GREENWICH EXPLAINED

PROPERTY TAXES: Where Your Tax Dollars Go

A quick guide to how this year's property tax bills changed—and what your tax dollars support.

Two things happened at the same time.

1 Greenwich completed a state-required property revaluation, updating property values to reflect today's housing market.

What it does:

- Helps ensure property taxes are shared fairly based on current property values
- Changes how the tax burden is divided among property owners.

What that means for homeowners:

- If your property's value increased more than average, your tax bill likely increased more.
- If it increased less than average, your bill may have increased only slightly, stayed about the same, or even declined.

2 Greenwich adopted the Fiscal Year 2026–27 budget to make thoughtful investments in the schools, services, facilities, and infrastructure residents rely on every day.

- The operating budget reflects higher healthcare costs, contractual obligations, insurance, and other inflationary pressures, while the capital budget funds important long-term investments that help avoid more costly repairs in the future.

Some of the projects your tax dollars support:

- **Julian Curtiss School.** Making the school fully accessible so students of all abilities can independently access the entire building.
- **Dorothy Hamill Rink.** Replacing an aging facility after years of repairs so it can better serve families, youth sports, figure skating, and recreational skaters.
- **Backcountry Fire Protection.** Providing firefighters with the equipment needed to deliver water quickly in areas without fire hydrants, helping protect homes, families, and property when every minute counts.

A Thoughtful, Bipartisan Process

Under the new Democratic leadership of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET), the proposed budget underwent months of careful review and refinement while working collaboratively across party lines. The result was a budget that earned unanimous bipartisan approval.

- Proposal by the First Selectman.
- Careful review and refinement by the BET over several months.
- Approximately $6 million in reductions (proposed by Democrats) during that review.
- Unanimous approval by the bipartisan BET.
- Final approval by the Representative Town Meeting (RTM).

The Bottom Line

The goal of the Democratic-led BET was simple: to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars while making thoughtful investments in our schools, services, public safety, and infrastructure to keep Greenwich stron—today and for generations to come.

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About Greenwich Explained

A series of brief, factual explainers from the Greenwich Democratic Town Committee providing local context—in plain English—to help residents better understand the issues shaping our community.