Supervisor Romaine: We're Cleaning Up Illegal Student Housing Problems
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Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Supervisor Romaine addressed over 200 Stony Brook residents on June 12 about enforcement actions the Town has taken against landlords operating illegal boarding houses in their community. Over the course of less than four months, the town has issued hundreds of violations at 51 houses, pursued Supreme Court actions against three locations, and opened investigations of scores of others that are illegally housing students from the nearby university. The actions were taken over the course of less than four months at the direction of the Supervisor, who introduced a package of new legislation to combat the problem that had plagued the area for several years.

"My office was first contacted two months into my administration, and I took immediate action to start cleaning up this mess," said Supervisor Romaine. "What these landlords have been doing to this community is scurrilous. They have destroyed the quality of life for too many families for far too long. We are sending a clear message to these landlords - we're putting you out of business. This neighborhood is supposed to be a place for our residents to raise their families - not for you to earn a buck at their expense."

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