Thousands Enjoy Largest Free Fireworks Show on Long Island at the Pennysaver Amphitheater at Bald Hill
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PHOTO 1: Fireworks light up the sky during the July 4th Star Spangled bash at the Pennysaver Amphitheater at Bald Hill.
PHOTO 2: Supervisor Mark Lesko welcomes the crowd of over 7000 people.
PHOTO 3: Councilwoman Connie Kepert introduces the Long Island Philharmonic before the start of the show

Farmingville, NY - On Wednesday, July 4th, Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Connie Kepert attended the free Star Spangled Bash concert and fireworks spectacular at the Pennysaver Amphitheater at Bald Hill in Farmingville. The event, which attracted over 7,000 people, featured a performance of patriotic music by the Long Island Philharmonic and a pyrotechnics display presented by Fireworks by Grucci. The Long Island Philharmonic was conducted by David Stewart Wiley, who has served as Music Director since 2001. This year's concert and fireworks show was sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven and Long Island Events and was the largest free July 4th fireworks display on Long Island. The synchronized music selection for the Star Spangled Bash was simulcast on 103.9 WRCN in digital stereo.

"This July 4th event was the biggest ever. The weather was perfect and it was great to see so many of our residents celebrate a beautiful Fourth of July with music and spectacular fireworks at the new Pennysaver Amphitheater. I look
forward to the many more events planned there this summer," said Supervisor Mark Lesko.

Councilwoman Connie Kepert said, "Another great July 4th at the Amphitheater. Great fireworks by Grucci, and great music by the Long Island Philharmonic. The Pennysaver Amphitheater is a great venue to enjoy a show with the whole family."

"What a great week and a fantastic way to kick off the summer 2012 season at the new Pennysaver Amphitheater. JVC Broadcasting was proud to partner with the Town of Brookhaven to present this world class show to the community and we are committed to keep the fireworks flying for years to come," said JVC Broadcasting President John Carracciolo.

Upcoming events at the Pennysaver Amphitheater at Bald Hill include:

- July 27, 28 and 29 - Cole Bros. Circus
- August 10 - Disco Fever
- August 19 - Street Wheelz Custom Car and Bike Show
- September 7 - Fiestone, starring Daddy Yankee, Frank Reyes, Tono Rosario and more
- September 8 - Sublime with Rome
- September 21 - Long Islands Old School Concert with Sugar Hill Gang, Chub Rock, De La Soul, Toneloc, Jungle Brothers and more
- September 22 - Vets Rock
- September 28 - DayGlow

For more information about these upcoming events at the Pennysaver Amphitheater at Bald Hill, visit http://www.pennysaveramp.com/.

A public-private partnership at the Amphitheater was the first agenda item for the Core Services Working Group, which was formed by Supervisor Lesko and chaired by Chief of Staff Brian Beedenbender with representation from each Council office. The Core Services Working Group issued the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a private operator to run the Amphitheater to reduce Town expenses. The agreement with the selected vendor, Long Island Events, LCC is anticipated to save the Town of Brookhaven $200,000 in 2012 through the reduction of expenses and projected revenue for ticket sales. The partnership is expected to save the Town even more in the next few years.

The Pennysaver Amphitheater is located at Bald Hill in Farmingville and has a permanent stadium seating capacity of 2500 and lawn seating to accommodate an additional 4000 people. The Town of Brookhaven has been hosting concerts at Bald Hill since 1965, when it was known as the Bald Hill Ski Bowl. The current Amphitheater was built in the late 1980's and modeled after venues like the PNC Bank Arts Center in New Jersey. Over the years, many artists have performed at the Amphitheater, including James Brown, B.B. King, Eric Church, Big Time Rush, Blondie, Journey, the B52's, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Alice Cooper, and the Go Go's.

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