

***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)  
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Apr.2, 2014.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich, CT.***

***TOD LAUDONIA, GREENWICH TAX COLLECTOR***

***THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE:PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE***



It would be nice if we could all pay our taxes with a smile, but normally cash is required. And so it is, as well, in Greenwich. The primary function of the Tax Collector's Office is to collect real estate taxes, personal property taxes, motor vehicle taxes and sewer collection assessments. Mr. Laudonia will describe how this important branch of Town government is organized and functions, how it interfaces with other Town offices such as the Assessor's Office, and what he sees as the challenges in the future for the Tax Collector's Office, which is responsible for collecting taxes in the Town with the largest grand list in the State. He believes that the office of Tax Collector requires a staff with strong people skills, as much as technical skills, and has built his department around that principle. If people understand the process, then they are much more likely to accept it as fair and cooperate with it.

He is a Greenwich native--born and educated (St. Mary's High School). He attended Rollins College and graduated with a B.S. from Emerson College in Boston. He became Greenwich's first Certified Connecticut Municipal Tax Collector, having taken two years of graduate-level courses in taxation and having passed a comprehensive examination. Now, in his third consecutive elected term as Town Tax Collector, he supervises a municipal department of six people which oversees the collection of \$346,000,000 (2014-2015) into the Town's general fund.

Before seeking public office, Tod was a local businessman, owning a real estate brokerage firm ("Soundview Properties") in Old Greenwich for 29 years as well as a liquor store in Banksville. He was, for 16 years, an elected member of the Representative Town Meeting. He is married; his daughter, at her marriage, will be the fourth generation of the Laudonia family to be married at St. Catherine's Church.

**Our business meetings begin at 10, and our speakers are scheduled for 10:30. No charge and No Reservations are required. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558;bgsesq@gmail.com. , or see our web site, greenwichrma.org.**