

Supervisor Romaine, Councilwoman Walsh and Councilwoman Kepert Attend Green Homes Free Energy Audit Seminar at Town Hall

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Pictured left to right are Neal Lewis, Executive Director of The Sustainable Institute at Molloy College, Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Town of Brookhaven Energy Coordinator Elizabeth Kirkland and Supervisor Ed Romaine.

Farmingville, NY - On January 16, Supervisor Ed Romaine and the Town of Brookhaven hosted a Long Island Green Homes Free Energy Audit Seminar at Town Hall. At the event, residents were given the opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the energy saving Green Homes programs available through the Town's Office of Energy and Sustainability which is part of the larger Long Island Green Homes Consortium. Also on hand at the event were Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh and Councilwoman Connie Kepert. Neal Lewis, Executive Director of The Sustainable Institute at Molloy College spoke to those in attendance about the economic and environmental benefits homeowners can realize when they participate in the Green Homes program. By taking advantage of a free energy audit, homeowners can save up to \$700 a year with lower utility bills. They can also increase the comfort in their homes, improve air quality, eliminate drafty rooms and more.

"It makes very good economic sense for homeowners to participate in our the Green Homes free energy audit," said Supervisor Romaine, "They will see significant energy cost savings and make their homes more comfortable while at the same time they'll be doing their part for the environment by conserving energy. I urge homeowners to visit our website or call to find out more about our Green Homes program."

"I have always been a staunch proponent of our Green Homes program," said Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, who serves as Town Council liaison to Environmental Protection, "Since taking office in 2003, it has been a priority of mine to do whatever possible to encourage homeowners to conserve energy, protect the environment and help them save money, too. Brookhaven Town has a very sensitive eco-system with many miles of shoreline, rivers, farmland and acres upon acres of open space. Unless we promote energy conservation, the generations that follow us may not have the same opportunity that we have to enjoy the natural beauty of our Town."

Connie Kepert said, "Since the beginning of 2007, while energy prices were soaring and unemployment began to rise, I have worked to implement the Green Homes program to both reduce energy costs for homeowners and create new green collar jobs. Brookhaven's Green Homes program continues to provide funding for homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their homes which results in a substantial reduction in their energy bills."

"Energy conservation is everyone's responsibility," said Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, "I encourage residents to take advantage of the free home energy audit offered by Brookhaven Green Homes so they can start saving money and protecting the environment now."

Brookhaven Green Homes is a local program designed to promote home and building energy efficiency in the Town of Brookhaven. This program, through funding from the Department of Energy and cooperative agreements with Community Development Corporation of Long Island (CDCLI) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), helps Brookhaven residents save money, reduce carbon emissions and increase the health, safety and comfort of their homes and buildings. Brookhaven residents now have access to FREE energy audits, installation services by accredited Building Performance Institute(BPI) contractors, cash incentives up to \$5,000 in some (income-eligible) cases, low-cost traditional financing-currently 3.99% or 3.49% with auto pay, and On-Bill recovery financing through LIPA (up to \$25,000 at 2.99%, paid on your LIPA bill).

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