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# **Senator Martins & Village of Flower Hill Open New Community Basketball Court**

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Senator Jack M. Martins (R-Mineola) and the Village of Flower Hill recently opened a new community basketball court in Flower Hill Park. Senator Martins secured \$50,000 in state funding to help the Village undertake this community improvement project.

"Flower Hill Park is a gem for residents in the Village and the entire Port Washington Peninsula; we've made an investment to enhance it even further. This new basketball court offers another service for residents visiting the park to enjoy. I am pleased to partner with Mayor Phillips and the Village of Flower Hill on this community improvement project," said Senator Martins.

"We want to thank Senator Martins and all the individuals who made our vision a reality. This is a project that will benefit the community for years to come," said Village of Flower Hill Mayor Elaine Phillips.

The new basketball court is one of several enhancements the Village is making to Flower Hill Park, a 6.3 acre park located on Stonytown Road. According to the Village, additional improvements which are being explored are a handball court adjacent to the basketball court, new paths leading to other areas of the park, picnic tables and benches, and new landscaping.

According to the Village, the new basketball court is the only public-play court available for residents outside of the public schools. The court and the rest of Flower Hill Park is open to all residents of Nassau County. The court is named after Village resident and engineer Charles Vachris, who donated his time and services to create the engineering plans and work with the contractor and Nassau County to make this vision a reality.

*Senator Martins (center) is pictured cutting the ribbon on Flower Hill Park's new basketball court with (left to right) Village Arborist Ann Frankel, Highway Superintendent Scott Hislop, Trustee Karen Reichenbach, Charles Vachris, Trustee Gary Lewandowski, and Mayor Elaine Phillips.*