Superintendent Losquadro Will Announce Holtsville Hal's Famous Forecast February Second

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Holtsville, NY - With temperatures recently dropping into single digits the anticipation is building for Holtsville Hal's
famous Groundhog Day prediction. Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro will announce Hal’s forecast on Monday, February 2nd shortly after 7 a.m. at the Brookhaven Wildlife and Ecology Center. Groundhogs are well known for retreating underground after the first frost and hibernating until spring. Tradition says if a groundhog sees its shadow on Groundhog Day there will be six more weeks of winter.

"Groundhog Day at the Ecology Site is an enjoyable tradition for so many families," Superintendent Losquadro said. "While it is usually very cold, particularly in the early morning, the free hot chocolate provided will help residents stay warm. Hopefully Hal will not see his shadow and we will see an early spring. I want to thank the employees at the Ecology Site for making this an enjoyable event in Brookhaven Town."

"Year after year, residents young and old brave the cold weather to celebrate Groundhog Day in Brookhaven Town," said Supervisor Romaine. "Thanks to the staff at the Ecology Site, this event continues to grow in popularity and I look forward to some good news this year when Holtsville Hal makes his appearance."

Holtsville Hal will not be the only animal on display. The animal preserve will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. with more than 100 animals on display ranging from a binturong to black bears. There is no cost to view the animals.

Gates will open at the Brookhaven Wildlife and Ecology Center Animal Preserve at 7 a.m. on Groundhog Day, Monday, February 2nd. Parking is free and residents are asked to arrive as close to 7 a.m. as possible to get a good view of Hal. Superintendent Losquadro will read Holtsville Hal's prediction at approximately 7:20 a.m. The Ecology Site is located at 249 Buckley Road in Holtsville. For further information, please call (631) 758-9664.

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