



Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

June 23, 2017

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics.

a. **Roundabout Project.**

Effective the week of June 26th, the easterly section of Hebron Avenue will be closed to traffic for construction to this section of the roundabout. Traffic will be detoured through Sycamore Street. The intersection of Sycamore Street and New London Turnpike will be closely monitored.

b. **Tax Bills.**

Tax bills for real estate, personal property and motor vehicles will be distributed by June 30th. I have attached a copy of the notice to be included concerning ongoing state budget deliberations. Motor vehicle tax bills assume the 32 mill cap under current state law. The preference is to distribute MV tax bills under current law and when the state budget is finalized, issue a revised or supplemental bill as applicable. The thought is to not delay distribution of MV bills or not follow state law.

c. **Riverfront Park.**

Work is winding down and removal of the final section of construction fencing is expected shortly.

d. **Elderly Homeowners Tax Credit Program.**

In her June 22nd memorandum, Assessor Nicole Lintereur summarizes the state and local Homeowners Tax Credit Program effective with the 2016 Grand List.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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NOTICE

In March of 2017, the Town of Glastonbury adopted a budget and set a mill rate using the information available from the state of CT at that time. The state has not yet finalized its budget, including decisions regarding state aid to cities and towns and possible new costs passed from the state to local communities. Subject to final state legislative action, Glastonbury may establish an amended mill rate and issue a revised tax bill for Real Estate and Personal Property.

Additionally, current state law does not allow municipalities to assess a mill rate above 32 mills on motor vehicles effective July 1, 2017. Pending state budget adoption, it is anticipated that the mill rate cap on motor vehicles will be increased or eliminated. Since there is a correlation between the mill rate cap and state aid to Glastonbury, it may be necessary to issue a revised tax bill on motor vehicles.

Updates will be posted to the town website News section as applicable, at www.glastonbury-ct.gov.

Memorandum

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TOWN MANAGER

To: Richard Johnson, Town Manager
From: Nicole Lintereur, Assessor
Date: 6/22/2017
Re: Elderly homeowners tax credit update

The state and local homeowner's tax credit applications have been processed for the 2016 Grand List and applied to each resident's tax account. The Assessor's Office, with assistance from the staff at the Senior Center at the RCC, handled over 440 applications of the biennial program for elderly homeowners. Over the past 2 cycles we've seen a 10% increase in residents filing applications.

The income limit for the state program was \$42,900 while the income limit for Glastonbury's local program was \$56,890. Those who qualify for the elderly state tax credit automatically qualify for the local tax credit.

Of the 746 approved applicants on the 2016 Grand List the tax credits were processed as follows:

APPLICATION YEAR GRAND LIST	STATE APPLICANTS	STATE BENEFIT GRANTED	LOCAL APPLICANTS	LOCAL BENEFIT GRANTED
2016	140	\$74,048.15	268	\$330,858.61
2015	131	\$76,125.00	207	\$293,154.03
TOTAL	271	\$150,173.15	475	\$624,012.64

In addition, the local homeowner's residency bonus tax credit of \$100 to the residents who qualify for the local program and have been residents for at least 20 years was granted to 314 accounts for an additional \$30,641. The Town grants a total of **\$654,653.64** in additional credits to the State of Connecticut Homeowner's Program.

The residents should be pleased to have such a model, progressive program in their town.