

Brookhaven Demolishes "Zombie Strip Club" Abandoned After 2003 Fire in East Patchogue Residential Neighborhood

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Farmingville, NY - On Monday, April 20, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilman Neil Foley (right) were on hand to oversee the demolition of the long vacant, condemned building located at 435 Sunrise Highway North Service Road in Patchogue. The structure, which was built in 1966, has been the location of a number of businesses, including the Cavalier Club, a restaurant, a gym/athletic club and Billy Dean's adult entertainment club. It had been vacant before being gutted by a fire in 2003. Over the years the structure has deteriorated and been severely vandalized. The Town Board approved the demolition at a public hearing on March 26.

Although not on the Supervisor's "Dirty Dozen" list, the building was demolished in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code, which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. Since the Supervisor announced the "Dirty Dozen" in September 2014, nine "Dirty Dozen" houses have been demolished by the Town and one by the homeowner. 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.

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 (Demolished 4/16/2015)
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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