

502 William Floyd Parkway Condemned for Infestation

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Supervisor Lesko, Councilpersons Panico and Keperth hail work of Town Inspectors and Investigators



Pictured left to right at Councilman Dan Panico, Legislator Kate Browning and Councilwoman Connie Keperth at the condemned home at 502 William Floyd Parkway.

Farmingville, NY - On Friday, July 13, 2012 at approximately 6:20 a.m. the Brookhaven Town Quality of Life Task Force along with the Suffolk County Police executed a search warrant upon the non-owner occupied house at 502 William Floyd Parkway in Shirley. The Task Force served the warrant based upon complaints and a previous inspection.

The Task Force immediately notified several Suffolk County agencies, including the Suffolk County DSS and the Suffolk County Police Department.

When Quality of Life Task Force investigators entered the home and the property was posted by the Town of Brookhaven for over-occupancy (33 beds, 27 occupants of which 18 were present at the time), missing/inoperable smoke detectors, infestation (bed bugs, roaches, flies, mosquitoes and other insects), unsanitary floors, walls and ceilings and various other violations, all of which posed a threat to the health and safety of the occupants.

The Quality of Life Task Force has been aggressively enforcing the Town code, eliminating blight and combating suburban slumlords.

"Let the message be crystal clear that the old way of doing things around here is over," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "If you think you are going to pack houses like sardine cans, exploit those seeking treatment and the taxpayers of this County you are sorely mistaken. The Mastic/Shirley area is a beautiful area that is breaking free of these old stigmas and will reemerge as the place it once was and the place it should be, a bay front community with clean safe neighborhoods for people to live and thrive."

"502 William Floyd Parkway has been an ongoing plague to the community for far too many years. The conditions which existed there were unfit for anyone to live in, and represented a threat to the health and safety of the Shirley community," stated Councilwoman Kepert. "I want to praise the Town's Quality of Life Task Force for their hard work in this case and their efforts to improve neighborhoods all across the Town."

Supervisor Mark Lesko said, "The conditions inside this home were deplorable and I commend the members of the Quality of Life Task Force for taking such decisive action. We will not allow absentee landlords, or any property owner, to operate with total disregard for the health and safety of their tenants or the residents who live nearby. My priority is to clean up Brookhaven Town neighborhood by neighborhood and we are making great strides thanks to the Quality of Life Task Force."

"I have been targeting this rogue home for six years," stated Legislator Browning, "The need for state regulation of sober homes has been a top priority of mine, and this home proves more than any other why it is needed. Suffolk County is doing its part to see good, safe homes be made available, but without New York State's help these bad homes are going to persist."

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