

I'M THINKING OF BUYING
PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF
OYSTER BAY. HOW DO I FIND OUT
THE CURRENT TAXES?

Call the Receiver of Taxes at 624-6400 and the staff will assist you. For faster service, have the school district, section, block and lot numbers ready. This information can be found on an old tax bill.

I'M THINKING OF MAKING A
HOME IMPROVEMENT. WILL THIS
AFFECT MY ASSESSMENT?

It may result in a change of assessment through the Nassau County Department of Assessment. For further information, refer to our "Home Improvements & Assessment" brochure or call the Nassau County Department of Assessment at 571-1500.

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A MESSAGE FROM RECEIVER OF TAXES
JAMES J. STEFANICH

Dear Neighbor,

This office has a heritage dating back to 1683 when the Collector would travel to the homes and farms of the citizenry, risking theft and physical abuse, to collect Town taxes. Not all the payments were monetary in



nature. For example, the task of building and maintaining roads during colonial times was apportioned among the citizens who could not pay the levy in currency, but could correspondingly pay their quota with labor. The collection of taxes gradually evolved as the Town's population grew tremendously over three centuries.

Today, my office handles the billing and collection of property taxes for more than 110,000 parcels of land. In addition to collecting Town taxes, my office is responsible for collecting real property taxes on behalf of Nassau County, 14 school districts and numerous special districts, such as fire, park, water and sewer districts, based upon their respective budgets. The various taxes are itemized on tax bills which are mailed to the property owner or the owner's mortgage holding institution.

In the process of reducing costs and increasing efficiency, we expanded our computer capability. A state-of-the-art computer tax remittance processing system allows bills and checks to be processed with greater speed while reducing manpower. This system is continuously backed up to maintain data integrity.

We have implemented access to tax bills on-line with the ability to pay taxes through ACH check payment or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover). Please note there is a service fee involved if you choose to pay your taxes on-line. NY State Law mandates that the Town of Oyster Bay receives no portion of the service fee - this fee retained by the payment processing vendors enabling the transaction. These services are available using a link appearing on the Town website, www.oysterbaytown.com.

My office also maintains records and maps of each parcel of land in the Town. Current and prospective residents of the Town often find this information helpful for a variety of reasons, including determining the available space for expanding a building within accordance to Town Code. The maps are continuously updated to reflect changes in property lines and the addition or deletion of section, block and lot numbers.

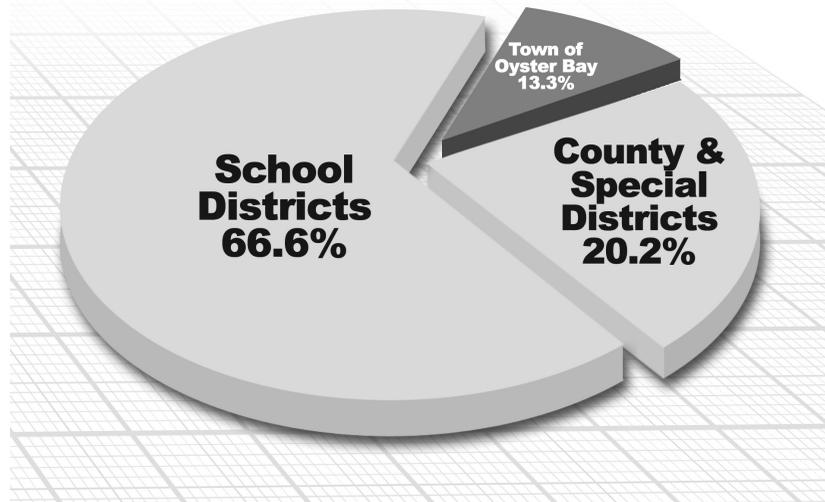
My staff and I are committed to assisting Town residents in any way we can. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 624-6400. We are eager to help you.

Sincerely,

James J. Stefanich
Receiver of Taxes



Where Does Your Tax Dollar Go?



Did you know that of every property tax dollar a resident pays, the Town's portion is only a small percentage? That's right! The Town of Oyster Bay does not keep all the money it collects from taxpayers. In fact, the Town retains only the second smallest share of your tax dollar.

In addition to collecting Town taxes for Town services, the Town Receiver of Taxes also serves as the collector of taxes for Nassau County, school districts and independent special districts (such as water, sewer and fire districts) on all properties within the Town. However, only Town taxes are set by the Town. The other taxes are determined and levied by the individual governing bodies and districts - not by the Town of Oyster Bay.

Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN DO I PAY MY TAXES?

Town and school taxes are payable quarterly to the Receiver of Taxes starting January 1. There is a 40-day penalty free period between the due date and penalty date. If you miss the last day to pay without penalty, you will be charged a penalty retroactive to the original due date.

HOW AND WHERE DO I PAY MY TAXES?

Taxes can be paid by any of the following methods. You can mail payments to the Receiver of Taxes, Oyster Bay Town Hall West, 74 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY 11771. You may also pay in-person there, Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4:45 P.M., by cash or check.

If you prefer, you can pay in-person by check (cash not accepted) at the Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Road, Massapequa, entrance at rear of building.

And, on selected dates, advertised in advance,

you can pay in-person by check (cash not accepted) at the Receiver of Taxes Office in the Town of Oyster Bay Parking Structure, 55 Duffy Avenue, Hicksville.

You can now access your tax bill and make payments on-line using a link on the Town's website: www.oysterbaytown.com. You can use MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover or a personal checking account for payment. Please note there is a service fee involved if you choose to pay your taxes on-line. NY State law mandates that the Town of Oyster Bay receives no portion of the service fee - this fee is retained by the payment processing vendors enabling the transaction.

WHAT IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT MY TAX BILL?

You can visit the Oyster Bay office or call 624-6400. A knowledgeable staff member will be happy to assist you.

I'M MOVING TO THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY SOON. SHOULD I NOTIFY THE RECEIVER OF TAXES?

Yes. New York State law requires the



property owner to notify the Receiver of Taxes' Office so bills will be mailed to the appropriate person. Delays could result in missing a due date, resulting in a penalty.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN MY MORTGAGE IS PAID IN FULL?

If your mortgage holding institution is receiving your tax bills, notify the Receiver of Taxes' Office in writing immediately so future bills will be mailed to you directly. A delay could result in a missed due date, resulting in a penalty.

ARE THERE ANY PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. Exemptions are available for eligible senior citizens, veterans and, new since 1998, disabled residents. There may be some income limitations to qualify for an exemption. Applications must be made through the Nassau County Department of Assessment. Call 571-1500.

