Brookhaven Business Advisory Council Hosts Eighth Annual "Building Business in Brookhaven" Expo
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Farmingville, NY - On Thursday, September 27, the Brookhaven Business Advisory Council (BBAC) hosted its Eighth Annual "Building Business In Brookhaven Expo" at Town Hall. Acting Supervisor Kathleen Walsh and Congressman Tim Bishop provided opening remarks. The event attracted over 350 local business people, including 78 vendors, and focused on business networking and included a trade show with booths featuring local, regional and national companies that service businesses in Brookhaven Town.

Acting Supervisor Walsh said, "The BBAC Expo was a great success. I thank the membership and staff for organizing this event which brings businesses together to help grow our local economy. Their commitment to promoting business in Brookhaven Town is so important, especially during these tough economic times." Councilman Tim Mazzei, who serves as Town Board liaison to the Department of Economic Development, said, "Local business owners need to network more, share ideas and work together to develop creative solutions that will them help them grow. The Expo is the perfect place for them to do it and I congratulate the BBAC for another successful event."

Congressman Bishop said, "Small businesses are the foundation of Brookhaven Town's economy and proven job creators in our community. I applaud BBAC for another very successful Building Business in Brookhaven event and for all their work to help local businesses thrive."

Bruce Newman, President of the Brookhaven Business Advisory Council said, "We were thrilled by the turnout this year. Despite the difficult economy, Town of Brookhaven businesses once again showed that they are more than willing to do what it takes to reach new customers."

Attendees also had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the New York State Small Business Development Center, the Small Business Administration and Brookhaven Town. During the evening, Brian Cohen, BBAC member and host of the BBAC produced TV show Getting Down to Business, interviewed vendors for a segment of the show to be aired on Brookhaven Cablevision Channel 18. Please visit www.brookhaven.org for program times. The program will also be available on the BBAC website at www.brookhavenbac.org.
The Eighth Annual BBAC Expo was presented by the Brookhaven Business Advisory Council in partnership with the Town of Brookhaven, the New York State Business Development Center, Miller Business Resource Center, Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency, Brookhaven National Laboratory and the Brookhaven Arts and Humanities Council.

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.org or call Lisa Mulligan, Director of the Town of Brookhaven's Division of Economic Development at (631) 451-6563.

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