



TOWN OF RIVERHEAD
MARYANN WOWAK HEILBRUNN
Receiver of Taxes

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Dear Property Owner:

The Town of Riverhead was recently informed by the Town of Brookhaven Assessor's Office that they made an assessment error on a large parcel in Brookhaven Town that lies within the Shoreham-Wading River School District and the Wading River Fire District. The problem was discovered during Brookhaven's update of their electronic records. This error caused the apportionment of the school district and the fire district tax levies to be incorrect. The end result was that the tax bills issued to Riverhead Town property owners in these two taxing districts for the 2011-12 tax year were too high.

The amount of the Brookhaven error for the Shoreham-Wading River school district was \$296,243 or 2.2%, and \$32,506 or 2.7% for the Wading River fire district. As a consequence, you will receive an actual credit or refund, which will depend on your specific assessed value and may be affected by any property tax exemptions that you currently receive. Be assured that you will be given the proper credit or refund owed to you.

Enclosed please find your amended tax bill. The refund or credit has been applied in the following manner:

- 1) If you have paid the first half of your tax bill, your second half taxes have been adjusted.
- 2) If you have made a partial payment, your amount due has been adjusted accordingly.
- 3) If you have paid your taxes in full, the corrected tax bill shows you what was actually due on your account. **A refund will be issued to you shortly for any overpayment under separate cover**
- 4) If your taxes are paid through a mortgage escrow account, your lending institution will be notified of the correct tax amount. We also suggest that you contact them yourself with the correct amount due.

We apologize for the inconvenience this situation may have caused.

Very truly yours,

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