residents who own a dog are asked to help the village in “Keeping Islandia Clean.” In the interest of helping everyone, special Dog Waste Stations have been conveniently installed by the front of the sumps and near sidewalks. They are not installed in front of anyone’s home.

Picking up after one’s pet is not only the right thing to do, it’s the law. Fines for violations start at \$200.

Calendar of Events

Ye Old Fashioned Tag Sale: September 16

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. Space is limited, so register early.

13th Annual Pumpkin Fest: October 21

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 from "Joe the Singing Bus Driver."

Veterans Day Ceremony/Veterans Memorial Triangle: November 4

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 2

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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