

Councilman Panico Oversees Demolition of Abandoned Eyesore in Shirley

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Farmingville, NY - Today, Councilman Dan Panico (left) was in Shirley to oversee the demolition of an abandoned house located at 40 Margin Drive West in Shirley. The long-vacant house has been the source of numerous community complaints over the past ten years. The property owner was issued violations since 2007 ranging from property maintenance, unfenced pool and unsecured windows and doors. It 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 placed as a lien on the tax bill of the property and is paid by the owner - not the taxpayers. Pictured with the Councilman is Karen Musetti, a long-time resident of the neighborhood.

Councilman Panico said, "Through our unprecedented focus on quality of life issues we are turning the tide in our communities and aggressively combating suburban blight. The demolition of homes that qualify under the law is accelerating because the good people that I represent deserve to live in clean safe neighborhoods. I will use every tool available to me under the law to ensure that the Mastic-Shirley area reaches its full potential."

In May 2014, the Town launched a web page and mobile app for residents to report vacant homes and commercial properties. Residents can go to www.brookhaven.org/vacanthouse and follow the easy steps to submit their report. The information is immediately entered into a centralized database which the Law Department will use to investigate. Residents can also report a vacant house by calling 451-TOWN (8696), Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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