Supervisor Lesko and Councilman Mazzei Announce Quality of Life Task Force Action on Illegal Pool Hall in Medford
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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilman Tim Mazzei have announced that on February 17, Town of Brookhaven Quality of Life Task Force investigators and Town Fire Marshals, in coordination with detectives of the Suffolk County 5th Precinct Crime Control Unit, responded to a compliant at 1761 Route 112 in Medford in regard to a pool hall that was allegedly operating without the necessary permits and certificates of occupancy from the Building Department and Fire Marshal's office.

Inside 112 Billiards, investigators found eleven pool tables, a bar and lounge area. At the time of the action, there were forty-seven patrons inside. Although 112 Billiards was operating without a NY State Liquor License, alcoholic beverages were being offered for sale. The lack of a required license was addressed with an appearance ticket from the Suffolk County Police and subsequent notification to New York State Liquor Authority. Further investigation concluded that there were neither renovation permits nor a certificate of occupancy issued by the Building Department. The Fire Marshal issued a Cease and Desist Order and Task Force Investigators and the Fire Marshal each issued six Appearance Tickets for violations including; no Building Permit, no Certificate of Occupancy, no Place of Assembly Permit, no Certificate of Compliance for permits issued by Fire Marshals, blocked egress and failure to maintain fire system equipment.

"I once again commend our Quality of Life Task Force, whose actions send a clear message to those who violate our Town codes that they will be held responsible and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said Supervisor Mark Lesko.

"Brookhaven Town's Quality of Life Task Force investigators continue to do an outstanding job against abusive property owners who disregard the health and safety of our residents," said Councilman Tim Mazzei. "Make no mistake about it, any illegitimate business attempting to operate 'under the radar' will be found out and prosecuted."

Supervisor Lesko established the Quality of Life Task Force in June of 2009. From June 2009 through December 2009, fines levied on code violations increased by 170% compared to the same time period in 2008. In 2010, the Quality of Life Task Force continued its success. Compared to 2009, fines levied in 2010 nearly doubled to almost $1 million. Fines are levied through tickets issued to property owners with properties that have seriously unsafe or hazardous conditions.

If residents believe that a business or property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call 451-TOWN to file a complaint.