Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner Oversee Demolition of Burned Out House in Shoreham

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Farmingville, NY - On April 15, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner (center) were on hand for the demolition of a burned out, condemned house located at 42 Cobblestone Drive in Shoreham. The house has been vacant and the source of numerous community complaints since a fire occurred in July of 2013 as the result of a lightning strike. Prior to the fire, the property owner was issued violations for an illegal basement apartment, property maintenance and building a deck and shed without a permit. The Suffolk County Police also reported numerous complaints about drug activity in the house. It was targeted for demolition 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 placed as a lien on the tax bill of the property and is paid by the owner - not the taxpayers. Pictured left to right with the Supervisor and Councilwoman are Chief Deputy Commissioner of Waste Management Chris Andrade and Waste Management employees Matt Brown, Chrissy Doherty, Tim Timms, and Kris Citarella.

Supervisor Romaine said, "A house like this is a severe detriment to the community and drives down the value of all the other houses in the neighborhood. We will continue to crack down on property owners and banks, using the full power of the law to clean it up if they don't do it themselves."
Councilwoman Bonner said, "The Town of Brookhaven is leading the fight to rid our neighborhoods of these dangerous eyesores. The people have lived long enough with this and I commend our Law, Building and Waste Management Departments for their efforts to clean it up."

Although not on the Supervisor's "Dirty Dozen" list, the house was demolished in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code, which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. Since the Supervisor announced the "Dirty Dozen" in September 2014, eight "Dirty Dozen" houses have been demolished by the Town and

one by the homeowner. The cost of demolition and debris removal is placed as a lien on the tax bill of the property and is paid by the owner - not the taxpayers.

The "Dirty Dozen" listed below, includes properties from every Council District in Brookhaven Town:

1. 25 Devoe Place, Mastic (Demolished by owner)
2. 33 Ashwood Drive, Shirley (Demolished 3/12/15
3. 131 Bedford Avenue, Mastic (Demolished 10/15/14)
4. 10 Murray Lane, Coram
5. 2808 John Roe Smith Avenue, Medford (Demolished 4/16/2015)
6. 1 Seacliff Avenue, Miller Place (Demolished 1/22/15)
7. 6 Frank Street, Patchogue (Demolished 3/3/2015)
8. 26 Gabon Lane, Coram
9. 22 Sundial Lane, Bellport (Demolished 11/6/14)
10. 9 Middle Island Road, Yaphank
11. 5 Parnet Court in Port Jefferson Station (Demolished (10/1/14)
12. 26 Berkeley Avenue in Selden (Demolished 9/3/14)

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