

Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico Celebrate Grand Re-opening of Kalers Pond Park in Center Moriches

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Farmingville, NY – Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico recently celebrated the grand reopening of Kalers Pond Park on Montauk Highway in Center Moriches. They were joined at the ribbon cutting ceremony by Town Parks' officials, community leaders and local children to officially reopen the decades-old park.

The Parks Department included a renovation of Kalers Pond in its 2015 Capital Budget, and after receiving approval from the New York State DEC for the project, began work in late summer. Renovations and improvements were made with keeping a keen eye on making the

park more environmentally friendly and handicapped accessible. Kalers Pond now features more than 3,000 square feet of walkway made with permeable pavers, equipped with landings and handrails. In addition, inkberry, winterberry, chokeberry, blueberry and summersweet, all indigenous species, have been planted in the park, while foreign plantings were removed. Rain garden retention areas, a decorative retaining wall and a new swing were also added.

"Residents have been waiting for the reopening of Kalers Pond Park and it was great to see so many come down with their children to celebrate the ribbon cutting," said Supervisor Romaine. "I commend Councilman Panico and our Parks Department for their efforts to renovate this beautiful community space."

"We have created a beautiful and serene park here at Kalers Pond, and we hope that residents will come with family and friends to enjoy the beauty of their natural surroundings," said Councilman Panico.

Councilman Panico also noted that improvements to the parking lot and the TWA Flight 800 Memorial Playground as well as the installation of a boat ramp are planned for 2016.

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