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Suffolk Courts Announce the Dedication of Town of Brookhaven Community Court

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. - Today, Suffolk County's District Administrative Judge, H. Patrick Leis III, announced that the Suffolk County Courts, in cooperation with the Town of Brookhaven, has established the Brookhaven Community Court, a special court part of the Sixth District Court, Patchogue, dedicated to handling proceedings alleging violations of Brookhaven town ordinances and affecting the quality of life of local residents. The Honorable Madeleine Fitzgibbon, Supervising Judge of the Suffolk County's District Court and Supervisor Mark Lesko presided over the dedication. Honorable Stephen Ukeiley, District Court Judge, and Brookhaven Council Members Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld, Jane Bonner, Kathleen Walsh, Tim Mazzei, Connie Kepert, Dan Panico, and Patchogue Village Mayor Paul Pontieri were in attendance.

The Brookhaven Community Court will address cases involving nuisance properties (i.e., untended yards and abandoned cars) and violations of zoning restrictions (i.e., illegal apartments and businesses operating out of residential locations). Operating out of the Suffolk County Sixth District Court in Patchogue, the Honorable Stephen Ukeiley presiding, the court handles all quality-of-life cases brought by the Town of Brookhaven and provides monitoring of compliance with court orders as well as greater accountability, continuity and efficiency.

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