



# CITY OF KENNER

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### *AFTER NEARLY TWO DECADES, JUMONVILLE PROPERTY IN DRIFTWOOD SUBDIVISION DEMOLISHED*

**Kenner, LA.** – A legal battle against blight that lasted nearly 20 years ended Saturday morning in the Driftwood subdivision when an unfinished house at 50 Granada Drive, better known as the “Jumonville property” was demolished, Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni announced.

The property was purchased by the Jumonville family in 1987 and Kenner’s first legal action occurred in 1995. There have been legal battles in state and federal court over the years between the city and the property owners and hundreds of complaints by neighbors.

“I am proud to be able to say that the promises made by myself and District 3 Councilman Keith Reynaud have been fulfilled - even though there were doubters – and even though our promises were the same as those made by other Kenner officials for nearly two decades,” Yenni said.

A second blighted property owned by the Jumonvilles on Martinique Avenue was demolished in 2009. Reynaud said District 3 residents should expect more demolitions of blighted district property in the months to come.

Yenni said the demolition speaks highly to the dedication and expertise of his administration and all the city employees involved – from Code Enforcement directors and inspectors to members of the legal department.

“I have always stressed the importance of hiring the most qualified people and letting them do their jobs,” Yenni said. “This is a great example how that has immeasurably improved life for the residents of Driftwood.”

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