Town's Bipartisan Redistricting Commission to Hold Work Meetings at Town Hall
Starting August 13
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Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, September 6

Farmingville, NY - The Town of Brookhaven’s bipartisan Redistricting Commission will hold its upcoming working meetings at Town Hall starting on Monday August 13. During the month of July, the commission held public hearings in each council district to permit Town residents, advocates, community groups and others to present their views on how the Town Council’s district lines should be redrawn.

The schedule of working meetings is as follows:

- Monday, August 13 at 4:00 p.m. 3rd floor Work Session Room
- Wednesday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. 3rd floor Work Session Room
- Monday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m. 3rd floor Work Session Room
- Wednesday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m. 3rd floor Work Session Room

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor Media Room. For more information and links to census maps and the on-line registration form for the Town's Redistricting Commission Public Hearings, visit www.brookhaven.org/Committees/RedistrictingCommission.aspx.

The commission, which is a historic first for the Town of Brookhaven, will analyze census data and determine the new Town Council District boundary lines. The current system of Councilmatic districts was established ten years ago. This is the first time the Town will use a bipartisan commission to redraw its lines, which will take the politics out of the process and ensure that the redistricting will provide for an equal weight in vote for each Council District. The Town is required to re-evaluate Council District lines every ten years in accordance with the U.S. census.

The Redistricting Commission is comprised of eight members, including: three registered democrats, three registered Republicans, and two registered voters that are neither Republican nor Democrat. The committee is currently reviewing the maps of Brookhaven Town school districts, council districts and streets. The Commission's redistricting plan must be submitted to the Town by September 15, 2012 and the Town Board must act upon the proposal by December 15, 2012.

For more information, or to watch videos of past meetings and public hearings, visit www.brookhaven.org.

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