Taxpayers will be able to view statement information at their convenience

Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Town Receiver of Taxes Louis Marcoccia unveiled an online information system that provides taxpayers the opportunity to view a true facsimile of their tax statement and tax receipt in the same format as it is mailed. This feature will provide a secure online environment to view or print their bill from the convenience of their computer or other wireless device. The project will extend opportunities available for taxpayers to access information beyond the traditional hours of operation of the Tax Office.

"I am pleased to offer this service for our taxpayers," Marcoccia said, "By using the technology of the internet in a secure manner, we will enable the public unprecedented access to residents' their tax information whenever they desire."

Marcoccia pointed out that this service is being provided at no cost to users or the Town of Brookhaven through an agreement with Munitrax, a Long Island based company that serves municipalities throughout New York State. The system places Brookhaven as a leader in providing a convenient and efficient avenue for taxpayers to see an accurate copy of their tax statement in a secure, user-friendly environment. The program is another example of the cost savings program Marcoccia instituted in the Tax Office, which has reduced his budget every year from 2006-2011. "This is a credible step in providing information in a cost effective manner without reducing services," Marcoccia said, "Putting taxpayers within easy reach of information they need is a bold step in the right direction; this information belongs to the people."

"Providing residents with easy online access to tax statements and receipts through this new online system is a great step forward," said Supervisor Mark Lesko, "It's convenient and does not cost the Town anything and I commend Tax Receiver Marcoccia and his staff for implementing this new system."

Marcoccia stressed that the online process will be consistently and carefully monitored to preserve the integrity, accuracy and security of the system and its users. Marcoccia commented, "We will be vigilant to make sure that our taxpayers will use the online service with confidence that the data is accurate and their activities secure." Security measures include registration of users, with secure usernames and passwords, as well as limiting the number of parcels that may be retrieved.

"As the liaison to the Tax Office, I am pleased to support this latest effort to bring information to taxpayers," said Deputy Supervisor / Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh. "This is another example of how government can work creatively to provide services to our taxpayers without increasing costs to the Town or residents."

"Responsible government becomes responsive government when it partners with the public it serves," Marcoccia said, "I encourage everyone to 'test drive' the site and provide me with any comments or suggestions they may have."

Taxpayers can access the secure information site by pointing their browser to www.brookhaven.org and navigate from the In the Spotlight page.

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