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This year property owners in the Town of East Haven will see something different in their tax bills. In addition to a zero increase bill for this fiscal year, Mayor April Capone Almon is adding a unique touch by soliciting taxpayer feedback in the form of a survey. The short four question survey asks participants to give their views of the town and the Mayor's job performance. This follows the Mayor's campaign theme of running the town with a private industry approach. The Mayor explained further by saying "This is something that I learned from my years of working in private business; generating feedback from customers, in this case taxpayers, helps improve the overall operations of the organization." While not every suggestion can be implemented, this will give the Mayor and her staff a look at the priorities of taxpayers and help her better serve their needs. "By returning the survey with their tax payment or completing it on our website (www.TownofEastHavenCT.org), residents of East Haven will help us better understand their needs. While we cannot implement every suggestion, so many of the projects that we are currently engaged in have come from resident feedback; for example, equipping some of our schools with solar panels, the park at the former Candlelight by the Sea and the town-wide spring clean-up." Mayor Capone Almon believes that residents will embrace this new idea and welcome yet another opportunity to actively participate in making positive changes for East Haven.

The second change taxpayers will see in their bill is the beach parking pass to be placed on the front windshield of their vehicle. This will allow town residents preferential parking at the East Haven Town Beach lot free of charge. Out-of-town visitors to the beach will be allowed to purchase a season parking pass at the Town Clerk's Office for \$150.00. This is an issue that the Mayor began working on with residents from all across town two and a half years ago during her term on the Town Council. She is delighted to finally make this positive change a reality. Mayor Capone Almon went on to say "It was pleasure to work with residents, members of the Town Council and the Momaguin Rec. League to finally begin to remedy a situation that has existed for years. We are looking forward to fine-tuning the process to alleviate taxpayer concerns once and for all."

Tax bills are sent out this week and the first installment must be paid in person or postmarked by no later than August 1. The second installment must be paid in person or postmarked by no later than February 2. No tax bill is sent out for the second installment. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to send in the second installment.