

Supervisor Lesko and Councilman Panico Organize Humanitarian Action in Mastic Beach

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Mastic Beach, NY - On Friday, January 14, 2011, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilman Dan Panico announced the condemnation of single family dwelling on Beaver Drive in Mastic Beach.

The Brookhaven Town Quality of Life Task force moved quickly after the owner of the home contacted Councilman Panico's office seeking assistance to remedy this property which currently does not have heat or hot water. The home also had approximately 50 cats which were taken into Brookhaven Town Animal Shelter custody.

"I commend the Quality of Life Task Force for quickly responding to this reprehensible situation when it was brought to their attention," said Supervisor Lesko. "The Task Force was very successful in their actions in 2010, and they have not missed a beat at the start of 2011. The Task Force has consistently outperformed my expectations since I formed it in 2009."

"This is truly a sad situation where the owners of this property contacted my office to seek help in qualifying for public assistance to fix up their home and restore heat and hot water. During our investigation to assist the residents, it quickly became apparent that a humanitarian action was necessary," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "We are going to temporarily relocate the two adults that live in this home and work toward assisting them to bring this home up to standards for human habitation. Today was one of the coldest days of this winter, and we had to move fast to avoid a needless tragedy. I thank our Quality of Life Task Force for moving forward on this case at my request with sensitivity and professionalism."

"The trustees of the Village and I commend Councilman Dan Panico, Supervisor Mark Lesko and Brookhaven animal protective services for their humanitarian action." Said newly elected Mayor of Mastic Beach Village, Paul Breschard. "We look forward to a continued cooperative relationship with the Town in our efforts to improve the quality of life of our Village residents."

In our continuing effort to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, Councilman Panico's **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING** initiative continues. Should you see something please contact us at 631-451-6502 (all calls kept confidential) or via email at CouncilmanPanico@brookhaven.org. Together we can clean up our community.

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