

# Councilwoman Kepert, Supervisor Lesko and Town Board Acknowledge Home Depot and Ivy Acres Nursery's Contribution

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*Pictured left to right: Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, Councilman Steve Fiore Rosenfeld, Anti-Litter Task force members Laurie Lennox and Armond LaFont, Co-chair of Keep Brookhaven Beautiful Tom Talbot, Property Manager of Independence Plaza in Selden, site of Home Depot Paul Zanetti, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Councilman Dan Panico and Councilman Tim Mazzei*

## **Private Businesses Save Annual Keep Brookhaven Beautiful with Hundreds of Plant Donations**

**Farmingville, NY** - At the November 23rd Town Board meeting, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, along with Supervisor Mark Lesko and the Town Board called up members of Brookhaven's Anti-Litter Task Force and staff from Selden's Home Depot and Ivy Acres to acknowledge them for their plant contribution toward the Town of Brookhaven's "Keep Brookhaven Beautiful" plant-in event. The annual "Keep Brookhaven Beautiful" plant-in event has been such a huge success over the years that the 2010 event resulted in a significant shortage of plants available to volunteers from the Holtsville Ecology Center. "I was worried that we were going to have to turn away volunteers this year simply because we didn't have enough planting materials to go around," said Tom Talbot, President of the Middle Island Civic Association and Chair of the Anti-Litter Task Force. However, just days before the plant-in, the Anti-Litter Task Force reached out to the Home Depot in Selden, who in turn contacted their supplier Ivy Acres of Baiting Hollow. The result was a very generous donation of several hundred plants, which saved the day for the plant-in.

"On behalf of all the residents of Brookhaven I would like to give Home Depot and Ivy Gardens of Baiting Hollow a well deserved Thank You. This whole experience has been a breath of fresh air for me because, in these tough economic times with taxpayer dollars being stretched paper thin its nice to know that private businesses are willing to step up and chip in for the greater good of the overall community," said Connie Kepert.

"The generous donation from the Home Depot and Ivy Acres is a great example of how business and government work together to make Brookhaven Town a better place," said Supervisor Lesko. "The Keep Brookhaven Beautiful plant-in is an important event for our residents and I commend all the organizers and volunteers for their spirit and commitment to our town."

### **Special thanks:**

**Mark Esposito, District Manager, Eastern Long Island**

**John Gobel, Store Manager, Selden Home Depot**

**Dan Stupiello, Live Goods Merchant, Selden Home Depot**

**Kimberly Impagializzo, Assistant to Mr. Stupiello**

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