

Superintendent Losquadro to Announce Holtsville Hal's Famous Forecast

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Holtsville, NY - Brookhaven Town's most famous weatherman has come out of hibernation just in time to share his predicted forecast with Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro. With temperatures recently dipping into single digits, residents are anxiously waiting to see if Hal will spot his shadow in anticipation of a long winter.

"Holtsville Hal has become one of the most famous groundhogs on the East Coast," Superintendent Losquadro said. "I am sure many people will be at the Ecology Site on February second wearing thermals and multiple layers in the hopes of him predicting an early spring. Hopefully, the free hot chocolate will help them stay warm."

"Groundhog Day at the Ecology Site has become a longtime tradition for many families who make a special early morning trip every year to see Holtsville Hal," Supervisor Ed Romaine said. "Just like Superintendent Losquadro, I'm also hoping that an early spring is predicted for our residents."

"Holtsville Hal and his prognostications have become a time-honored tradition in Brookhaven," said Councilman Kevin LaValle. "Based on our weather of late, I can only hope that the shadow of the lovable groundhog goes undetected and our spring arrives a bit early. I encourage all our residents to come down and partake in the early morning festivities this year. I look forward to seeing you there."

"This event is something the entire family can enjoy," Councilman Tim Mazzei said. "Having the opportunity to hear Holtsville Hal's forecast first hand is a great story and something people get very excited to hear about."

However, Holtsville Hal will not be the only animal on display. The animal preserve will be open from 6:45 a.m. to noon with more than one hundred animals ranging from a binturong to bobcats. There is no cost to view the animals.

Gates will open at the Brookhaven Wildlife and Ecology Center Animal Preserve at 6:45 a.m. on Groundhog Day, Sunday, February second. Parking is free and residents are asked to arrive as close to 7 a.m. as possible to get a good view of Hal. Superintendent Losquadro will read Holtsville Hal's prediction at approximately 7:20 a.m. The Ecology Site is located at 249 Buckley Road in Holtsville. For further information, please call (631) 758-9664.

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