Supervisor Lesko Announces Brookhaven Town's Free Residential and Small Business Paper Shredding Event on May 18 & 19

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Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko has announced that residents and small businesses can clean out their file cabinets, attics, and storerooms and safely discard of old letters, medical forms, and financial records by bringing them to the Town's Materials Recycling Facility on May 18th and May 19th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Documents will be fed into a large shredder and baled for recycling.

"The Town of Brookhaven's past shredding events have resulted in the successful and safe disposal of tons of documents and helped raise awareness to recycling," said Supervisor Lesko, "Not only does this event encourage environmental responsibility, it also helps protect our residents from identity theft by making sure that their private documents don't end up in the wrong hands."

Councilman Tim Mazzei, who serves as the Town Board Liaison to the Department of Waste Management, said "I strongly encourage residents and small businesses in the Town of Brookhaven to take advantage of this great opportunity. As a small business owner myself, I understand the need to get rid of old documents in a secure and environmentally conscious manner."

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. The Town's Materials Recycling Facility is located at 350 Horseblock Road in Yaphank.

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. Paper can be brought in boxes or bags. Documents can remain stapled together, but 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 631-451-6393 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. For more information about the Town's Material Recycling Facility, visit our website at www.brookhaven.org.

The schedule for shredding is as follows:

Brookhaven Town Materials Recycling Facility

350 Horseblock Road, Yaphank

**Small Businesses:** Friday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Residents:** Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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