

PUBLIC SAFETY

Required by Town Ordinance in 2001, the Assessor assigns street numbers for all properties and approves names of public and private streets. Several Departments have noticed houses with no numbers making it difficult to find for emergency purposes.

It is important that numbers be posted for Police and Fire emergencies. The following criteria need to be followed for posting street numbers:

- Minimum of 4" in height.
- Numbers need to contrast with background color.
- Numbers need to be displayed by the front door or entry if the structure is located 50 feet from the road.
- Numbers need to be displayed on a post, fence, wall, mailbox adjacent to the driveway if the structure is over 50 feet from the road or not visible from the road.
- Post numbers on both sides of the mailbox so that it can be seen from both directions.
- Post numbers high enough so that snow does not cover them.
- Post your street number even if you use a post office box.

PROPERTY TAX APPEALS

Requests for property tax appeals must be filed in writing within 185 days of commitment. Based upon a commitment day of September 8, 2008, the last day to apply for abatement would be March 11, 2009.

REDUCED VALUATIONS FOR LAND

Maine State Law allows reduced valuations for Farm, Forest, Open Space and Working Waterfront. Please contact the Assessing Office for the latest information on these programs. Applications must be filed by April 1st.

MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REFUND PROGRAM

The State of Maine has the Property Tax and Rent Refund Program. Applications are available at Town Hall in August each year. The program is based on income and residency.

MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES

If your mailing address on your envelope is not correct, please call and provide us with the correct one. Remembering to change your address with the Assessing Office will assure you of receiving your tax bill promptly.

On the Website:

Tax maps, aerial photos, sales data, applications.

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE

April 1, 2009



Maine State Law requires that the Assessor annually give notice in writing to all persons in the municipality liable to taxation to furnish a list of all estates, not exempt from taxation, to which they owned on the first day of April. No notification is needed if there have been no changes to the property.

Exemptions

Tax & Rent Refund Program

Reimbursement Programs

Reduced Valuation for Land

Declarations

Public Safety

Assessing Department

28 Federal Street

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TAX EXEMPTIONS

State of Maine requires all applications for exemptions must be filed by April 1st. If you currently receive the exemption, you do not need to reapply. Check your tax bill to see which exemptions you are receiving.



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

All residents who own a homestead property, **including mobile homes**, in Maine for 12 months as of April 1st may qualify. The exemption may give a reduction in taxes of over \$150. This is not based on income.

BLIND EXEMPTION

A Maine resident who is legally blind as determined by a doctor.

VETERANS EXEMPTION

A Veteran who served on active duty in the armed forces may apply for an exemption from property tax in the place where they reside provided:

- They served during a recognized war period and have reached the age of 62 or
- They served during a recognized war period and are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the U. S. Government for total disability, service-connected or nonservice-connected, as a veteran; or
- They were injured during active military service in the line of duty and are receiving 100% service-connected disability from the U. S. Government; or
- They were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and have reached the age of 62; or
- They were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the U.S. Government for total disability, service-connected or nonservice-connected, as a veteran; or
- They served during a recognized war period and received a grant as a paraplegic veteran for specially adapted housing units.
- Property must be owned by the veteran, joint ownership with spouse or held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of the veteran.
- Widow or Widower of a qualifying veteran may apply for the exemption.

DECLARATIONS

PERSONAL PROPERTY

If you own a business in Brunswick as of April 1st, you must complete a Personal Property Declaration. If you did not receive a declaration form, please request one from this office or visit our website. The current depreciation schedule is also posted on our website.

MOBILE HOMES

If you own a mobile home in Brunswick as of April 1st, you must complete a Mobile Home Declaration. It is required that a form be filled out each year. It is important we receive this information so that our records are accurate. **You must notify this office if you have purchased or sold a mobile home.**