

Town Council Participated in the Great Brookhaven Clean-up

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FARMINGVILLE, NY - On Saturday, April 17, 2010, Supervisor Lesko and the Town Council celebrated Earth Day with the Great Brookhaven clean-up. Thousands of residents gave back to the community and cleaned up litter at hundreds of sites throughout the town despite the inclement weather.

Supervisor Lesko and Councilman Dan Panico joined Girl Scout Troop 65 with "Curby", the Waste Management Mascot, to help clean up Kaler's Pond Park in Center Moriches. The Girl Scouts worked hard to rake leaves, pick up trash, and spread compost. Supervisor Lesko and Councilman Panico were also joined by members of the Mastic Fire Department who volunteered to beautify the community by removing litter and debris, gathering truck loads full of trash.

"I applaud all our residents who took time out of their busy lives to give back to Brookhaven," said Supervisor Lesko, "the Great Brookhaven Clean-up shows that if we work as a team we can make a difference in our communities."

"Cleaning up our communities and raising the awareness to the problems of litter are worthwhile efforts that have a positive impact on our Town." said Councilman Daniel J. Panico.

Councilwoman Kepert joined the Sachem East Environmental Club, South Country Ambulance volunteers, and the Middle Island Civic Association. "This program helps both children and adults to become engaged in community activities and creates a sense of pride in what you can do to make a better place to live," said Councilwoman Connie Kepert.

Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, with "Curby" helped Boy Scout Troop 377 clean up South Setauket Park. "It's always heartwarming when our residents turn out to help keep their neighborhoods clean and neat," said Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld. "Children and parents working together to better their community is an essential ingredient in instilling a sense of ownership, duty, and pride in where one lives. It is hoped that those who participated will continue to set an example to others that littering is unacceptable. This Greater Brookhaven Clean Up will have reached its goal if everyone would take personal responsibility and pick up litter each and everyday--not just once a year."

Councilwoman Jane Bonner participated in the Great Brookhaven Clean up with Mount Sinai Boy Scout Troop 384 at Satterly's Landing Park in Mount Sinai. "I would like to extend my personal thank you to the thousands of resident volunteers who participated in this year's Great Brookhaven Cleanup - the tremendous effort each of you put in resulted in obvious environmental benefits to your individual communities as well as for the entire Town of Brookhaven," stated Councilwoman Bonner.

"I am so proud of our residents that every year continues to lend support to their communities and clean up litter throughout the town. The young men and women and the effort they give are an example to us all," said Councilman Tim Mazzei.

Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, in coordination with members of the Centereach Civic Association, helped to distribute supplies to residents picking up their "clean-up" packages at the new Centereach Field. Councilwoman Walsh also worked in conjunction with several members of the towns Waste Management Department in assisting residents with their registration for the Clean Up at the Farmingville Fire Department. "As members of the community we all have a responsibility to contribute to a healthier environment and to motivate residents to volunteer and improve our communities' quality of life. I am grateful to all of those that participated in this wonderful event."

On Saturday, May 15th Brookhaven Town will sponsor a Beautification Plant-In, where hundreds of community members will participate in planting and gardening activities at a variety of locations throughout the town. The town is asking for your help to identify locations in your community that needs beautification, and to become involved in those beautification efforts. For additional information go online to www.brookhaven.org or call 451-TOWN.

Supervisor Lesko and Councilman Panico with the Mastic Fire Department and Girl Scout Troop 65 at Kaler's Pond Park

Councilwoman Keperth with South Country Ambulance Volunteers

Councilwoman Keperth joins Sachem East Environmental Club

Councilwoman Keperth joins the Middle Island Civic Association on Middle Country Road

Boy Scout Troop 377 with Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld and "Curby" Brookhaven's Recycling Can Mascot. Also pictured are Scoutmaster Jeff Weissman on left and Scoutmaster Bill Kilgole on right

Councilwoman Jane Bonner with Mount Sinai Boy Scout Troop 384

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