Children navigate the streets of Brookhaven's Safety Town to practice bicycle safety skills.

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko has announced that the Town of Brookhaven will host the last Bicycle Rodeo of the year on Saturday, August 18th. The event will be held at Brookhaven's Safety Town, located at the Holtsville Ecology Site on Buckley Road from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free helmets for children will be provided while supplies last. All participants must bring their own bike.

Supervisor Mark Lesko said, "The Bicycle Rodeo has always been one of the Town of Brookhaven's most successful events. Safety Town provides a safe environment for our area's children to learn the fundamentals of bike riding under the watchful eye of local law enforcements and those who know best about the rules of the road."

The Bicycle Rodeo provides an opportunity for children to become better bicyclists and avoid typical accidents. Participants of all ages will practice and demonstrate their bicycle handling skills in a fun, noncompetitive atmosphere. Bicycle safety skills will be properly demonstrated and discussed. After the skills demonstration/discussion, each participant will be allowed to practice before being tested on their skills. An evaluator will provide immediate feedback to the participant in a positive manner. If a child has difficulty with a particular lesson, he or she has the chance to keep practicing. The Town will also offer a free bicycle safety inspection for all participants.

The Bicycle Rodeo is sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven Traffic Safety and Street Lighting Division, the Governor's Traffic Safety Grant, Suffolk County Police Department Precinct Explorers and the Suffolk County Sherriff's Department STOPPED (Sheriffs Telling Our Parents & Promoting Educated Drivers) Program

To learn more about the Town of Brookhaven's Bicycle Rodeo, call 451-TOWN or visit www.brookhaven.org.