Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilman Tim Mazzei have announced that residents and small businesses can clean out their file cabinets, attics, and storerooms full of old letters, medical forms, and financial records and bring them to the Town's Materials Recycling Facility on October 21 and 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., where they will be fed into a large shredder and baled for recycling.

"When we held our last shredding event in June, over 21 tons of paper was shredded and we hope to collect even more this time," said Supervisor Lesko. "I encourage everyone to recycle and take advantage of this opportunity to help the environment and securely dispose of papers and documents that may be cluttering up your homes and offices."

"Recycling is everyone's responsibility," said Councilman Tim Mazzei, Town Board Liaison to the Department of Waste Management. "The Town's shredding event is a safe and sensible way to dispose of unwanted paper and I urge all our residents to do their part for the environment."

The massive mobile shredder is provided by Hudson-Baylor, the company that manages the Town's Material Recycling facility. The shredder can efficiently shred large volumes of records in minimal time, while preserving security. Hudson-Baylor retains the first 7000 lbs. of shredded paper and the Town gets the rest, which is baled and sold at market.

Documents brought to the shredding event will be dumped into a 65-gallon container and then into the shredder, enabling each participant to witness the secure destruction of sensitive papers. Please follow the guidelines below when bringing material to be shredded:

- Paper can be brought in boxes or bags.
- Documents can remain stapled together
- Paper clips and other metal must be removed along with any other contaminants such as rubber bands.

Space is limited, so small businesses must first register by calling 631-451-6222 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The schedule for shredding is as follows:

- Small Businesses: Friday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Residents: Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Town's Materials Recycling Facility is located at 350 Horseblock Road in Yaphank. For more information about the Town's Material Recycling Facility, visit our website at www.brookhaven.org.