



## TOWN OF CONCORD FY 2012 THIRD QUARTER PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

### FISCAL YEAR 2012 TAX RATE SET

The Concord Board of Selectmen has approved a uniform tax rate of **\$13.58** for the fiscal year 2012.

Enclosed is your third quarter property tax bill for fiscal year 2012. Payment is due **Wednesday, February 1, 2012**.

As the first and second quarter preliminary tax bills were estimated based on one fourth of the total bill for the previous fiscal year, (plus an allowable 2.5% increase), the remaining tax for the current fiscal year is divided equally between the bills for the third and fourth quarters. Municipal liens and betterments also appear on the third quarter tax bill.

Payment must be received in the Tax Collector's Office by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, February 1 to avoid interest charges. By state law, **postmarks cannot be considered verification of timely payment**. Payments not received in the Tax Collector's Office by 4:30 PM on Wednesday, February 1 will be subject to interest penalty at the rate of 14% per year, on a daily basis, from the due date until the payment is made.

\* If you would like a receipt of your payment, enclose **both** copies of your bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope

### **PAY YOUR TAXES ON-LINE**

\*\* Visit our website at <http://www.concordma.gov>

#### *Office Hours:*

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Treasurer's Office Telephone Number  
(978)-318-3050  
Assessor's Office Telephone Number  
(978)-318-3070

\* The tax bill on any property purchased after January 1, 2011 must be addressed to both the current and previous owners' name until FY2013, according to state law. The first quarter bill for FY2013 will be issued by July 1, 2012.

\* Abatement applications must be received in the Assessors Office by 4:30PM on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. To obtain an abatement application or a copy of "Guidelines for Preparing an Abatement Application", contact the Assessors Office at 978-318-3070 or visit our website at [www.concordma.gov](http://www.concordma.gov)

### **It is your Right!**

Exemptions are available to qualifying taxpayers. These are briefly explained in this flyer. These laws can be complicated. The Board of Assessors wants people to fully understand these options. To that end, we offer counseling in our office to anyone seeking further explanation. We also work with the Council on Aging, the Veterans Agent, and Concord Cares so that they can assist their clientele in availing themselves of any option for which they may qualify.

The Board of Assessors will be presenting their annual discussion on these topics at the Council on Aging in late winter. Please watch the Council on Aging Newsletter, "Harvest Happenings" for more information or call our office.

As a result of 2009 Town Meeting action, some exemption criteria are now indexed annually, similar to the State Circuit Breaker tax credit.

These options are not charity or a 'give-away'. If you meet the criteria listed for exemptions or deferrals, it is your right.

Please do not hesitate to call our office located at 24 Court Lane (978-318-3070) with any property valuation or exemption questions. Further information is available on the Assessor Division page on the Town's website at [www.concordma.gov](http://www.concordma.gov)

The Board of Assessors