

# Panico Joins Osprey Community Standing Firm Against Vandalism

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**Mastic Beach, NY - Mastic Beach, NY - This past weekend, May 21-23, 2010, the Osprey Pointe Park was once again the victim of vandalism and trespass. The gates, utilized to protect the park when closed, were destroyed in another case of malicious mischief that has plagued the park and surrounding residents. On May 24, 2010 Brookhaven Councilman Dan Panico and members of the Osprey Pointe Civic Center joined together to deliver a message to those responsible: **the community will not tolerate this unacceptable behavior and will not rest until those responsible are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.****

"The Osprey Pointe community of Mastic Beach is a lovely and tight knit community of neighbors that will not tolerate such destructive behavior," stated Councilman Panico, who was present to survey the damage first hand. "Osprey Park is one of the most beautiful and tranquil parks in all of Brookhaven Town for residents to enjoy. As Town Councilman I am going to make sure that the damaged gates are replaced and that the individuals responsible are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." The Councilman also said he was exploring the possibility of placing cameras on site.

"Incidents like this have gone on far too long in our community, destruction of public property cannot be tolerated and we all must stand up together and fight to take back our neighborhood," said Evan Proios a homeowner in the Osprey Pointe Neighborhood.

"Our community is a naturally beautiful waterfront area, with a unique and beautiful park and we need to work to make sure a few "bad apples" do not pull it down," Said Frank Capitello, President of the Osprey Pointe Civic Association. "There are vandalism laws, trespassing laws, destruction of public property laws, malicious mischief laws, littering laws, and various town codes, we suggest that these laws are enforced NOW, we are asking our neighbors and elected officials to help us before it is too late." Mr. Capitello is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and convictions of the person or persons who destroyed the gates at Osprey Pointe Park.

The community is being asked to report anything that seems odd or illegal in the park to the Osprey Pointe Neighborhood Watch at 631-603-7324 as well as the Suffolk County Police Department at 852-COPS; for crimes in process and emergencies call 911. If residents have any issues and concerns related to Osprey Pointe Park, Councilman Panico encourages them to contact his office at 451-6502 or via email at CouncilmanPanico@brookhaven.org.

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