Farmingville, NY - On Thursday, September 7, Town of Brookhaven Councilman Daniel J. Panico met with approximately 300 homeowners at the Waterways in Moriches. The purpose of this meeting was to recognize Councilman Panico as the Waterways Civic Association's Man of the Year for 2011.

His selection by the Waterways Civic Association was made in response to his untiring efforts to improve the quality of life for Waterways homeowners. His leadership has been, and continues to be, a tremendous asset in this community's struggle to address certain issues negatively impacting life in Waterways. Specifically, Mr. Panico has led the effort to address some serious environmental concerns related to a defunct construction site on vacant land in the community. In addition, he has been in the forefront of our efforts to restore the health of the Forge River.

"I am honored to have been chosen by the Moriches Bay Civic Association as this year's Man of the Year," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "The Waterways is a beautiful community that is home to very conscience residents who work to improve the quality of life for all."

"I thank the Waterways Civic Association for remembering the good work done by my son Keith who represented this district and helped the good people of the Waterways community," commented Suffolk County Legislator Ed Romaine. "I also congratulate Councilman Dan Panico on being named Man of the Year by the Waterways Civic Association. Dan has done an exemplary job for all of the people that he represents and the entire Town of Brookhaven. The attention to detail, involvement in community issues and results he has produced after less than a year and a half in office are very impressive."

Suffolk County Legislator Ed Romaine participated in the meeting to accept a posthumous award for his son Keith, who preceded Dan Panico as Brookhaven Councilman representing the Waterways community.