



# 2022 Budget Message

The Town's 2022 budget is a conservative spending plan which once again stays within the state imposed real property tax cap limit. **The Town of Glenville has stayed under the tax cap every year since it was implemented,** and we have done so without relying on gimmicks such as new fees or the deferral of required payments to the state retirement system. **The 2022 budget provides a 3% tax cut to all residents** Overall Town spending is also reduced for the second consecutive year.

We were able to provide these tax cuts and spending cuts while still adhering to the same foundational tenets we've used for the past 12 years: paying down debt and protecting our fund balance. Our philosophy on avoiding unnecessary borrowing has resulted in a reduction of the Town debt load from \$23.1 million in 2010 down to \$10.1 million by the end of 2022 – a cut of 56%. Reducing our debt burden means lower interest payments, which results in more funds available for Town services.

**The 2022 budget cuts taxes, cuts spending, pays down debt, and protects our savings – but that's not all.** Our hard work puts us in a position to again improve services for our residents. The 2022 budget provides funding for the following **investments in our community:**

- **Partnering with our school districts to meet their needs.** Working with the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District and the Scotia-Glenville Central School District, in 2022 the Town will be able to assign a police officer to each district as a School Resource Officer (SRO) during the school year. **Adding to our police force (again!).** In 2022, the Town will hire two new police officers to backfill the new SRO positions. These hires will augment the new police officers added in both 2018 and 2019. In 2017 we employed 22 police officers; in 2022, that number will rise to 26 police officers.
- **Adding additional staff for our growing Parks system.** The 2022 budget funds a new full-time Parks laborer position, the second straight year we've added a full-time Parks employee. As recently as 2019, our Parks department had only 2 employees. In 2022, that number will increase to 4.5 FTE employees.
- **Adding additional staff for our Senior Center.** For years we've relied on volunteers to staff the Senior Center front desk in the afternoons. While the volunteers have done a phenomenal job it is a lot to ask of them. So in 2022 we will add a year-round, part-time Senior Center employee for the afternoons.
- **Increasing staffing at Town Hall.** The 2022 budget also increases the Deputy Town Clerk position from part-time to full-time to provide additional support to residents for park rentals and to assist the tax receiver during collection periods.
- **Creating a pedestrian path to Maalwyck Park.** With over \$1 million in recent improvements at Maalwyck Park, including the new adaptive playground, new pavilion, and concession stand, it is even more important that pedestrian access to the park is readily available. To meet that need, the 2022 budget provides funding to construct a pedestrian path to link the neighborhoods below Mohawk Avenue to Maalwyck Park.
- **Honoring our veterans with the new Legacy Park.** After much effort, we were recently able to secure 6 acres of land on Dutch Meadows Lane as the home for Legacy Park to honor our region's veterans. My 2022 budget provides \$100,000 in funding to get this important project started while fundraising and grants are simultaneously pursued.
- **Providing recreation opportunities for our youth.** The 2022 budget continues \$5,000 in funding for the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake summer rec program while also adding \$5,000 in funding for Scotia-Glenville youth programs.
- **Continuing the restoration of Yates Mansion.** The 2022 budget includes \$60,000 to further the restoration of this piece of Glenville history, which is listed on both the New York State Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places.
- **Providing enhanced road paving for the third year in a row.** In 2022, we will again utilize \$150,000 from our capital reserve fund to accelerate our highway paving schedule.

In closing, I want to thank the many town employees for all their hard work and dedication that has helped make this sound fiscal plan possible. All the best in the New Year to each of you.

Christopher A. Koetzle  
Town Supervisor

# How To Pay Your Bill

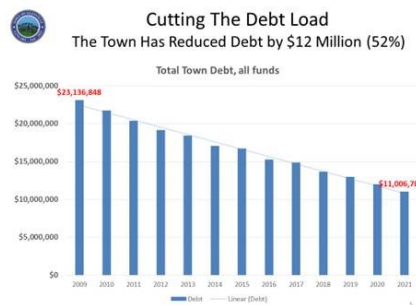
Unlike last year Town Hall will be open for those who wish to pay their tax bill in person. However, due to the ongoing COVID pandemic we ask that you follow these simple rules when paying your bill:

**IN PERSON** - You must wear a mask while in Town Hall conducting your business **regardless of your vaccination status**. If you are sick or have flu-like symptoms please stay home and use another payment option listed below.

**ONLINE** - If you pay your bill online at [townofglenville.org](http://townofglenville.org) and use the e-check option the fee will be waived. This is the safest most secure way to pay your bill. Please make sure you enter all of your banking information correctly or your payment will be rejected and your bill will remain unpaid.

**BY MAIL** - As long as your envelope has a valid US postmark dated on or before January 31st your payment will be accepted without penalty. Those who wait until the end of the month to mail their payment should walk into a post office and ask to have their stamp “hand cancelled” to be sure of a valid postmark. **Please write your phone number on the check.**

Following these steps will help keep you and our staff healthy in 2022.



Taxing Entity	Full Value Tax Rate per \$1,000	Tax on a Home Worth \$200,000
City of Schenectady	\$13.40	\$2,681
Village of Scotia	\$11.70	\$2,340
Schenectady County	\$6.97	\$1,394
Town of Rotterdam	\$5.44	\$1,088
Town of Niskayuna	\$4.95	\$990
<b>Town of Glenville</b>	<b>\$3.73</b>	<b>\$747</b>

Source: NYS Comptroller, Local Government Data

## What do the line items mean on my annual county & town property tax bill?

“**COUNTY**” is exclusively the County property taxes collected for County operations and state and federal mandates as determined by the County Legislature.

“**COUNTY-ELECTIONS**” is exclusively the tax levy charged by the County for administering federal, state and local elections as determined by the County Legislature.

“**TOWN GENERAL**” is a town wide fund that includes assessment of all parcels of the Town inside and outside of the Village. Examples of services that are funded from the Town General fund include Public Safety Dispatch, Animal Control, Senior Center, Town Board, Comptroller, Receiver of Taxes, Parks, Assessor, etc. These are services that are provided to taxpayers of the town who reside inside and outside of the Village.

“**TOWN OUTSIDE**” is a fund that includes assessment of parcels of the Town Outside of the Village. Examples of services that are funded from the Town Outside fund include the Town Police Department, Town Building Inspector, Town Planner, etc. These are services that are provided to taxpayers of the town who reside outside of the Village.

“**HIGHWAY**” is a fund that includes assessment of parcels of the Town outside of the Village. These are typical town services like snow removal and road repair that are provided to taxpayers who reside outside of the Village.

“**FIRE DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS**” The remainder of the property tax bill depends upon where you reside and what services you receive. Fire Districts include tax levies for fire protection for the district in which you re-side. The Fire Commissioners of each Fire District determine tax levies for the district. “Special District” tax levies include water, sewer, drainage, neighborhood parks, lighting, etc. The levy for these districts is determined by the costs to maintain and operate each service.

For more information on your property tax bill, call (518) 688-1200, option 6, then press #2 or visit us on-line at [townofglenville.org](http://townofglenville.org).