Thousands Celebrate the Return of the Longwood Fair in Ridge

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Farmingville, NY – On September 9 and 10, thousands of residents celebrated the return of the Longwood Fair at the historic Longwood Estate in Ridge. The event, which had not been held for the past four years, featured entertainment, traditional crafts, vendors, pony rides, primitive cooking, Irish step dancing, Revolutionary War re-enactments and more. Town officials also stopped by the Ridge Civic Association booth to thank members of the organization for participating at the fair and for all they do for the Ridge Community. Pictured left to right are Kathy Speizio; Councilwoman Jane Bonner; Ridge Civic Association President Lee Brooks; Diane Noto; Supervisor Ed Romaine; Town Clerk Donna Lent; Doreen Farrell; Councilman Mike Loguercio and Danielle Pilota.

The Longwood Estate was passed down through the generations dating back prior to 1817. In 1973, developer Wilbur Breslin and Herbert Carmel purchased the property for commercial and industrial development. Brookhaven Town officials and area residents strongly opposed the plan and in 1974, Breslin and Carmel donated the manor house and 35 acres of land to the Town of Brookhaven. During its two-hundred-year history, the house knew fallow periods-and a notable 60-year Golden Age of love, family, and bustling activity. The estate now is the host to various activities for the residents to enjoy.

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