

# Supervisor Romaine Oversees Demolition of Fire-Damaged "Dirty Dozen" House in Port Jefferson Station

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Town action removes neighborhood eyesore that has stood vacant since 2010

**Farmingville, NY** - On October 1, Supervisor Ed Romaine (pictured) was present to oversee the demolition of a condemned, fire-damaged house located at 5 Parnet Court in Port Jefferson Station. The house, which has been vacant since 2010, had been an eyesore in the neighborhood since an arson fire occurred in June of 2012.

Supervisor Romaine said, "The residents in this neighborhood have suffered long enough. By demolishing this house we have made an immediate impact on their quality of life. Our Law, Building and Waste Management Departments are working together to rid Brookhaven Town of eyesores like this and I commend their persistent efforts to get this property cleaned up and make this neighborhood a safer place to live."

This is the second vacant house demolished as part of Supervisor Romaine's "Dirty Dozen," 12 vacant houses which have become dangerous eyesores and a detriment to the quality of life in the community. The targeted houses have received numerous violations issued by the Town's Building and Law Departments. They will be demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner. The Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and they collect the money from the property owner. The "Dirty Dozen" listed below, includes properties from every Council District in Brookhaven Town:

1. 25 Devoe Place, Mastic
2. 33 Ashwood Drive, Shirley
3. 131 Bedford Avenue, Mastic
4. 10 Murray Lane, Coram
5. 2808 John Roe Smith Avenue, Medford
6. 1 Seacliff Avenue, Miller Place
7. 6 Frank Street, Patchogue
8. 26 Gabon Lane, Coram
9. 22 Sundial Lane, Bellport
10. 9 Middle Island Road, Yaphank

11. 5 Parnet Court in Port Jefferson Station (Demolished (10/1/2014)

12. 26 Berkeley Avenue in Selden (Demolished 9/3/14)

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