

## Victor Montanez III Joins the Village Board as a Trustee



*Islandia Village Attorney Joe Prokop (right) swears in Victor Montanez III (left) as the new village trustee during the village's board meeting on October 4.*



*Victor Montanez III  
is the new Village Trustee.*

Victor Montanez III was sworn in as the new trustee during the village's October 4 board meeting. He replaces Barbara Lacey, who is relocating elsewhere.

A 49-year village resident, Mr. Montanez has been employed as an information technology (IT) specialist at the State University of New York at Stony Brook for the past 17 years. He also owns his own IT firm, Gemini Total Solutions, based in Islandia. Prior to this, he was a business manager and director for Phibro Animal Health in Fort Lee, New Jersey. His duties included serving as an assistant

to the company's chief information officer and handling domestic and international business matters.

Mr. Montanez is a graduate of Suffolk County Community College in Selden, New York, where he earned his Associate of Arts and Science degree in Business. He is currently enrolled at SUNY-Stony Brook as a Business major.

His father, Victor Montanez, Jr., is a member of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144. In September, the younger Victor Montanez served as a guardian for his father during the Honor Flight, in which war veterans are escorted during visits to the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Montanez is married and has two daughters.



## Village Celebrates the Holidays with Its 17th Annual Tree Lighting

The Village of Islandia held its 17th annual tree lighting ceremony on December 3. 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 Ms. 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.

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



*Mayor Dorman (front row, center) is joined by members of the United States Marine Corps, the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 and village board members in front of a U.S. Marine Corps vehicle during the Village's Veterans Day ceremony.*

The Village of Islandia held its annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Triangle on November 5. 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 Lakeland and Hauppauge 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 Holds September 11th Memorial Ceremony at First Responders Memorial



*Mayor Dorman (right) is joined by members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144, village board members, employees and residents at the September 11 memorial ceremony. The village remembered five local first responders who died during the 9/11 attacks.*

On September 9, 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 21st 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.

The mayor scheduled the ceremony for the 9th to give the residents the opportunity to attend other September 11th memorial ceremonies.



# More Than 500 Residents Turn out for Village of Islandia's Fall Fest









More than 500 Islandia residents came down to the First Responders Recreational Ball Field on October 22 for the Village of Islandia's Fall Fest. The event featured a DJ, games, food, hayrides, a costume contest, an apple pie eating contest, and pumpkin picking. Members of the Col. Francis S. Midura Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12144 handed out American flags and poppies to those in attendance. Islandia Fire Marshals gave out smoke alarms, presented a K-9 demonstration and showed children how to properly put out a fire. There was also a raffle for a chance to win a 65-inch flatscreen TV.



## Practice Safety Around the Fire Pit!

A number of residents have recently expressed their concern about fire pits or bonfires creating excessive smoke, which can permeate clothing or skin and cause severe health problems. This is caused by burning damp or wet wood, adding too much wood to the fire, or using accelerants such as lighter fluid to make an even larger fire. Excessive fires may also be deemed a nuisance under the village code.

For the safety of your family, guests and neighbors, the size of the fire in your fire pits must be kept to a minimum. Below, please find some additional tips to help keep your family and guests safe.

-  **Do not burn leaves** — Not only is it illegal, but it is dangerous. Burning of leaves also gives off particulate matter and carbon monoxide, which affect a person's heart, blood oxygen levels and respiratory system.
-  **Always use dry wood** — Using wood that is damp or wet will give off very heavy smoke.
-  **Use the right amount of wood** — Some people will add too much wood in order to create a fire as big as they can. This can be unsafe as some of the wood that is aflame may fall out of the pit and cause a fire.
-  **Do not use accelerants** — This is dangerous as the flames may shoot up, causing burns to yourself and/or others nearby.
-  **Do not sit too closely** — Some of the embers that come out of the fire pit may still be hot. This may land on your skin and your clothing, causing burns and/or your clothing to catch fire.
-  **Be careful with the marshmallows** — Give your marshmallow time to cool before eating it. If it falls into the fire pit, do not try to retrieve it. If you are with young children, make sure they are supervised and keep them away from the fire as far as possible.

## HELP WANTED

### PART-TIME BUS DRIVER

One 8-hour shift per week.  
Pay: \$18/hour. Must have  
valid CDL license.

### PART-TIME HIGHWAY INSPECTOR

Village of Islandia is  
seeking a part time highway  
inspector with knowledge  
of lighting, traffic signs, and  
road maintenance.

### TWO PART-TIME (12-17 HOURS/WEEK) LABORERS FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Duties include maintenance  
of the First Responders  
Recreational Ball Field,  
cleanup of the park after  
Village events and baseball  
and softball games and other  
tasks. Must be available  
nights and weekends. Salary:  
\$18/hour.

If you are interested  
in any of the positions  
above, please send your  
résumé to:

[dschrage@newvillageofislandia.com](mailto:dschrage@newvillageofislandia.com)

Please indicate the position you are  
applying for in the subject line.

## A GUIDE TO VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

### MAYOR:

**Allan M. Dorman**

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### VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

**Thomas Annicaro, Deputy Mayor**

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**Raymond Bush, Trustee**

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**Patricia Peters, Trustee**

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**Victor Montanez III, Trustee**

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### ADMINISTRATION:

**Denise Schrage, Village  
Commissioner of Parks and  
Recreation/Court Clerk**

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**Kimberly Davis, Public Safety  
Code Enforcement Supervisor**

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**Kevin Peterson, Fire Marshal**

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**Brett Martinez, Fire Marshal**

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**Ronald Walker, Fire Marshal**

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### BUILDING AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS:

**Gerald Peters, Village Building  
Inspector**

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### VILLAGE COURT:

**W. Alexander Melbardis,  
Village Justice**

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.

### 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.



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### VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (Closed Wednesdays)  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For emergencies, call 911.

Check village website for other important contact information.