

## Blighted, Abandoned House on Baybright Drive in Shirley Demolished by the Town

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**Farmingville, NY** – On October 11, Councilman Dan Panico and the Town of Brookhaven continued their aggressive crackdown on blighted properties with the recent demolition of 104 Baybright Drive in Shirley. The house, which sat vacant and in disrepair for more than five years, had numerous violations of both Town and New York State Building and Fire Prevention Codes. It presented a public nuisance and a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the neighbors. The house was demolished by the Town's Department of Waste Management 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 Panico said, "We are continuing the most aggressive crackdown on suburban blight in the history of Brookhaven, most recently with the demolition of the burnt out structure at 104 Baybright in Shirley. As each of these houses come down, property values in the immediate area rise, along with the quality of life of residents."

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