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The Operation Clean Sweep target area in Farmingville is bordered on the north by Horseblock Road, the south by Expressway Drive North, the east by North Ocean Avenue (CR83) and on the west by all the cross streets that intersect Hanrahan Avenue.

Over the course of Operation Clean Sweep in Farmingville, Town employees:

- Swept all streets
• Replaced 129 street signs
• Repaired or replaced 38 streetlights
• Trimmed 19 trees
• Removed 2.5 tons of trash and debris

The Quality of Life Task Force also issued 40 notices to residents for a wide range of violations, including unregistered vehicles, litter, parking on the front lawns and boats in the front yard. A number of appearance tickets will be issued to violators for non-compliance and for illegal multi-family houses. Many residents have cooperated with the Town to correct the violations and come into compliance with Town code.

Supervisor Mark Lesko said, "As a result of Operation Clean Sweep in Farmingville, over 60 street lights and street signs were fixed, over 2.5 tons of trash was removed, and all of the streets were swept. I thank our Quality of Life Task Force for the great job they do in maintaining the high quality of life in our residential communities. By targeting areas like this one, we have been able to clean up neighborhoods block-by-block."

"It is my pleasure to bring Operation Clean Sweep into the community of Farmingville, an area in which our Law Investigators and the Building Department have focused on since I've been in office. The efforts of the Town have transformed areas which were once impacted with overcrowded housing and the blight which follows, to well-maintained neighborhoods. On our bus tour we found brush along the roadside, missing street signs, and property maintenance violations. We addressed all of those issues during Operation Clean Sweep," stated Councilwoman Kepert

Supervisor Lesko established the Quality of Life Task Force to aggressively enforce the Town code, eliminate blight in neighborhoods, shutdown suburban slumlords, and prosecute serial offenders. Between 2008 and 2010, fines levied on code enforcement violations increased by 255%. Fines are levied through tickets issued to property owners with properties that have seriously unsafe or hazardous conditions.

At the request of Supervisor Lesko and the Town Board, the New York State Office of Court Administration established the Brookhaven Community Court in 2010. It is a special court that is part of the Sixth District Court in Patchogue dedicated to handling proceedings alleging violations of Brookhaven town ordinances and affecting the quality of life of local residents.

If residents believe that a property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call (631) 451-TOWN to file a complaint.