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Farmingville, NY - A celebration of the Howard Carpluk Memorial Park ribbon cutting ceremony took place this Sunday with plenty of sunshine and a community of folks remembering the life of Howard Carpluk, the New York City firefighter who was killed in the line of duty in a Bronx store fire in August of 2006.

"I'm moved by the showing of support for this ribbon cutting ceremony, it reflects the enormous impact Howie had on the lives he touched. I'm proud to have supported the creation of this park which will be a place for the community to enjoy each other and to remember Howie," stated Councilwoman Kepert.

The parkland, which is located on the corner of Gerrard Road and Yaphank Avenue, was purchased with, and will be constructed using Caithness Community Benefit Funds allocated to the South Yaphank Civic Association.

"Howie Carpluk was a very special person to his family, friends and community. He is missed, and the Howie Carpluk Memorial Park is a small way to help us in remembering him. His family, friends and the community would like to thank Councilwoman Connie Kepert for her help in making the park possible," stated Johan McConnel, the former president of the South Yaphank Civic Association who proposed the project to the Caithness Citizens Advisory Committee.