Supervisor Mark Lesko announced the results of the Town of Brookhaven's "Job Boot Camp," a series of eight, high intensity training classes that provided job hunters with useful skills for attaining a job. This free program, which took place in the spring, was sponsored by the Town's Division of Economic Development. It gave participants the opportunity to learn how to find a job, how to write resumes, interview strategies, and how to network and make the right connections that will get them noticed and hired.

"The Job Boot Camp was a great opportunity for job hunters, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive," said Supervisor Lesko, "In today's tough job market, people need all the help they can get to land the job they want. The Job Boot Camp and our other programs including the job fair and jobhaven.org are great examples of how Brookhaven works to open the door to opportunities for our residents and get people back into the workforce."

"Judging by the results, the Job Boot Camp was a big success," said Councilman Tim Mazzei, who serves as Town Board liaison to the Town's Division of Economic Development, "I thank the organizers from Economic Development for helping our residents become well-prepared to find good jobs in Brookhaven."

Sixty people participated in the free program, which included eight sessions from April 9th through May 29th. Upon completion of the program, participants successfully achieved a 33% job attainment rate with full time, part time or contract/consulting employment. Over 60% of the group is actively interviewing, generating more than 30 interviews throughout the eight weeks of the program. The participants have attained employment in industries including healthcare, not-for-profits, and information technology.

The Job Boot Camp was facilitated by Maria Frey, President and Founder of Executive Consultants of New York, an organization that specializes in career development and networking. The Town had previously worked with Executive Consultants on a similar program for the Women's Services Division.
The "Job Boot Camp" is one of the Town's initiatives to assist Brookhaven job seekers. In addition to this program, the Town also sponsored the Jobhaven.org Job Fair, held at Brookhaven Town Hall on June 6th. Nearly 600 residents attended the free event, which was sponsored by the Brookhaven Business Advisory Council (BBAC). It gave job hunters the opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives from over 60 companies in and around Brookhaven who were looking to hire qualified candidates for a wide range of positions.

**About Jobhaven.org**

Last year, the Town launched jobhaven.org, an interactive one-stop-shopping resource sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven. Jobhaven.org was designed to help people find jobs in and around Brookhaven Town. Residents can find up to date job postings by specific sector and access over twenty online job search resources and businesses can post jobs, all for free. 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.

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.

For more information about the Town's economic development initiatives, visit www.brookhavenbac.com or call Lisa Mulligan, Director of the Town of Brookhaven's Division of Economic Development at (631) 451-6563.

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