

# Town Celebrates Arbor Day with Tree Planting at Town Hall

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**Farmingville, NY** - On April 24, Supervisor Ed Romaine and members of the Town Council celebrated Arbor Day by planting a Japanese Cherry tree in front of Town Hall, following a long standing tradition in Brookhaven. Present at the ceremony were (left to right), Councilman Kevin LaValle, Supervisor Romaine, Councilman Neil Foley and Councilman Dan Panico.

The tree planting occurred on the same day as the launch of Supervisor Romaine's "Greening Brookhaven" initiative to distribute 2,200 tree seedlings free of charge to Brookhaven residents. The goal of the initiative is to distribute and plant 10,000 trees by 2020, the same goal date for the Supervisor's Green Energy & Sustainability initiative for Town facilities announced in his 2015 State of the Town Address.

Arbor Day has been celebrated around the world since originating in Spain in 1805. The first American Arbor Day was on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska. In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt brought the event to national attention when he issued an "Arbor Day Proclamation to the School Children of the United States."

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