



# TOWN OF RIVERHEAD NEWS

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### **STAR REGISTRATION LETTERS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN RIVERHEAD THIS WEEK**

**Riverhead, NY** – The New York State Tax Department has started mailing STAR Registration letters to Suffolk County residents to remind them to register with the Tax Department. These letters are expected to be mailed between September 30 and October 4.

“I want to make certain that Riverhead Town residents are keeping an eye out for their registration forms,” stated Riverhead Town Supervisor Sean Walter. “While the registration deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>, I urge residents that qualify for the STAR exemption to register as soon as possible to ensure that they continue to receive this benefit.”

***New York State recently passed new legislation requiring all homeowners receiving a Basic STAR exemption to register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years.***

Seniors receiving Enhanced STAR benefits are not affected by the new registration requirement. In order to continue to receive Enhanced STAR, seniors must continue to apply annually or participate in the Income Verification Program.

This initiative was established by NYS to protect New Yorkers against the costs of inappropriate or fraudulent STAR exemptions. For more information, please call the New York State Tax Department at (518) 457-2036 or visit the website below.

<http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/apply.htm>

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