Farmingville, NY - On Saturday, December 7, Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Connie Kepert attended the ceremonial lighting of a "Holiday Tree of Remembrance" at Bartlett Pond Park in Middle Island to commemorate Pearl Harbor Day. The tree was lit at 12:48 p.m., which is 7:48 a.m. in Hawaii, the time at which the attack on Pearl Harbor began. The tree was lit by Mrs. Virginia Eagle, whose late husband, Jim, was the Pearl Harbor survivor whose story of the attack inspired the Longwood Veteran's Project that lead to the project at the park. The event was attended by elected officials, The Longwood Alliance, Middle Island Civic Association, Boy Scout Troop 433, the Longwood Board of Education, and the Middle Island Fire Department. Volunteers from the Fire Department placed holiday wreaths at each of the seven monuments during the ceremony.

"Even though 72 years have passed, we still honor those who gave their lives on that fateful day and the Tree of Remembrance is a fitting tribute to their sacrifice," said Supervisor Romaine. "The holidays are also a good time to keep in our prayers the brave men and women who currently serve in the Armed Forces."

"This was truly a wonderful event where the Longwood Alliance combined a tree lighting with a commemoration of the day that will forever live in infamy, the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941," said Councilwoman Kepert.