

Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Kepert Announce Town Action to Condemn Alleged Drug House in Bellport

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Suffolk County Police arrest four and discover drugs, guns and ammunition

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Connie Kepert announced today that Brookhaven Town's Building and Law Departments took action on Tuesday, February 11 to condemn a house located at 743 Bourdois Avenue in Bellport. The Town responded to a request from the Suffolk County Police (SCPD) Narcotics Division who executed a search warrant, arresting four adults and two teenagers. Drugs, guns and ammunition were found in the house. Three elementary school age children were removed from the home and turned over to an adult relative. Two puppies were also removed and brought to the Brookhaven Town Animal Shelter. The residence was covered in filth, contained dangerous electrical hazards and had no operating central heating system. Electric and kerosene fueled space heaters were in use and there were no smoke or carbon monoxide detectors installed in the home. The Town will be issuing Appearance Tickets to the property owners for all violations.

"I commend our Building and Law Departments for taking swift action to condemn this house and thank the Suffolk County Police for their efforts to fight against drugs and violence in Bellport," said Supervisor Ed Romaine. "Houses like this are a danger to the hard working families who live nearby and a severe threat to the quality of life throughout the entire community. I urge residents who are aware of any illegal activity in their neighborhood to call the Suffolk County Police. Together we can make Brookhaven Town a safer place to live."

"I applaud our Town inspectors and the Suffolk County Police Department for the excellent work they did to condemn this house and remove illegal drugs from the streets of Bellport," said Councilwoman Kepert. "These actions are a result of increased police presence in the Bellport community and the efforts of the Bellport Public Safety Group, which is made up of community leaders, the Suffolk County Police Department, Department of Social Services, Legislator Rob Calarco, Supervisor Romaine, Town Building, Law, and Housing Inspectors, and myself. The Bellport Public Safety Group has been working to identify problem houses in the area in order to improve the safety and quality of life of law-abiding Bellport residents."

In addition, while awaiting clearance from SCPD to enter the residence at 743 Bourdois Avenue, a Building Inspector observed a vacant and unsecured house at 718 Bourdois Avenue. The Town has arranged for that house to be boarded.

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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