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Given the upcoming busy assessment season, the City of Oneonta has put into place a modified operations plan which will meet the needs of the public, while being fully compliant with the Governor's COVID-related orders. Currently, there have been no official changes to the assessment calendar, so the process will proceed along the normal timeline in terms of the tentative roll, grievance day, etc. However, these activities will take place remotely.

The City Assessor, Rich Maxwell, can be reached by email at maxwellrj@aol.com or by phone at (978) 771-3016.

Tentative Roll

The roll will be available on the Otsego County website at <https://imo.otsegocounty.com/index.aspx> on or around May 1st by searching individual parcels. Members of the public who do not have online access to review the tentative roll may contact the Assessor by email or telephone as indicated above.

Assessor sits with the roll in May

For questions about their assessments, members of the public may contact the Assessor by email or by telephone on weekdays from 8am – 4pm. The Assessor will be sitting with the roll remotely, and available by telephone at the number indicated above for questions, on the following days and times:

- Wednesday, May 6th: 4pm – 8pm
- Thursday, May 7th: 12pm – 4pm
- Saturday, May 9th: 8am – 12pm
- Monday, May 11th: 8am – 12pm

Grievance Information

Pursuant to the New York State Real Property Tax Law, property owners have the right to challenge the assessed value of their property from May 1 to the 4th Tuesday in May (May 26, 2020). Currently, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance has not made any announcement in regards to a mandatory postponement of the grievance period and therefore **the period to**

protest your assessment remains May 1 - May 26. If any announcement is made which changes these dates, it will be posted on the City's website.

For residential protests the RP-524 must be completed, including any backup documentation you wish for the Assessor to review in consideration of your request, and submitted prior to the meeting, either via email or U.S. mail to: City of Oneonta Office of the Assessor, 258 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820. As City Hall remains closed to the public, no hand-delivery of forms will be permitted.

If an agreement is reached with the Assessor, you will be asked to print and sign a Grievance Form (forms will be mailed to you if you do not have print capability).

Board of Assessment Review ("BAR")

The Board of Assessment Review hearing which usually occurs on Grievance Day (May 28, 2020) will be held remotely via videoconference (information on how to watch the proceedings, and the specific day and time of the meeting, will be posted on the City's website soon).

The BAR will review all RP-524 forms which are submitted by mail or electronically; a representative from the City will contact anyone who has submitted a form on May 27th, the day prior to Grievance Day, to set up a time he or she can be contacted by the BAR between 2pm-4pm, or 6pm-8pm the following day, May 28th, Grievance Day. Upon scheduling availability, the BAR will initiate telephone calls to everyone who has submitted a form to provide an opportunity to discuss concerns.