

Town Demolishes Fire Damaged, "Dirty Dozen" House in Shirley

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Farmingville, NY - Today, Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) and Councilman Dan Panico (left) were in Shirley to oversee the demolition of a condemned house located at 33 Ashwood Drive in Shirley. The long-vacant house had become the source of numerous community complaints after a fire caused extensive damage to the structure. It is on Supervisor Romaine's "Dirty Dozen" list of houses targeted for demolition in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code, which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. This is the eighth vacant house demolished since the Supervisor announced the list in September of 2014.

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.

Supervisor Romaine said, "When we demolish an eyesore like this, it immediately improves the quality of life in the neighborhood and helps to restore the property values of all the homes nearby. Thanks to the work of our Law and Building departments, we continue to make great progress in our effort to clean up the Town." "We will continue to remove these blighted homes in the area that qualify for demolition," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "I have dedicated a great deal of time to raising the quality of life for all residents and these demolitions are another component in that ongoing effort."

The "Dirty Dozen" listed below, includes properties from every Council District in Brookhaven Town:

1. 25 Devoe Place, Mastic (Demolished by owner)
2. 33 Ashwood Drive, Shirley (Demolished 3/12/15)
3. 131 Bedford Avenue, Mastic (Demolished 10/15/14)
4. 10 Murray Lane, Coram
5. 2808 John Roe Smith Avenue, Medford
6. 1 Seacliff Avenue, Miller Place (Demolished 1/22/15)
7. 6 Frank Street, Patchogue (Demolished 3/3/2015)
8. 26 Gabon Lane, Coram
9. 22 Sundial Lane, Bellport (Demolished 11/6/14)
10. 9 Middle Island Road, Yaphank
11. 5 Parnet Court in Port Jefferson Station (Demolished 10/1/14)
12. 26 Berkeley Avenue in Selden (Demolished 9/3/14)

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