



# **EDWARD J. LEONARD**

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### **Franklin County works with Blendon Township to bring down Neighborhood Eyesore**

A dilapidated home at 3545 Makassar Road in Blendon Township will be demolished on May 20, 2009 at 10am thanks to collaboration between Franklin County and Blendon Township officials.

The property, once owned by Henry Bobulski, was foreclosed upon for delinquent taxes, went to sheriff's sale twice with no bid, no sale, and had long been an eyesore in the community.

At Treasurer Leonard's request, Commissioners Paula Brooks, Marilyn Brown, and John O'Grady passed a resolution approving the acquisition of this abandoned home to go to the ownership of Blendon Township for redevelopment.

According to Treasurer Leonard, vacant and abandoned properties are a source of deep frustration for local governments. The total amount due from this parcel in delinquent taxes since 1999 is over \$10,000. This money is withheld from our schools, our seniors, and many agencies that depend on property tax dollars. When taxes aren't paid, the whole community suffers. "As important as reclaiming the lost economic revenue from these properties, our efforts helps reverse the tremendous negative impact that such decaying properties have on entire neighborhoods. Seizing opportunities like this one in Blendon Township is critical to improving our neighborhoods, both economically and in terms of quality of life for residents," said Treasurer Leonard.

**Who:** Treasurer Ed Leonard, Blendon Township officials and neighborhood leaders

**What:** Demolition of neighborhood eyesore in Blendon Township

**When:** May 20, 2009 at 10:00 am

**Where:** 3545 Makassar Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081