

# Town Demolishes Zombie House on William Floyd Parkway in Shirley

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**Farmingville, NY** – On August 22, Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) and Councilman Dan Panico (left) were on hand for the demolition of a vacant and abandoned house at 205 William Floyd Parkway in Shirley. The house had been a source of numerous resident complaints due to squatters and drug activity. The rear of the house was damaged by fire and both the exterior and interior suffered from a lack of maintenance, resulting in numerous Town building code violations. It was demolished by the Town's Department of Recycling and Sustainable Materials Management 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, and the

Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Supervisor Romaine said, "This house wasn't maintained for years and it became a dangerous eyesore that had a negative impact on property values in the neighborhood and the quality of life of the nearby residents who take pride in their homes. I commend our Law Department for their continued efforts to clean up zombie houses throughout the Town."

Councilman Panico said, "In Brookhaven we are raising the bar of what is considered an acceptable standard of living in our neighborhoods. We will not allow such dilapidated and dangerous structures to become hotbeds for illicit activity. Every day we are working to improve the quality of life for all of our residents in the most aggressive crackdown on suburban blight in the Town's history."

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