

Supervisor Lesko and Councilman Panico Speak During Opening Ceremonies at Long Island 2 Day Walk to Fight Breast Cancer

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Farmingville, NY - On June 11, Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilman Dan Panico were guest speakers at the opening ceremonies for the Long Island 2 Day Walk to Fight Breast Cancer. The two-day walk was a 35-mile journey through Suffolk County, beginning early Saturday morning at Smith Point County Park and ending in the late afternoon at the 20-mile mark, Victory Village at Cathedral Pines. On Sunday, walkers embarked on their journey back to Smith Point County Park along a scenic 15-mile route. Together, walkers crossed Smith Point Bridge at around 1:00 P.M. to commence closing ceremonies, where friends and family met for an emotional ending to a very special weekend. Breast cancer survivors who did not walk in the event were invited to join walkers on Sunday for lunch at Smith Point Marina.

"Nearly everyone has a family member or knows someone who has been affected by breast cancer," said Supervisor Mark Lesko, "I am proud to have been a part of this very special and important event and my sincere thanks goes to everyone who participated. Preventative screening is key and I will do everything I can to help Long Island 2 Day raise awareness about breast cancer."

"It was encouraging to see so many people come out and support the fight against breast cancer," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico who spoke at the event, "The support, hope and strength that each individual gives to another is at times as important as the treatment itself. Here on Long Island most all of us know a person or family that has battled cancer and events like this serve to raise awareness and money for research to bring about an eventual cure."

Ginny Salerno, LI2Day Executive Direction/Founder said, "The Town of Brookhaven has been especially kind to the LI2Day Breast Cancer Walk, hosting this event since our inception in 2004. Four hundred walkers hit the pavement this year and cumulatively, the walk has raised nearly four million dollars in eight years to fund programs at local grass-roots breast cancer organizations that help with the day-to-day battle with breast cancer."

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