

Supervisor Romaine Announces His Support of Governor Cuomo's New "Open NY" Website

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Town to participate in new website that increases transparency and provides user-friendly access to Federal, State and local government data

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine has announced his support for Governor Andrew Cuomo's new comprehensive state website that provides user-friendly public access to New York State agencies, the federal government and local municipalities. The launch of www.open.ny.gov coincides with "Sunshine Week," a national initiative that promotes and raises awareness for increased transparency and open government. The Supervisor also said that public access to Brookhaven Town's data will soon be included on the site.

The Open NY website offers unprecedented public access to over 30 New York State agencies, the State University of New York (SUNY), City University of New York (CUNY) and a number of counties throughout the State, including Suffolk. Only eight other states have similar websites.

"The best way to assure good government is through open and transparent government, and I thank Governor Cuomo for spearheading this initiative," said Supervisor Romaine, "The internet allows us to access an incredible amount of data, but it can be difficult at times to navigate through it all. Open NY makes it easier for people to find the information that they need in a more efficient and cost-effective way. I look forward to establishing Brookhaven Town as a participant and have instructed our IT department to work with the Governor's office to make our presence on the site a priority."

Open.NY.gov features include:

- One-stop access to government data
- Cross-agency search tools
- Centralized access to New York's top transparency websites.
- Centralized collection of "apps" and mobile tools using NYS data
- Social media engagement
- Suggest a dataset
- Ability to search federal and locality data.

To read Governor Cuomo's press release, please go to www.governor.ny.gov and click on Newsroom. For more information about Brookhaven Town, visit www.brookhaven.org.

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