

Councilman Panico Leads Effort to Close Down Center Moriches Waldbaums After Complaints of No Heat and Faulty Sprinkler System

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Farmingville, NY - On February 4, Councilman Dan Panico met with Town Fire Marshals and Building Inspectors to announce the closing of the Center Moriches Waldbaums store located at 812 Main Street due to no heat, frozen sprinkler main feed and water leaking from the snow covered roof. The Town had received calls from employees of the store who indicated that there was no heat since January 4. They presented photographs showing icicles forming on fire sprinklers and evidence of damage to the roof from a buildup of snow and ice.

Upon investigation, the Fire Marshals and Building Inspectors found that there was no heat, water leaking into light fixtures, a faulty fire alarm system and the potential that the fire sprinkler main feed was frozen. They also found that the roof structure may have been compromised by the heavy snow load. The Town's Chief Fire Marshal ordered the store closed and a Cease and Desist Occupancy order will be issued.

"On Tuesday afternoon my office and Facebook page began receiving complaints and pictures regarding the inside of Waldbaums in Center Moriches. The complaints and pictures showed no heat, icicles hanging from the sprinkler system, fallen ceiling tiles and garbage cans everywhere to catch water and other dripping liquids. We immediately dispatched a Fire Marshal and personnel from our building department and within the hour the store was closed for the safety of the public," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "The community, the shoppers and the employees deserve better. It is in the property owner's best interest and Waldbaums best interest to immediately remedy these health and safety violations and bring the building up to code and acceptable standards."

If residents believe that a property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call 451-TOWN to file a complaint. For more information or to access the Town's Code Book, go to www.brookhaven.org.

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