

# Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright Joins Volunteers for the Great Brookhaven Cleanup

posted on 5/22/2014 11:12:27 AM

May 22, 2014



**Farmingville, NY** - Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright teamed up with Boy Scout Troop 377, Scoutmaster Jeff Weissman and other volunteers at the New Village Recreation Center on Saturday morning for the Great Brookhaven Clean Up. The Rec Center, located at 20 Wireless Road in Centereach, hosts a variety of programs for Town of Brookhaven residents.

Councilwoman Cartright also joined resident volunteers, Boy Scout Troop 454, Port Jefferson Station-Terryville Civic President Ed Garbowski, and Cumsewogue Historical Society President Jack Smith to remove garbage and debris from the Gentlemen's Driving Park in Port Jefferson Station. A representative from Pathmark came to pick up shopping carts found at the Driving Park. Pathmark generously donated water and snacks to the volunteers and store gift cards which the Councilwoman in turn provided to INTERFACE, an organization that donates food to pantries throughout Brookhaven.

Gentlemen's Driving Park is located on the west side of Morgan Avenue, north of Canal Road and is the last Victorian Era harness racing track on Long Island. The half-mile oval of track can be seen from Google Earth and was once part of the Grand Circuit of Harness Racing Tracks of the Northeast. This historic track was recently acquired by the Town of Brookhaven as open space.

"I thank each individual who participated in the Cleanup throughout Council District One and the Town of Brookhaven," said Councilwoman Cartright. "Coming together as a community to beautify our hamlets is a great way to celebrate spring and make a clean start for the summer."

Over a dozen groups and organizations participated in the Great Brookhaven Cleanup in Council District 1.

**Division of Public Information \* Office of the Supervisor**

One Independence Hill • Farmingville • NY 11738 • Phone (631) 451-6595 • Fax (631) 451-6258