

"Holtsville Hal" Predicts Six More Weeks of Winter in Brookhaven Town

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Pictured left to right are Supervisor Ed Romaine, Wayne Carrington, "Holtsville Hal's" handler, Deputy Supervisor Dan Panico and Assemblyman Dan Losquadro at the Ground Hog Day celebration at the Town's Holtsville Ecology Center.

Farmingville, NY - On Saturday, February 2, at 7:15 a.m., "Holtsville Hal" emerged from his burrow and saw his shadow, predicting six more weeks of winter for the Town of Brookhaven. Hundreds of people attended the annual Ground Hog Day celebration at the Town's Holtsville Ecology Center.

Supervisor Ed Romaine said, "We've had some very cold weather recently, so the thought of six more weeks of winter is not the prediction that I was hoping for from Holtsville Hal. All in all, our traditional Ground Hog Day celebration was a great event and I thank everyone who came out early to join the fun."

Deputy Supervisor Dan Panico said, "It is a wonderful event that brought warm smiles to the faces of the hundreds in attendance, even with the prognostication of six more weeks of winter. I thank everyone involved and Assemblyman Losquadro and Tax Receiver Marcoccia for also coming out to take part in the wonderful annual event."

Holtsville Hal is one of the many animals that live year-round at the Holtsville Wildlife and Ecology Center. The center is open all year-round and includes a wildlife preserve, greenhouses, gardens, jogging and exercise trails, three swimming pools, picnic and play area. For more information, go to www.brookhaven.org or call 631-758-9664.

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