

## Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner Announce "Operation Clean Sweep" in Rocky Point

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***Quality of Life Task Force continues coordinated six month clean-up effort across Brookhaven***

# OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP



*Supervisor Mark Lesko (right) with Traffic Safety and Street Lighting Director Lynn Weyant (second from left), Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Quality of Life Task Force Director David Moran and Town employees painting stripes for a new crosswalk during the launch of Operation Clean Sweep in Rocky Point.*

**Farmingville, NY** - On Monday, June 27, Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner held a press conference in downtown Rocky Point to launch the second "Operation Clean Sweep," a coordinated program spearheaded by the Town's Quality of Life Task Force with the goal of improving the quality of life throughout Brookhaven. The first "Operation Clean Sweep" took place the week of April 11 in Town Council District 3 in Selden.

The Operation Clean Sweep target area in Council District 2 is bordered on the north by Locust Drive, south by Route 25A, east by Water Road and west by Apricot Road.

"The first Operation Clean Sweep in Selden was a great success and I expect we will see the same results in Rocky Point," said Supervisor Lesko, "Our Quality of Life Task Force has done a superb job over the last two years cracking

down on those who violate our code. Now, Operation Clean Sweep takes their efforts to the next level by cleaning up targeted neighborhoods and improving the quality of life of the residents in the area."

Councilwoman Jane Bonner, who represents Council District 2 said, "Thanks to our Quality of Life Task Force, this Rocky Point neighborhood will get a well deserved make-over. These are the things that government can do to improve communities and I am happy to have had the opportunity and help make it happen right here."

Over the course of this week, Town employees will fix streetlamps, pick up litter, install new street signs, and conduct other activities to help clean up the neighborhood. The results of Operation Clean Sweep in Rocky Point will be announced in the coming weeks.

In the months ahead, there will be an "Operation Clean Sweep" in each remaining Town Council District. The schedule is as follows:

- July 2011: Council District 1
- August 2011: Council District 6
- September 2011: Council District 5
- October 2011: Council District 4

Supervisor Lesko established the Quality of Life Task Force in June of 2009 to aggressively enforce the Town code to eliminate blight in neighborhoods, shutdown suburban slumlords, and prosecute serial offenders. From June 2009 through December 2009, fines levied on code violations increased by 170% compared to the same time period in 2008.

In 2010, the Quality of Life Task Force continued its success. Compared to 2009, fines levied in 2010 nearly doubled to almost \$1 million. Fines are levied through tickets issued to property owners with properties that have seriously unsafe or hazardous conditions.

If residents believe that a property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call 451-TOWN to file a complaint.

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