Farmingville, NY - On August 8, Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh visited the Wheelchair Softball Field located at the Bald Hill Sports and Recreation facility in the Brookhaven Amphitheater Complex in Farmingville. The ball field, which was created especially for wheelchair softball players and is the only one of its kind in Brookhaven Town, was built with the support of State Senator John Flanagan who helped secure the funding. Pictured with Councilwoman Walsh (right) is Jason Soricelli, a player and manager from the Brookhaven Softball Team.

"I am very proud to have taken part in helping to establish this great facility and I thank Senator Flanagan for his support," said Councilwoman Walsh. "Making sports and recreation accessible to all of our residents is important to the Town and we have proven with this state-of-the-art facility that we intend to lead the way in this effort."

The Wheelchair Softball Program welcomes beginners and advanced players to participate on a recreational or professional level. Practice sessions allow players to develop the skills necessary to play the game while learning the rules of the sport. Competitive players will travel two weekend days per month to Nassau County and Queens County for games according to the schedule. Councilwoman Walsh also indicated that the Brookhaven Town Wheelchair Sports Program would like to host a Handicap Awareness Day at schools located within the Town of Brookhaven. A representative will come to the school to discuss handicap awareness and safety. On the junior high and high school level wheelchairs will be brought to the school so that students can participate in a wheelchair basketball game. If you have any interest in this program, please contact Jason Soricelli at 451-6992 or email him at townofbwa@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment.