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 (516) 624-6400 and the staff will assist you. For faster service, have the school district, section, block and lot numbers ready.

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 (516) 571-1500.

Town Supervisor
JOSEPH SALADINO

TOWN BOARD
Michele M. Johnson
Louis B. Imbroto
Thomas P. Hand
Steve Labriola
Laura L. Maier
Vicki Walsh

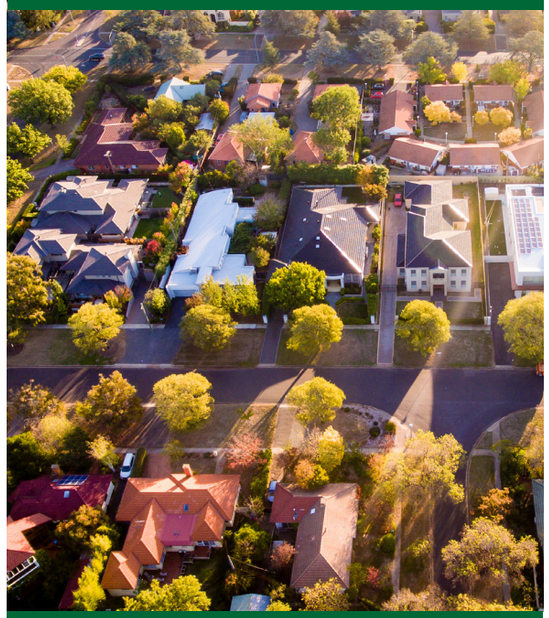
Town Clerk
Richard LaMarca

Receiver of Taxes
Jeffrey P. Pravato

Printed on recycled paper with non-toxic ink 01/2022 MB

Town Supervisor
JOSEPH SALADINO

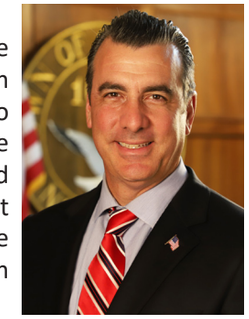
The Office of The Receiver of Taxes



Receiver of Taxes
JEFFREY P. PRAVATO

Town Hall North
74 Audrey Avenue
Oyster Bay, NY 11771
(516) 624-6400
www.OysterBayTown.com

A MESSAGE FROM RECEIVER OF TAXES
JEFFREY P. PRAVATO



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.

Although the Town of Oyster Bay has no role in assessing the value of your property (which is handled by Nassau County government), my office helps homeowners grieve their property tax assessments and secure the property tax exemptions they are entitled to under the law, including those for senior citizens, veterans, and volunteer firefighters.

With the goal 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 online 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 online. 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. 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.

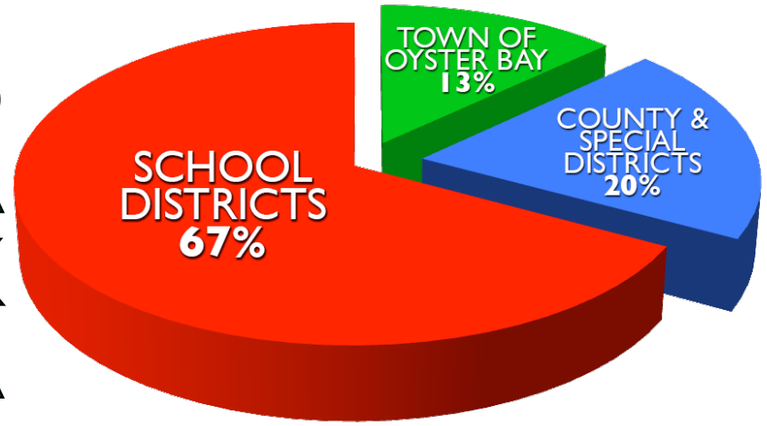
My staff and I are committed to assisting Town residents in any way we can. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (516) 624-6400. We are eager to help you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P Pravato

JEFFREY P. PRAVATO
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 or at Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Road, Massapequa. Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to 4:45 P.M., by cash or check, or debit/credit card (for a service fee.)

- **The last two days of every collection, both offices in Town Hall North and South are open for extended hours, 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.**
- **Checks are made payable to Jeffrey P. Pravato, Receiver of Taxes**

You can access your tax bill and make payments online 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 online. 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 or Massapequa office or call (516) 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 IF I HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED OWNERSHIP?

If you have changed the name on your Deed or Certificate of Shares, or changed your place of residence, please contact the Nassau County Department of Assessment to ensure your exemptions still apply.

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 residents, senior citizens, veterans and 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 (516) 571-1500.

All new applications for the STAR Program must register with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. Visit www.ny.gov or call (518) 457-2036.