

2025 YMCA ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC HONOREE

Mayor John Valdini



On behalf of the YMCA Board of Managers & Staff, we are proud to honor & recognize Mayor JOHN VALDINI as our 2025 Golf Classic Honoree. John is a true believer in community service and has led by example in the many organizations and initiatives he has been a part of.

John has been a part of the YMCA for more than 33 years since his family moved to Brightwaters in the early 1990's. Both of his children attended YMCA pre-school, took swimming lessons, attended Y Day Camp, Drama and Art classes and teen nights. Wife Colleen has also been a member taking classes and working out and has also volunteered in many capacities, most notably on our Diamonds & Burlap fundraising event committee.

Lending his expertise and 45 years of experience in the construction industry, John has been a dedicated member of the Y Building & Grounds Committee assisting in many YMCA expansion projects and helping with many aspects of the facility operation. John has also been a longtime member of the Golf Committee helping to raise money for the Y Send A Kid To Camp program. One of John's favorite Y memories is playing in the Y Men's Over 35 Basketball League for many years where he had much success on the court and met many of his lifelong friends in the community along the way.

When his children were young, John was a volunteer coach for many years in the Bay Shore Little league and CYO basketball and served as a Cub Scout leader for the Boy Scouts. As they got older, he joined the Bay Shore Athletic Sponsors and was the President for two years. His dedication service was recognized when he was awarded the Bay Shore Man of the Year in 2009. Although he spent extensive time volunteering his time, John managed to build a successful 45-year career as a project manager in the construction industry spending many years in the family business Valdini Drywall Corporation, and later as President and owner of Dukes Development Corporation. In addition, he opened a successful local restaurant, fat Fish on the Water, with his brother, Brian who still runs more than 20 years later. John recently retired from full-time work and presently works as a consultant for local contractors. After volunteering with the Village for many years, he proudly became the Mayor of the Village of Brightwaters in 2018. This has proved to be a major asset to the village as John brings much of his aforementioned management experience bringing key strategic projects to completion with efficiency and quality. The list of accomplishments in his tenure is long and impressive. Most notably, the construction of a new cabin at Whoseepee Park with donations from contractors and residents and a new Highway Department Building which he donated his services as General Contractor in order to complete on budget. He serves as President of the Suffolk County Village Official Association. John sums up his tenure as Mayor with the following quote- "As a volunteer serving as Mayor, I always felt it was important to be hands on at the many

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community events that we have, most times being the first one there and last to leave. I take pride in our accomplishments over the years, especially the community events that have brought the village residents together". John, alongside wife of 41 years, Colleen, have two children and one granddaughter. Daughter MaryKate and husband Matt live in Brightwaters and have a daughter Madelyn and are expecting a second daughter in April. Son Patrick and wife Lauren live in Bay Shore while Patrick continues in the family tradition in the construction industry. The YMCA is once again thrilled and proud to recognize John as our 2025 YMCA Golf Honoree. We look forward to celebrating his service and accomplishments at this year's event!

