Brookhaven Town to Host First Annual Bicycle Rodeo
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Farmingville, NY - The Brookhaven Traffic Safety Division together with Suffolk County Police Department 6th Precinct Bicycle Team are pleased to present the First Annual Bicycle Rodeo, to be held on Saturday, July 18 at Town Hall, One Independence Hill, Farmingville from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free children's helmets and fittings will be provided.

A rodeo is a bicycle skills event providing an opportunity for bicyclists to practice and develop skills that will help them to become better bicyclists and avoid typical accidents.

The goal of the bicycle rodeo is to provide an opportunity for participants of all ages to learn, practice, and demonstrate their bicycle handling skills in a fun, noncompetitive atmosphere. It is more than just an obstacle course. The bicycle rodeo will teach bicyclists the real world skills they need to ride their bicycles safely - whether riding on the sidewalk, the street or on a path.

Brookhaven's bicycle rodeo will offer a safety inspection and skills course. Bicycle safety skills will be properly demonstrated and discussed as to why they are important. After the skills demonstration/discussion each participant will be allowed to practice before being tested on their bike skills. An evaluator will provide immediate feedback to the participant in a positive manner (satisfactory; needs improvement). If a child has difficulty with a particular lesson, he or she has the chance to keep practicing. As with learning any new skill, those taught in the bicycle rodeo course will not mastered just simply by going through a skills station one time, it will take practice.