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Message from Supervisor Masters 6/21/2023

Please read in detail!

We were recently notified by our Assessor that our assessment was raised by approximately 10% for 2023. This has understandably resulted in a great deal of misunderstanding and concern. The Assessor is appointed by state law for a term of six years. Once appointed, she acts autonomously. This communication is not to address any issues that may be in grievance but just the across-the-board increase we all received. I also have to say I am not an expert on this issue but am doing my best to represent your interest.

Mr. Don Weber, Real Property Tax Director for Onondaga County, will be attending our July meeting.

July 12th 7:30 PM Town Hall

Because of the large number of questions and rumors, this will provide the audience with the expert.

I have asked Don to attend and present and let the public ask any questions. (This is to address how the tax system works; we will not address any individual grievance issues.)

Your municipal property taxes are established by taking the municipal budget and dividing it by the assessed value of the Town. This yields tax per dollar of assessed value. We usually adjust this to tax per \$1000 dollars of value. This results in your taxes supporting the budget in proportion to the value of your property. Sometimes it is easier to understand things if you take it to an extreme. So, if everyone's assessment was doubled, your tax per assessed value

would be one half and the resulting tax would be the same.

Example: All numbers are not real - for example only.

Joe's property is assessed for \$100,000.

Town Budget \$50,000, divide by total assessed value of Town, \$2,000,000 = .025 per dollar of assessed value or \$25 per \$1000 dollars of assessed value.

Joe's taxes are $100,000 \times .025 = \$2500$

Joe's property is now assessed for \$200,000.

The Town Budget \$50,000, divide by total assessed value of Town, now doubled \$4,000,000 = .0125 per dollar of assessed value or \$12.5 per \$1000 dollars of assessed value.

Joe's taxes are $\$200,000 \times .0125 = \2500

Therefore, you can see if the assessed value were to be doubled and the Town budget stayed the same, there would be no impact on your tax.

This should alleviate concern on Town taxes. However, how are we sure that we are not going to pay an unfair portion of school or county tax? Also, how can we be confident that the approx. 10% increase in assessed value was called for or correct?

Tully has traditionally maintained 100% assessed value. Obviously, many towns in Onondaga County did not do this this year. In this case, the state steps in and sets an equalization rate. This is used for inter-municipal tax calculations such as county tax and school tax. This adjusts for non-100% assessment towns to be sure they pay their fair share of county and school since these serve more than one town.

I have received the equalization rates for all towns in Onondaga County, and the averages increase is 10.6% for towns that did not maintain 100% assessment. The Towns of Tully, Manlius and Dewitt all maintained 100% and their equalization rate is 0%. This information should provide confidence that the approx. 10% increase was correct as well as ensuring we only pay our fair share of county and school taxes.

In summary, equality is maintained. The towns that did not maintain 100% got adjusted by equalization rate. I would note most people are not aware of this, and there are no news articles letting people in those towns know of this adjustment.

Some of the comments I have had to address:

Q: What is the Town going to do with the extra money?

A: There is no extra money – collected property taxes only raise money to cover the budget.

Q: Does this not allow schools and others more latitude (Higher budget) on tax cap.?

A: No, the tax cap is calculated on the budget amount to be raised; assessed value is not a factor in the tax cap calculation.

I have all the supporting data here at the Town Hall, please, before reacting to rumors and potentially incorrect information, come and ask Mr. Webber at our July meeting or contact me. I in no way mean to interfere with the assessor's action or duties. My only goal is to ensure you have valid information.

Thank You
John Masters

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villageoftully.org.

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Thank You to all who participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade – Individuals, Organizations, and Businesses. The Community support was appreciated by all in attendance.



P.E.A.C.E. Inc. is recruiting participants for our FREE After School Program for 2023-2024. We have 6 openings available.

We meet at our office from 2:30 – 4:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays during the school year and follow the school calendar of holidays and vacations. We provide healthy snacks, educational activities, and monthly field-trips. If needed, we can provide transportation.

All are welcome – Grades 3-6, boys and girls.

Contact: Brenda Nellenback at (315) 696-8203.

Fireworks Safety

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public firework show put on by professionals, at least 500 feet away from the show. Many states outlaw most fireworks and it's best to leave any area where untrained amateurs are using fireworks.

If you are setting fireworks off at home, follow these safety steps to help keep your community safe:

- Choose a location away from buildings and trees.
- Never give fireworks to small children, and never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials. Always follow the instructions on the packaging.
- Be sure your spectators, including children and pets, stay well back.
- Keep a supply of water or fire extinguisher at hand. If you live in an area that's experiencing a drought, consider canceling the show this year – a stray spark that lands on dry grass or leaves can lead to a wildfire.
- Make sure the person lighting fireworks always has a clear path to the ground.
- Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight a firework that has failed to explode.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.



Recording Secretary Position

The Tully Joint Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals are looking for someone to take minutes of their meetings and prepare them for approval at the next scheduled meeting. The planning board meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm, but only if there is a matter before them. The zoning board meets on the 4th Wednesday at 6:30, but again, only if there is an application for them to consider. Financial consideration to be determined based on experience and qualifications. If interested, please send resume to the Town Clerk, Susan Vaccaro, at PO Box 206, Tully, NY 13159 or to her email: tully-townclerk@cnyemail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 24th

Tully ALUMNI Gathering

All Classes, Faculty, and Staff are welcome. A great time to greet those you may not have seen for a while and enjoy friendships from the past. \$5 donation requested, light refreshments served Noon-4:00 p.m. at The LOFT. No reservations needed; just stop in.

News from Tully Free Library

Summer Reading has started and it's not too late to sign up! Kids and Teens will record their reading on our online portal, through ReadSquared. You can find a link to the page on our website. Adults can come into the library for their registration packets for a trip around the world: every book you read is worth 100 miles; let's see how far we can get, "All Together Now"!

Have you seen our new electronic sign out front? We were awarded funds for that in 2021 through a NYS Library Construction Grant. We are excited to be able to use it to inform the public about upcoming events and programs.

Some of our upcoming programs include: Bridge for Beginners, for adults and teens 16 and older, on Tuesday, June 27 at 6 PM; and Adult Summer Crafting on Tuesday, July 11 at 7 PM (tee shirt market bags). We have a lot of programs for kids and teens, including arts and crafts for 1st through 4th graders on Monday mornings, for tweens on Tuesday afternoons, and for teens on Thursdays at noon, alternating with walk and talks. We also have a summertime videogame club for teens and tweens on Wednesdays at 5 PM. Don't miss Jeff the Magic Man on Wednesday, June 28 at 3 PM! Please see our website for more information and to register for these programs.

We're hosting a community-wide Tiny Art Show! If you'd like to participate, please stop at our front desk and pick up a canvas. You can create your masterpiece with any medium; paint, marker, paper collage, etc. We hope you'll be inspired by our summer reading theme of "All Together Now." Please return your canvas to the library by July 7; we hope to have the art show open on Monday, July 10.

We have been generously gifted an iPad Air that we are raffling off to raise funds for our upcoming building project. Tickets can be purchased at the library for \$10 each, through September 10. The iPad comes with a lot of features and is valued at around \$1200. We hope you'll take a chance, and help support our library building update!

We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

11th Annual Kings Corner Market

On **Tuesday** nights in **August** from **4-7pm**, we host our annual Kings Corner Market. It makes for a great chance to meet your neighbors and enjoy some of the finest things the local community has to offer. Located around the 4-corners in the center of the village, rain or shine, we look forward to seeing you there!

KCM is the only market of its kind in upstate NY. It provides an organized, short but consistent opportunity to “buy local” and help sustain our local economy. This market was designed to give the community the ability to make connections so that they can continue to do business throughout the year. Plan to attend and consider this opportunity to stock up on items, ask questions, meet your neighbors, grab a bite to eat, listen to music and enjoy. Friendly reminder- parking is limited in the village and many vendors try to park close to their location to have items near for unloading and set up/take down. Please be aware that local businesses are still open and reserve their parking for those who patronize their business. Please consider utilizing the abundance of parking at the Post Office and Elementary school.

Do you know someone interested in being a Vendor? Application deadline is July 18th.

Apply on line-

<https://tinyurl.com/mskpyjb9>

(refundable \$25 deposit)

Email us at- kcmtully@gmail.com Like us on Facebook for up-to-date information

Tully Parks and Rec

Parks and Rec wrapped up a wonderful spring season! Thanks to all the amazing volunteer coaches for our baseball and softball teams, fun was had by all.

This year’s Moo Run was in honor of Coach Jim Paccia. His legacy was evident by the huge turn out of running alumni as well as the local community. 108 runners our biggest race yet. Thanks Coach Paccia!

Green Lake opens for the summer season June 24th. Swim lessons are 10am-1pm Mon-Thurs. Register at active.com

We have many summer camps lined up:

Summer Strength and Conditioning

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 - Thursday, August 17, 2023

Volleyball Camp

Monday, July 17, 2023 - Thursday, July 20, 2023

Jr. Knights Summer Camp

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 - Thursday, August 10, 2023

Black Knights Basketball Camp

Monday, July 31, 2023 - Thursday, August 3, 2023

Camp Watson FFA, August 10th

Thursday, August 10, 2023 - Thursday, August 10, 2023

Tully Soccer Camp

Monday, August 14, 2023 - Thursday, August 17, 2023

Register at active.com

Challenge Island STEAM Camps

Pet Palooza

July 24th-28th

Road Trip USA

July 31st-August 4th

STEAM-Warts

August 21st-25th

Register at Challenge-Island.com/CNY, email tullyparksrec@gmail.com for a 20% off coupon

Fall soccer registration opens July 15th!

