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Information about your Anne Arundel County Property Tax Bill

Tax Period:
July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Real Property Tax Rates:
(Per \$100 Taxable Assessment)

State of Maryland	\$0.1120
Anne Arundel County	\$0.8770
Town of Highland Beach	\$0.2031

Your tax bill is a function of the tax rate and your assessment. For Anne Arundel County tax purposes, the assessment for your principal residence is limited to an annual increase of 2% under the Homestead Credit Program. For State and City of Annapolis tax purposes, the limit has been set at 10%.

<http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Maryland-Homestead-Tax-Credit.aspx>

For Questions and Inquiries, Contact Us at:

410-222-1144
TDD 1-800-735-2258

Website:
www.aacounty.org



If there is one word to describe this year's budget season, it would be inclusive. The process began in February and March when we started meeting with members of the public to better understand their priorities. We also began working arm and arm with the school system to resolve its health benefits fund crisis.

In early May, our administration put forth a budget that advances our goal of making Anne Arundel County the best place to live, work and start a business in Maryland. Important elements of the budget include:

• **Reducing Taxes and Fees:** Building on the more than \$64 million in tax relief we have brought citizens over the last three years, our budget this year eliminates three nuisance taxes:

- The movie tax: a nearly one dollar per person nuisance tax that hits our citizens as they enjoy a night out with the family.
- The athletic facility tax: a \$36 per year tax that adds to the cost of exercise. We should be encouraging our citizens to embrace a healthy life style, not creating barriers.
- The mobile home tax: a \$300 per year tax that places an unnecessary burden on residents of mobile home communities.

• **Improving Education:** Our capital budget reflects the largest investment in school construction in County history. The new Crofton High School will be the first all new

high school in the County in nearly 35 years and is scheduled to break ground this winter. The budget also includes a well-deserved pay increase for our teachers.

• **Enhancing Public Safety:** To ensure we keep our communities safe, we are expanding the number of public safety personnel by 40 individuals. We also will break ground this fall on the new Police Academy and Central Booking facility.

• **Reforming County Government:** With respect to government operations, we have eliminated the structural deficit and now have a structural surplus. We have also launched a 3-1-1 help line and mobile app that allow citizens to report a lost pet, a pothole, a missed trash collection and many other issues. Using your mobile device, you can take a picture, set a location, and receive updates on the response to your issue.

• **Enhancing Quality of Life:** Finally, we are putting a major emphasis on improving the quality of life in the County. These efforts include investing more than \$230 million in cleaning up our waterways, expanding our network of regional parks and libraries, building out a complete network of bike trails, and developing additional kayak launches and trailered boat ramps.

It was a pleasure to work with all our partners on the County Council to finalize a budget that will bring Anne Arundel County closer to achieving its full potential.

Sincerely,

County Executive Steve Schuh

Constant Yield Tax Rate Anne Arundel County

In the Town of Highland Beach

1. In the last taxable year, the County real property tax rate was \$0.915 and the certified assessment of net assessable real property was \$0. This produced real property tax revenues of \$0.
2. For this taxable year, the certified assessment of net assessable real property is \$30,237,571. To produce the same real property tax revenues as last year the real property tax rate would be \$0. This rate is called the constant yield tax rate.
3. For this taxable year, the adopted real property tax rate is \$0.877. This rate is \$0.038 less than last year's rate of \$0.915 and is \$0.877 more than the constant yield tax rate, which will produce \$265,183 more real property tax revenues than would be produced by the constant yield tax rate.

Note: Because FY2018 is the first year that the County is providing a County tax differential (a lower County tax rate in the Town of Highland Beach), the constant yield as calculated by the State of Maryland results in a somewhat confused message provided above. In reality the FY2018 County tax rate applicable to the Town of Highland Beach (\$0.877) is \$0.03 less than the County tax rate applicable to the non-municipal areas of the County (\$0.907), which results in a total savings of \$9,072 to Highland Beach property owners in FY2018

Homeowners' Property Tax Credit

The Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program, and the Anne Arundel County supplement, is administered by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Credits are granted to eligible homeowners based on household income. Anyone whose

combined gross household family income is below \$60,000 should consider this program. Applications may be obtained by calling 410-767-4433 or 1-800-944-7403, or going to: <http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Homeowners'-Property-Tax-Credit-Program.aspx>

Homestead Tax Credit

The Maryland Homestead Tax Credit Program was established to help homeowners deal with large assessment increases. The Homestead Credit limits the increase in taxable assessments each year to a fixed percentage. Every county and municipality in Maryland is required to limit taxable assessment increases to 10% or less each year. Anne Arundel County has established this limit to be 2%. In the City of Annapolis, the limit is set at 10%, which applies to taxes levied by the City of Annapolis. The Homestead Credit applies only to the principal residence of the property owner. More information is available at: <http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Maryland-Homestead-Tax-Credit.aspx>

To determine if you are eligible for the Homestead Tax credit for your specific property address, go to the Department's web site, www.dat.state.md.us, and then click on "Real Property Data Search" on the home page. Enter your property address on the data search page, and at the bottom of the page of your property assessment record, the status of your Homestead application will be shown.

If you have not filed an application, you can call the Department's Homestead program at 410-767-2165 or 1-866-650-8783 (toll free). Applications must be submitted by December 31, in order to be eligible for the Homestead Credit beginning July 1, of the following year.

Tax Bill Payments

All checks should be made payable to "Anne Arundel County" and may be sent in the enclosed remittance envelope. Credit card payments are accepted only through the County's web site: www.aacounty.org

(NOTE: there is an additional charge for payments made with a credit card.)

Public access to the web site is available at the following cashier locations where payment by cash or check may be made:

- A. The Arundel Center
44 Calvert Street, Annapolis
- B. Heritage Office Park
2664 Riva Road, Annapolis
- C. The Arundel Center North
101 North Crain Highway, Glen Burnie

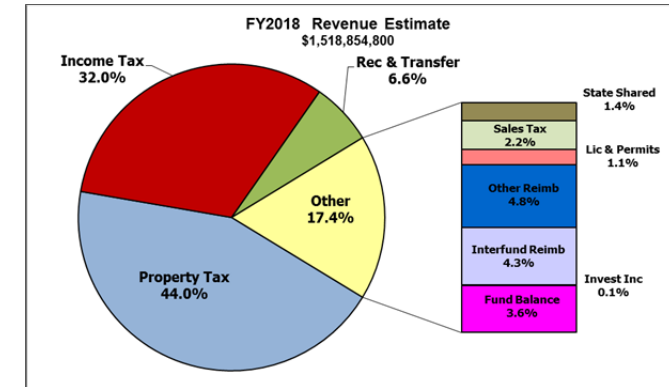
All locations are open Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Semiannual Tax Payment Option

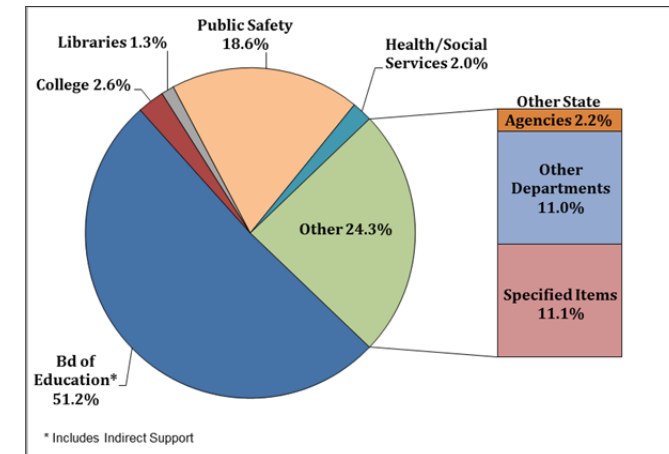
Real property taxes on a homeowners' "principal residence" can be paid on an optional semiannual payment basis. One half of your tax bill is due September 30, and the balance is due on December 31. The second payment includes a service charge that is 0.22% on the balance of the payment.

Taxpayers who escrow their tax payments may choose to pay annually, but must notify their lenders by May 1st of their intent to pay annually.

Where the Money Comes From



Where the Money Goes



Other Departments	Specified Items
Public Works (2.2%)	CAO Contingency (0.8%)
Planning & Zoning / Insp & Permits (1.3%)	PayGo (1.8%)
Recreation & Parks (1.7%)	Debt Service (3.8%)
Central Services (1.4%)	Self Insurance (0.7%)
Office of Information Technology (1.3%)	Retiree Health & OPEB (3.7%)
Other (3.1%)	Revenue Reserve (0.3%)
Sub-Total (11.0%)	Sub-Total (11.1%)