

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



## COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## **NOTORIOUS “SOBER HOME” IN SHIRLEY DEEMED UNFIT FOR INHABITANTS**

*Browning to Announce Violations, Tenants to be Removed by 5PM*

**Who:** **Legislator Kate Browning**, Suffolk County  
**Councilwoman Constance Kepert**, Town of Brookhaven  
**Chief Dennis Daugherty**, Shirley Ambulance

**What:** A well-known problem home in Shirley was shut down for various violations this morning and its tenants forced to be vacated by 5PM. The home, 502 William Floyd Parkway in Shirley, has been at the top of Legislator Browning’s priority list of rogue sober homes that need to be closed, and has been used as the number one example for the need for sober home regulations. Legislator Browning was contacted by a tenant of the home who was urged to reach out to the legislator by Chief Dennis Daugherty of Shirley Ambulance. The tenant complained of terrible living conditions including roaches and bed bugs. Legislator Browning coordinated the emergency inspection between Suffolk County and the Town of Brookhaven that led to the violations.

**Why:** The home was deemed unfit for human inhabitants due to various health and safety violations. A major infestation of bed bugs, roaches and fleas was found in addition to non-working or missing smoke detectors. 33 beds were found in the home, well above the legal limit and 27 residents were in the home at the time of the inspection.

**Where:** 502 William Floyd Parkway, Shirley, 11967

**When:** Today, Friday, July 13 at 3:30 PM.

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