

Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilman Dan Panico Announce "Operation Clean Sweep" in Mastic

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Quality of Life Task Force continues coordinated six month clean-up effort across Brookhaven

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP



Supervisor Mark Lesko speaks at the Operation Clean Sweep press conference in Mastic. Also pictured left to right are Quality of Life Task Force Chief Investigator Paul Degen, Quality of Life Task Force Director David Moran and Councilman Dan Panico.



Pictured left to right at the Operation Clean Sweep press conference in Mastic are Quality of Life Task Force Chief Investigator Paul Degen, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Councilman Dan Panico and Quality of Life Task Force Director David Moran.

Farmingville, NY - On Friday, September 9, Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilman Dan Panico held a press conference in Mastic to launch the third "Operation Clean Sweep," a coordinated program spearheaded by the Town's Quality of Life Task Force with the goal of improving the quality of life throughout Brookhaven. The first "Operation Clean Sweep" took place in Town Council District 3 in Selden in April and the second was in Town Council District 2 in Rocky Point in June.

The Operation Clean Sweep target area in Mastic is bordered on the north by Patchogue Avenue, south by Meadowmere Avenue, east by Mastic Road and west by Floyd Road.

"The first two Operation Clean Sweeps were extremely successful," said Supervisor Lesko. "Every day, our Quality of Life Task Force has been working to crack down on those who violate our Town codes. With Operation Clean Sweep, they take it to the next level by cleaning up specific neighborhoods and improving the quality of life of the residents who live there."

Councilman Dan Panico, who represents Council District 6 said, "I'm happy to join with the Supervisor for Operation Clean Sweep and continue working to improve the quality of life for our residents. This is part of an ongoing effort to clean up our communities and protect the residential property values."

Over the course of this week, Town employees will fix streetlamps, pick up litter, install new street signs, and

conduct other activities to help clean up the neighborhood. The results of Operation Clean Sweep in Mastic will be announced in the coming weeks.

In the months ahead, there will be an "Operation Clean Sweep" in each remaining Town Council District. The schedule is as follows:

- September 2011: Council District 5
- October 2011: Council District 4 and 1

Supervisor Lesko established the Quality of Life Task Force in June of 2009 to aggressively enforce the Town code to eliminate blight in neighborhoods, shutdown suburban slumlords, and prosecute serial offenders. From June 2009 through December 2009, fines levied on code violations increased by 170% compared to the same time period in 2008.

In 2010, the Quality of Life Task Force continued its success. Compared to 2009, fines levied in 2010 nearly doubled to almost \$1 million. Fines are levied through tickets issued to property owners with properties that have seriously unsafe or hazardous conditions.

If residents believe that a property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call 451-TOWN to file a complaint.

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