

## NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN!



Mayor Dorman (front row, right) joins (l-r) Deputy Mayor Tom Annicaro and Village resident Victor Montanez, Jr. in the ribbon cutting of the new pickleball court.



Mayor Dorman returns a serve during the grand opening.



Our facility includes two state-of-the-art pickleball courts.

### It's Kinda A BIG DOLL!

Village officials, employees and residents joined Mayor Dorman for the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Village's new pickleball courts located next to Village Hall on September 30. After the ceremony, Mayor Dorman joined residents on the courts for a game.

The addition of these courts provides an expanded offering of recreational activities to its residents. This project was spearheaded by Village Trustees Raymond Bush and Victor Montanez III.

Pickleball has become the fastest-growing sport in America the past three years in a row, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association. The organization also noted that there are now 8.9 million players in the U.S.

The courts are available seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Reservations can be made by logging onto [voi.pickleplanner.com](http://voi.pickleplanner.com).



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# Christmas Comes Early for Three Local Female War Veterans and Their Families

Received Transfer of Ownership of These Homes,  
Courtesy of the Village of Islandia and Creation Equity



*Pictured (left to right): Deputy Mayor Tom Annicaro and Village Trustee Victor Montanez III, Col. Francis S. Midura Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #12144 Quartermaster Ray Rusielewicz and Past Commander Raymond Bush, Creation Equity Vice President Luke Georgiadis and Founder Bob Agahi, Doug Pandolf, local war veterans Melissa Pandolf (Mr. Pandolf's wife), Sabrina Lacy and Catherine Doherty, Ms. Doherty's husband Jim Doherty, Mayor Dorman, VFW Post #12144 Commandant Vincent "Buddy" Deckeris, former Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency Director Tom Ronayne and current Director Marcelle Leis.*

On December 20, the Village of Islandia and Creation Equity transferred the keys and deeds to three female war veterans and their families at a special ceremony that took place at the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 in Islandia.

The selection of who would receive these homes was based on the need for the often overlooked community of female veterans. Creation Equity donated and rehabilitated these properties.

"These veterans served our country and I'm pleased that we were able to work with Creation Equity to thank them for their service and have a positive impact on their lives," Mayor Dorman said. "We would like to thank Creation Equity for their assistance in providing these veterans a home, just in time for Christmas."

The Village will be holding a welcoming event, open to all residents, for our new neighbors this spring.



*Pictured (left to right): Village Trustee Victor Montanez III, Deputy Mayor Tom Annicaro, Creation Equity Founder Bob Agahi and Mayor Dorman.*



*Creation Equity Founder Bob Agahi addresses the crowd during the ceremony.*



*War veterans Catherine Doherty (sitting, second from left), Melissa Pandolf (sitting, center) and Sabrina Lacy (sitting, right) display the citations received from Islip Town Councilman John M. Lorenzo (standing, left) and NYS Assemblyman Doug Smith (standing, right). Also pictured: Ms. Doherty's husband Jim (sitting, left), Ms. Pandolf's husband Doug (sitting, second from right) and Mayor Dorman (standing, center).*



# Islandia Celebrates “All-American” Theme at Its Annual BBQ

More Than 600 People in Attendance



More than 600 people attended the Village of Islandia’s 18th annual Village BBQ at the Memorial Recreation Field on July 22. This year’s BBQ had an “All-American” theme, with the area adorned with red, white and blue.



Village employees and volunteers served hamburgers, hot dogs, pretzels, corn, soda, water and ice cream to the residents. There were also water slides, games, raffles to win prizes and the blueberry pie eating contest. There was also a DJ to keep the music going.



## Islandia Holds September 11th Memorial Ceremony at First Responders Memorial

On September 11, the Village of Islandia held a special ceremony at the First Responders Memorial in honor of the memories 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. This event commemorated the 22nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks on U.S. soil.

Mayor Dorman was joined by Village elected officials, employees and residents and members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 in remembering those who lost their lives during the 9/11 attacks.



Mayor Dorman (front row, sixth from left) is joined by Village officials, employees and residents, veterans from the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #12144, and members of the Islandia Public Safety Department at the Village’s 9/11 ceremony on September 11.



# Islandia Celebrates the Holidays with Its 18th Annual Tree Lighting



The Village of Islandia held its 18th annual tree lighting ceremony on December 2. Five hundred residents showed up to hear holiday songs and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. Children mailed their letters to Santa, received candy canes from Mrs. Claus and had their pictures taken with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. After the Christmas tree was lit, Santa Claus arrived and gave out toys to the good boys and girls of Islandia.





# Over 200 Residents Come out for the Village's Annual Holiday Dinner



The day before the tree lighting, the Village hosted its annual holiday dinner under the big tent, which took place on December 1. More than 200 residents were treated to Italian food, sandwiches, desserts, soda, water and coffee while listening to holiday music. Mayor Dorman was on hand to greet the residents as they came in and had an opportunity to speak with them on a variety of issues.





# Nearly 800 People Turn out for a Sunny Pumpkinfest 2023

The sun was out and the weather was warm for the Village's Pumpkinfest 2023, which took place on October 28 at the Memorial Recreation Field. Children were treated to pumpkin picking and pumpkin design stations, music, hot apple cider, pretzels, french fries, soda, water and trick-or-treat bags. There was also an apple pie eating contest and a costume contest, as well as a raffle for a flatscreen TV.

The Suffolk Police Explorers were also on hand to sign up volunteers for those ages 14 to 21 who were interested in joining. In addition, the Central Islip Fire Department was there to teach visitors about fire safety since October was National Fire Prevention Month.





# Village Recognizes Those Who Served Our Country during Veterans Day Ceremony

The Village of Islandia held its annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Triangle on November 4. Mayor Dorman, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, was joined by Village board members, local war veterans, and members of the Col Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #12144, the Lakeland and Central Islip Fire Departments and the Central Islip-Hauppauge Ambulance Corps 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. An invocation was delivered by VFW Post #12144 Chaplain Tom Brauner.



Mayor Dorman (front row, center) is joined by members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144, Village board members and local residents during the Village's Veterans Day ceremony.

## Event Followed by Grand Reopening of Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144

Following the ceremony was the grand reopening of the VFW post. A new extension was built to provide a larger meeting space for the veterans and to attract more veterans to the post.

The post was established at Islandia Village Commons in 2014 before relocating to a former residence on the corner of Old Nichols Road and Halsey Street in 2018.

Visitors were treated to refreshments during the reopening.



Mayor Dorman (right) is joined by fellow VFW Post #12144 members Raul Jimenez Cintron and Vincent "Buddy" Dekeris at the post's grand reopening.

## Did You Know There Are Rebates Available From The Village?

CALL (631) 348-1133 FOR DETAILS

### Bamboo Rebate

Up to \$2,000 to have  
bamboo removed  
from your property

### Solar Panel Rebate

Up to \$1,000 on  
your property's  
engineering costs

## VFW Post #12144 Members Host BBQ for Veterans at The Arbors



Members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #12144 hosted a barbecue for war veterans residing at The Arbors Assisted Living in Islandia on September 14. Veterans enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, soda and water, as well as the nice, sunny weather.

Mayor Dorman (second from left) and Village Trustee Raymond Bush (right) are joined by The Arbors Assisted Living staff (l-r): Director of Environmental Scott McCool, Executive Director Alison Menze, and Recreational Director Stacey Conroy.



## A GUIDE TO VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

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Village Court is open by appointment only on select 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 canceled.

#### 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.

## PLACE A FREE HELP WANTED AD

The Village will be adding a help wanted section to its website and newsletters to facilitate connecting residents who are looking for work with residents who need help.

If you have a business or do side work of interest to your fellow Village residents, or if you have work you need done at your home (side work, helpers, small jobs, etc.), and would like to place a complimentary ad in our newsletter and on the Village's website, please mail your ad with the completed form below to 1100 Old Nichols Road, Islandia, NY 11749, ATTN: Mayor Allan Dorman.

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|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Name  | _____ | Job Description | _____ |
| Phone | _____ |                 | _____ |
| Email | _____ |                 | _____ |

Ads are for residents of Islandia only. Text ads should be limited to 50 words. Design ads should be 3.5" X 2."  
All ads are subject to the Village's review and approval. Residents engage workers at their own risk.  
The Village does not screen, nor does it provide any warranties, for the work being done.

**REMEMBER: THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!**



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#### VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

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Wednesdays: Closed  
Thursday: 8:30AM–4:30PM  
Friday: 8:30AM–4:30PM



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