

# City of New Bedford performs 33 clean-ups of blighted properties

“When landlords allow their properties to fall into disrepair and become blight on the neighborhood, the City may come in after necessary notice and clean the property, and then place a lien on it. In Fiscal 2024, the City performed 33 of these clean-ups and placed \$31,763.34 worth of tax liens against the owners.

In June, for instance, the City performed clean-ups at four properties across the City, placing a combined \$3,575.39 in tax liens against the property owners. The cleanups were located at:

- South Side Scott Street Parcel 20 268 – \$1,074.40 liened to owner Ali Murad in Buffalo
- 13 Durfee St. Parcel 77 375 – \$1,106 liened to SUMDRU Inc., President Anthony Cristaldi
- 1227 Ashley Blvd. – \$519.44 liened to Daniel and Tracy Schrier of Schrier Living Trust in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
- 558 Mt. Pleasant St. – \$875.55 liened to Leisure Industries C/O Mike Rocha in Fairhaven

While the vast majority of landlords in New Bedford maintain and care for their properties, the City will continue to hold irresponsible absentee landlords accountable for letting their properties turn into neighborhood blight.”-City of New Bedford.

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