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Re: **Reassessment Letters Going out May 1**

On May 1, the Tompkins County Department of Assessment will be mailing letters to property owners whose assessments have changed. Only selected parcels have been reappraised, and only those property owners whose assessments have been recalculated will receive the mailing. The letter will contain instructions on how to appeal assessments in cases where property owners disagree.

Annual reassessment is a necessary process that leads to the fair and equitable distribution of taxes, whether county, city, town, village or school. A full revaluation of all properties was conducted last year, and subsequent annual reassessments will occur only when market trends or changes, such as new construction, are noted. If a market trend, upward or downward, is detected in a particular area, then only the parcels within that area are reappraised for the upcoming tax roll year.

More information on annual reassessment and other topics regarding assessment is available on the web at www.tompkins-co.org/assessment or the NY State Office of Real Property Services web site at <http://orps.state.ny.us>

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