Jobhaven.org Job Fair Draws Hundreds of Job Hunters and Over 60 Businesses to Brookhaven Town Hall
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Pictured left to right are Director of the Brookhaven Town Division of Economic Development Lisa Mulligan, Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency Chairman Fred Braun, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, Brookhaven Business Advisory Council (BBAC) President Bruce Newman, BBAC Member and Job Fair Chair Jill Clough-Johnston and Councilwoman Connie Kepert.

Farmingville, NY - On June 6, nearly 600 residents attended the first annual JobHaven.org Job Fair held at Brookhaven Town Hall. The free event, which was sponsored by the Brookhaven Business Advisory Council (BBAC), gave job hunters the opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives from over 60 companies in and around Brookhaven who are looking to hire qualified candidates for a wide range of positions. The participating companies were set up at tables and booths throughout the auditorium and cafeteria.

Supervisor Lesko said, "I commend the BBAC for sponsoring the JobHaven.org Job Fair and giving so many of our residents the opportunity to network and connect with some of our Town's top companies. In these tough economic times, local government needs to step up to boost the local economy and help companies grow their businesses. A big part of that effort is getting people back into the workforce."

"I thank the members of BBAC for putting together the Job Fair," said Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh. "Their efforts gave hundreds of our residents the opportunity to meet the representatives from companies that are looking to hire qualified candidates and I hope that many of them were able to connect and find jobs."

Councilman Tim Mazzei, liaison to Economic Development, said, "The Job Fair was a big success and I thank the BBAC for doing their part to help our residents find good jobs in Brookhaven. This event is another example of how government and the private sector can work hand-in-hand to benefit the local economy."

"The Town Board is committed to helping our economy grow and putting people back to work. Thank you to our Department of Economic Development for putting together a job fair which brought businesses, and people seeking jobs together in one convenient place," stated Councilwoman Connie Kepert.

"We were delighted that so many businesses participated in this year's BBAC Jobs Fair" commented Bruce Newman,
President of the Brookhaven Business Advisory Council. "Sixty area businesses were in attendance along with 500 plus job seekers. The event was a huge success and very much exceeded our expectations."

The companies and institutions that participated in the JobHaven.org Job Fair included Cablevision, Brookhaven National Laboratory, National Grid/LIPA, DiCarlo Foods, Verizon Cellular, Perfumania Holdings, Amneal Pharmaceuticals, New York Life, Saint Joseph’s College and Aflac.

The Jobhaven.org Job Fair also featured free 15 minute workshops covering a variety of subjects including:

- Personal Image Development
- Interview Skills
- Negotiating Compensation
- LinkedIn 101
- Starting a Business
- Resume Writing

About the BBAC

The BBAC serves as the business liaison to the Supervisor and Town Board. The council is comprised of business owners and professionals who serve on a volunteer basis. The Council’s key function is to assist Town government by disseminating information to and from the business communities. They also help to compile information on business in Brookhaven Town, and develop and implement public information programs to educate the business community regarding outreach programs and assistance available to them. For more information about the BBAC, visit www.brookhavenbac.com or call Lisa Mulligan, Director of the Town of Brookhaven’s Division of Economic Development at (631) 451-6563.

About Jobhaven.org

Jobhaven.org is an interactive resource sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven and designed to allow businesses to post employment opportunities and to help people find jobs in Brookhaven Town. Jobhaven.org is one stop shopping for job postings - residents can find up to date job postings by specific sector and access over twenty online job search resources.

One of the unique features of the website allows businesses and job seekers to communicate directly through the message board. Businesses and residents can register with Jobhaven.org by clicking the register icon on the top of any page. When registration is complete, residents can click on a job posting in the message board and click the "reply" button to communicate directly with employers and employers can post new jobs. Participation in the Jobhaven.org message board is free.

Jobhaven.org has a number of features and benefits, including:
- A user-friendly, interactive jobs message board that is accessible to both businesses and residents. Businesses can register to post employment opportunities at their company and job seekers can communicate directly with the businesses about available jobs.
- A detailed list of up-to-date job postings in various categories, including banking and finance, business, healthcare, retail, education, and technology.
- Resources for people who own or are planning to own a small business in the Town.
- Links to the most popular and effective employment websites and links to employment opportunities with specific companies and organizations specifically in the Town of Brookhaven.