

Town Officials Join to Support LI 2 Day Walk to Fight Breast Cancer

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Pictured (L to R) - top row Councilman Timothy P. Mazzei, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Councilman Daniel Panico, Town Clerk Patricia Eddington and Supervisor Mark Lesko. Bottom row Ginny Salerno, Founder and Director of the LI2Day Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, Councilwoman Connie Kepert, Town Tax Receiver Louis Marcoccia and Deputy Supervisor / Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh.

Farmingville, NY - On Tuesday October 19, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Deputy Supervisor/ Councilwoman Walsh, Councilwoman Bonner, Councilman Mazzei, Councilwoman Kepert, Councilman Panico, Town Clerk Patricia Eddington and Tax Receiver Lou Marcoccia announced the Town's sponsorship of the 2011 LI 2Day Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, an inspirational 35-mile, two day event that raises awareness and funds for local grassroots breast cancer organizations. Since 2004, the event has raised over \$3 million for a number of programs that include breast cancer education, screening and diagnosis, transportation, physical therapy, research, support services, scholarships and more. The 2011 walk will be held Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12. Walkers start at Smith Point County Park in Shirley and walk to Cathedral Pines County Park in Middle Island and then back to Smith Point on Sunday. Many employees from the Town of Brookhaven will participate in the walk as part of the Town's "Brookhaven is Fit" program that encourages physical fitness, proper diet and good health.

Supervisor Lesko said, "We are proud to once again sponsor the LI 2Day Walk to Fight Breast Cancer. Breast Cancer touches many lives and families in the Town of Brookhaven and I commend the LI2Day Fight Breast Cancer organization for their efforts to raise money for research, raise awareness, educate people, and support Long Islanders battling this terrible disease."

Deputy Supervisor/ Councilwoman Walsh, who was instrumental in getting the Town involved in the LI 2 Day Walk and serves on the LI2Day Advisory Board said, "the Town of Brookhaven and its elected officials are honored to have the opportunity to participate in this awe-inspiring event. 100% of what's raised here goes directly to community-based organizations; responding to the critical need for funding that provides assistance to Long Islanders with breast cancer." She continued, "I have completed this two day event in the past and I can tell prospective walkers firsthand how empowering the entire experience can be. I urge anyone and everyone to come out and participate."

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