

Year in Review 2018: Joseph Deal, Bohler Engineering

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What was your most notable project, deal, transaction or professional achievement in 2018? In 2018, we began the civil engineering design of the new Islanders arena at Belmont Park. One of the most anticipated projects on Long Island, the state-of-the-art arena and surrounding retail development will bring the Islanders back home. Many of our staff members are Islander fans, making the project even more thrilling to be a part of. The arena includes 350,000 SF of new retail development, bringing new shopping and dining opportunities to Belmont.

What was the best decision that you made in 2018 and how did it impact your business? Personally, and professionally, my wife Jill and I continued our support of the Kids for Kids Foundation, an organization founded by New York City professionals who assist in raising money and awareness "for organizations that support children and families struggling with medical challenges." This year, we served as head of the event committee for the 2nd Annual Winter Ball, which raised over \$150,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. After last year's inaugural event, it's fulfilling to know we are impacting the development of research, awareness and treatments for children and families in need. It's rewarding to see the local community and Bohler team come together. We're truly a part of the community in which we work.

What market trend(s) will impact your industry in 2019?

Multifamily residential communities are still on the rise, followed closely by warehousing and industrial facilities. I expect office will continue to be a focus with the announcement of Amazon's new HQ2 campus coming to Long Island City, as well. The anticipated development will transform the landscape of the existing neighborhood. There's a lot to still be determined. That will be a large topic of conversation in the coming months.

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