Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico Oversee Demolition of Fire Damaged "Dirty Dozen" House in Mastic

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Farmingville, NY - On October 15, Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) and Councilman Dan Panico (left) was present to oversee the demolition of a condemned, fire-damaged house located at 131 Bedford Avenue in Mastic. The property owner was issued numerous violations dating back to May of 2006 after a fire caused significant damage to the house.

Supervisor Romaine said, "This property was more than just an eyesore. It attracted transients and vandals who threatened the quality of life in the community. By demolishing the house, we have made this neighborhood a safer place to live. I commend the efforts of our Law, Building and Waste Management Departments who are working together to clean up Brookhaven Town"

"Brookhaven Town is serious about raising the standard of living for all and one way is to eliminate these blights that dot the community and create quality of life concerns for us all," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "Now that a new, more efficient process of demolition and removal has been established, we plan on continuing these demolitions at a more vigorous pace."

This is the third 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 (Demolished 10/15/14)

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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