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Councilwoman Connie Kepert (center) is joined by Supervisor Mark Lesko (left) and Curby and dozens of volunteers at the Great Brookhaven Clean Up staging area in East Patchogue.

**Farmingville, NY** - On Saturday, April 21, Councilwoman Kepert took to the streets, along with thousands of residents of Brookhaven Town, to take part in the 2012 Great Brookhaven Clean Up. Volunteers collected over 30 tons of waste and recyclables, cleaning up roads, parks, and lakes. Residents of the Fourth Council District met Saturday morning at St. Joseph the Worker Church in East Patchogue and worked their way through Yaphank, cleaning the upper and lower lakes, and northward to Middle Island and Ridge. Volunteer groups included the Middle Island Civic Association, the Rotary Club of Middle Island, and several Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Girl Scout troops.

"Unfortunately, there is a lot of litter all over the township. It costs the Town $3 million a year to pick up this litter, and the money could potentially be used for highways and the parks department. I applaud the volunteers who have shown how dedicated they are to making the Town of Brookhaven a cleaner, safer place to live. This event is a reminder of how important it is for residents to take part in making their communities a place to be truly proud of", said Councilwoman Kepert.

Supervisor Mark Lesko, who joined Councilwoman Kepert at the staging area said, "The Great Brookhaven Clean-up was a tremendous success and I thank everyone who came out to help make the Town of Brookhaven a cleaner and more beautiful place to live."

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