

Enclosed, you will find your official Town and County tax bill for 2015. Please review it carefully and check that your address is current. Corrections can be made right on your bill and returned with your payment. If you have sold your property, please be sure to forward the tax bill on to the new owner or return it to me immediately and advise me of the name and address of the new owner.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Tax Receiver's office is located in the lower level of the Town Hall. My office is open:

January: Monday - Friday, 9:00AM - 4:00PM
For your convenience my office will be open
the last Saturday (January 31, 2015) from 10:00AM - Noon

February - March: Monday & Wednesday 10:00AM - 1:00PM

PLEASE NOTE: The Last Day of Collection is March 31, 2015. After March 31, 2015 all taxes are payable to:

Nancy Buck, Sullivan County Treasurer, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701

Unpaid taxes returned to the Treasurer's Office will have a 5% penalty, plus interest compounded to date, attached.

The following interest schedule is in effect: January - Par February - 1% March - 2%

For **PAYMENTS IN FULL** please be sure to **RETURN YOUR ENTIRE TAX BILL** with your payment as I need it for identification.

PLEASE NOTE: The top portion on your tax bill will be returned to you marked as paid. **DO NOT DETACH THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THE BILL.**

For **PARTIAL PAYMENTS:** please include the proper receiver stub with the corresponding tax amount. Receipts will not be sent until all (3) payments have been made. Please refer to the back of your bill for payment schedule.

Please make checks payable to: JANET EVANS, RECEIVER OF TAXES.

PLEASE NOTE: By law, no taxes can be accepted after January 31st without penalty. UNITED STATES POSTMARK DATE on your envelope is the ONLY OFFICIAL STAMP DATE ACCEPTED.

New York State by law now mandates that a "Notice of Unpaid Taxes" be sent to each owner of real property upon which taxes remain unpaid as of March 1, 2015. Please be advised that a \$2.00 notice fee will be added to your bill at the time of notice to cover the expense of the mailing.

Tax rates are compiled from Town & County budgets. The tax rate is multiplied by your assessed valuation and that amount plus a charge for fire district, represents your bill. Town budgets are presented at your October & November Town Board meetings and voted on by your Town Board.

Information pertaining to any back taxes or payments of same can only be handled by the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, Government Center, Monticello, NY 12701 or (845) 807-0200.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING YOU MAY CONTACT:

THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR, Town of Mamakating, 2948 Route 209, Wurtsboro, NY 12790 or call (845) 888-3015.

- * Application for STAR Exemption for permanent residents
- * Application for Veterans Tax Exemption
- * Application for Senior Citizen Exemption

YOU MUST FILE FOR ANY EXEMPTION BEFORE MARCH 1, 2015

- * Any name or address change.
- * A correction of Real Property Tax application (for any errors or changes of tax assessments or erroneous school tax charges)
- * Information regarding Grievance Day (fourth Tuesday in May).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Local banks have agreed to participate in a program to provide an account in the nature of a Christmas Club whereby you will be able to deposit money on a regular basis to be used for the payment of your future taxes as they become due. The bank will not assume responsibility to pay the tax; the bank will issue a check directly to you and you will be able to accumulate the funds necessary to pay the tax.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING FEE

The County has imposed an annual fee to pay for solid waste/recycling disposal. This fee appears as a separate line item on your tax bill and is payable along with the tax. Please direct all questions to the County Treasurer's office at 845-807-0200.

YOUR COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES...



The Sullivan County Legislature is providing this information to all property taxpayers in Sullivan County to inform them about how State and federal mandates affect their annual property tax bills.

*** The 2015 County Tax Levy totals \$56,577,766. Of that amount, 80.4% is mandated. County government has little or no control over these costs.**

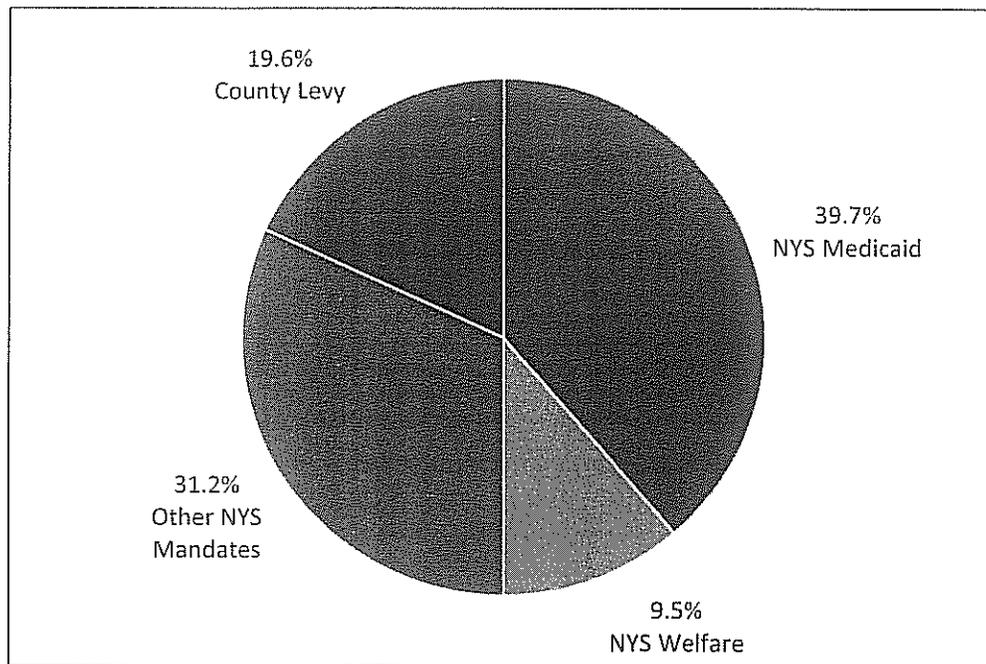
"Mandates" are federal or State created programs that are required to be operated by lower level governments. In New York State, most of these mandates are not accompanied by State money to pay for them or are only partially paid for. Because County government relies primarily upon property taxes to operate, expensive State mandates become expensive property taxes on local taxpayers.

NYS Medicaid Mandate: New York State has the most expensive Medicaid program in the nation. State legislators have authorized optional services for recipients that exceed what is required by federal regulations. New York's spending per recipient is the highest in the country. New York is one of only a few states that mandate county governments to pay a portion of the State's cost. Sullivan County's Medicaid bill will be \$22,436,651 in 2015. Approximately 39.7% of the property tax you pay in 2015 will pay just one bill – Medicaid.

NYS Welfare Mandate: The State has established an extensive system of welfare benefits to assist needy individuals and families. Three central program groups: Public Assistance, Safety Net and Child Welfare cost the County \$5,373,073, which is 9.5% of this year's tax levy.

NYS Mandates (other): State legislators mandate numerous other expenses including Early Intervention services, probation, indigent defense, jail staffing levels, and criminal inpatient costs. These mandates are projected to cost the County \$17,672,458 in 2015, which is 31.2% of the tax levy.

2015 Sullivan County Tax Levy (\$56,577,766)



State and Federal Representatives

Hon. Senator Charles E. Schumer, 757 Third Avenue, Suite 1702, New York, NY 10017	(212) 486-4430
Hon. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, 478 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510	(845) 875-4585
Hon. Congressman Chris Gibson, 1708 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515	(202) 225-5614
Hon. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224	(518) 474-8390
Hon. Senator John J. Bonacic, 201 Dolson Avenue, Ste F, Middletown, NY 10940	(518) 455-3181
Hon. Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther, 18 Anawana Lake Road, Monticello, NY 12701	(845) 794-5807
Hon. Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, LOB 426, Albany, NY 12248	(518) 455-5334