Supervisor Lesko and Councilwoman Kepert Announce Town’s Quality of Life Task Force Clean Up of Property in Medford

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Pictured left is the property located at 8 Caroline Street in Medford before the Quality of Life Task Force took action to remove nearly 43 tons of litter and debris left by the previous owner. Right photo shows the property after the clean-up by the Town's Waste Management and Parks Departments.

Town Removes Over 87,000 Pounds of Litter and Debris from Abandoned Property

Farmingville, NY - On December 7, the Quality of Life Task Force took action on an abandoned, one story, single family home at 8 Caroline Lane in Medford. The house, currently owned by an out-of-state bank and in foreclosure, had been boarded up but was broken into several times and stripped of its copper plumbing and wiring. The previous owner of the property had been issued appearance tickets and later abandoned the property, leaving a large amount of litter and debris including a number of unregistered vehicles. More than 43 tons (87,860 lbs) were removed by members of the Town's Waste Management and Parks Departments. The entire cost of the clean up will be calculated and charged back to the bank in the form of a lien on the property.

"The Quality of Life Task Force has once again proven that they can make a huge impact on the quality of life in the community," said Supervisor Lesko. "This action sends another strong message that the Town will not tolerate those who disregard the health and safety of our residents." He continued, "It was one of the most dangerous and difficult clean-ups that the Task Force has executed and I thank them for the great work that they do."

"The pictures tell the whole story; this is by far one of the worst cases of a resident showing total disregard to the Quality of Life of his neighbors that I have seen since taking office. Imagine living near a home that has 87,860 pounds of junk in the back yard? This was simply a disgrace," said Connie Kepert. "And once again I have to give two thumbs up to our Quality of Life Task Force, they have made a real and positive affect in the lives of so many residents all across Brookhaven in the last year, particularly in my council district, and on behalf of my constituents I say thank you." Concluded Kepert

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

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