



Town of Mamaroneck

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Dear Resident:

Re: 2017 Westchester County Sewer District Tax

In recent weeks you received your 2017 Town of Mamaroneck and Westchester County property tax bill and for many of you there was a noticeable change in the property taxes paid for Westchester County Sewer District services. Let me explain why this happened.

A portion of the taxes you pay to Westchester County funds the processing and treatment of sanitary sewage that flows from local municipalities. The County government operates thirteen separate sewer districts. The Town of Mamaroneck is located in two of the County's Sewer Districts; the Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District and New Rochelle Sewer District. Properties are assigned to a specific sewer district based upon sewage flow and individual sewer plant capacity.

Previously your property was assigned to the Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District when in fact the sewage from your property eventually flows into the New Rochelle Sewer District. The New Rochelle Sewer District encompasses a portion of the unincorporated Town of Mamaroneck, all of the Village of Larchmont, and portions of the City of New Rochelle and Village of Pelham Manor.

The misclassification of your property was an error by the Town that required correction to make certain that our tax billings were right. Therefore your 2017 Town and County Tax bill reflects the re-classification of your property from the Mamaroneck Valley to the New Rochelle Sewer District. The reclassification impacted 740 properties in the unincorporated area of the Town.

The difference in your County Sewer Taxes is due to the higher costs associated with operation of the New Rochelle Sewer District. The 2017 Budget for the New Rochelle Sewer District is \$21.8 million, and of that total, \$18.3 million is funded through property taxes. The Town is required to collect \$4.8 million of those taxes. The single largest driver of the cost for the New Rochelle District is the debt associated with a federal and state mandated \$250 million upgrade to the New Rochelle Sewage treatment plant that was completed in 2016. The 2017 tax levy for the Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District to be collected by the Town is \$3.9 million. Prior to the reconstruction of the New Rochelle sewer plant, the tax levies and tax rates for the two districts were much closer.

So it was the reclassification of your property into the New Rochelle Sewer District and higher tax levy that drove the increase in your county sewer district taxes this year. I understand everyone's displeasure over this issue and apologize for any inconvenience this has caused, but it was important to correct the Town's tax billings once the inaccuracy had been discovered.

Please feel free to contact the Town if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nancy Seligson
Town Supervisor

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Town Administrator