



Trustees Bush and Montanez Propose Pickleball Courts for First Responders Recreational Ball Field

Islandia's newest Village Trustees, Raymond Bush and Victor Montanez III, spearheaded the Board of Trustees' decision to include the construction of two pickleball courts to be added to the grounds of the First Responders Recreational Ball Field.

The construction is included in the village's 2023 budget and should be operational and available for residential use by this summer. In commenting on the new courts, Trustee Montanez said, "Considering the growing popularity of the sport and the difficulty to find open courts, we thought this was the perfect addition to our park."

Trustee Bush agreed, adding, "Pickleball is great for all ages, especially for seniors who want to be active,

but are looking for a competitive sport that has less physical demands. The new courts will be another enhancement to our local quality of life that living in a village provides us."



Ray Bush
Village Trustee

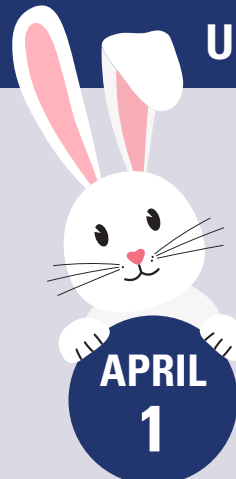


Victor Montanez III
Village Trustee

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UPCOMING EVENTS



18th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1

Children will have the chance to collect Easter eggs, some of which will contain a ticket allowing the children to redeem it for a special prize. The Easter bunny will be on hand to entertain the kids.



A Message from the Mayor

I want to start off by wishing everyone health and happiness for this year. The year 2022 continued to be a challenge for all of us in the Village of Islandia and across our country. I expect 2023 will present more challenges that we will also overcome.

On the bright side, we once again passed a budget for 2023 that continues to freeze taxes. We also eliminated the garbage tax for the thirteenth year in a row, saving residents an average of \$500 per year, compared to what they would expect to pay if they lived outside the Village. **This, combined with the 50% tax cuts in 2017 and 2018 still in place, thanks to our Taxpayer Relief Agreement with Jake's 58, saves residents over \$1,100 per year on average,** depending on the assessed value of their home. Together, we continue to demonstrate that local village governments can lower the tax burden on residents while, at the same time, improve local quality of life.

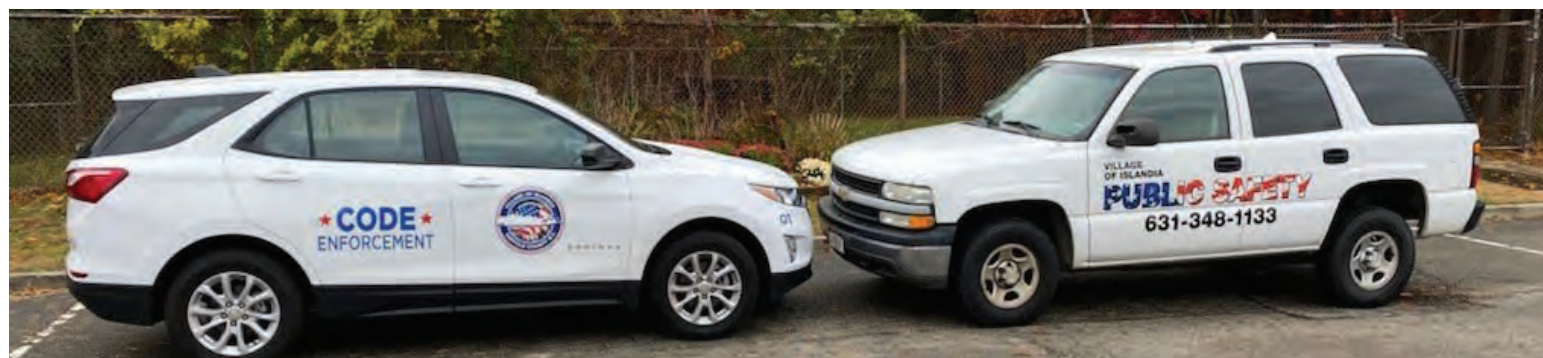
At the request of the Governor of New York and Suffolk OTB, the Village has agreed to the installation of 1,000 additional video lottery terminals at Jake's 58. As part of the agreement, upon completion of the expansion of the hotel and parking garage in approximately two years, revenue for the Village will more than double to \$4.6 million per year for an additional 20 years. **I am pleased to inform you that this agreement will eliminate the need for Village taxes starting in 2025-2026 upon completion**

of the OTB expansion. As a result of this extension, the value of our agreement with OTB will exceed \$100 million. While I changed my position on this issue, I have always felt that taxpayer money should belong in your pockets, rather than in the hands of the government. This money belongs to you, your children and grandchildren.

In addition, we are also working on an initiative program to help residents with more tax relief. We often hear that the high cost of living and taxes are driving forces for so many residents, especially our seniors, to leave Long Island. I feel that the elimination of Village taxes, the continued elimination of the garbage tax and this initiative program will go a long way in helping to make Islandia one of the most attractive communities to live in on Long Island and will help many of our residents stay in the place where they raised their families and called home. **The value of our homes will increase in a TAX-FREE Village.**

On the subject of public safety, we restructured our Public Safety and Fire Marshal departments, purchased new vehicles and hired additional officers. I'm sure you have noticed a positive presence in our Village. I am pleased to inform you that the Village will begin a comprehensive street lighting program this year that will go a long way in not only enhancing public safety, but also improving upon the aesthetics of our neighborhoods.

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These are two vehicles the Village purchased for its Public Safety Department.

A Message from the Mayor

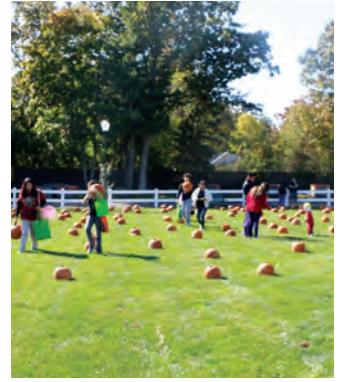
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A softball game being played at First Responders Recreational Ball Field.



Mayor Dorman is joined by Village board members and volunteers at the Village's annual tree lighting in December.



Children pick up pumpkins at this past October's Fall Fest.

Our park continues to be one of the focal points with respect to improving quality of life in our Village. The Recreational Ball Field is a true state-of-the-art complex featuring ball fields for youth and community baseball and softball games, a concession stand, restrooms, a gazebo, a playground, and an exercise path with ten different exercise stations. This summer, we will be adding **two new pickleball courts**.

After being under two years of COVID safety restrictions, our events returned to normalcy this year and our residents came out in droves to spend time with their neighbors. Over 500 people attended the Village BBQ and the Fall Festival at First Responders Recreational Ball Field. More

than 200 people attended our holiday buffet and tree lighting events at the Village Hall. We are also looking to bring back Music Under the Stars in front of the gazebo and Family Movie Night on the big screen.

Please join me at the "Cup of Joe" events in the future to learn more about your Village. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you as your Mayor and remember: this is only the beginning!

Sincerely,

Allan M. Dorman

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Mayor

Happy Birthday, Sal Scarlato!



Sal Scarlato (right) and Mayor Dorman

On January 14, Sal Scarlato celebrated his 90th birthday. He is the president of the Central Long Island Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association and has always attended the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Islandia Memorial Triangle.

According to the Korean War Legacy Foundation, Sal was born in Brooklyn on January 14, 1933. He served in the Naval Reserve from 1949 to 1951 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in the Marines from 1951 to 1953. In 1952, he was sent to Korea and was stationed on the front lines near Panmunjoem. Among the battles and campaigns he fought in were Kimpo Peninsula, Bunker Hill, Siberia, Vegas City and The Hook.

He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries he sustained during a grenade blast. In addition, he received the Naval Reserve Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Korean Defense Medal and the UN Medal.

A GUIDE TO VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

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VILLAGE COURT:

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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.

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

HELP WANTED

Email your résumé to: dschrage@newvillageofislandia.com

Part-Time Bus Driver

One eight-hour shift per week. Pay: \$18 per hour. Must have a valid driver's license with CDL and 15-plus passenger endorsement.



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VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

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8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For emergencies, call 911.

Check village website for other important contact information.