

# Town Demolishes Zombie House in Centereach

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**Farmingville, NY** – On April 11, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilman Kevin LaValle (right) were joined by local residents for the demolition of an abandoned house at 35 Hetty's Path in Centereach. The house, which has been vacant for more than 10 years, was a source of numerous resident complaints and Town building code violations. It was demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Councilman LaValle said, "People in this neighborhood work hard to maintain their homes and it's a shame when eyesores like this negatively impact property values and their quality of life. Thanks to the assistance of the Town's Law Department, this eyesore has been demolished. I will continue to do everything I can to rid the community of these zombie houses."

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