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Town of Windsor Board Members:

Sorry I haven't sent in an assessor report in a few months.

In the middle of July, I went to classes at Cornell. The New York State Assessor's Association puts on week-long classes in Ithaca every July. It's a great way to get your continuing education and talk to other assessors in the state. August, I was on vacation. September is always a very crazy month; school tax bills go out and everyone starts complaining to me. I did about a handful of letters of apportionments. When taxpayers split up their land after March 1st, they call me in September wondering why the school is not split up and that is when I have to do a letter of apportionment. I have to see what assessment goes with the split of land or house and then I split up the tax bill. I send the letter to each party and the school tax collector. I noticed in the middle of September, that one of my seniors that normally doesn't pay a school bill, had to pay over \$150 this year and I thought something was wrong with her bill. I found out there was nothing wrong with it, the STAR exemption is now capped at a certain amount. I also found out that you would receive way more money on the STAR credit check program than the STAR exemption. So, I alerted the people by my Facebook account and through the Windsor Facebook page. I am also sending out a letter to all taxpayers that currently have the STAR exemption on their parcel to switch to the STAR credit check program, you will receive more money that way. I will be sending out over 1200 letters on Wednesday, October 4th. It's been a very busy passed couple weeks. I know times are tough and I'm trying to let people know where they might be more money for you. In the next couple days, I will be in training. It's the NYS Fall conference, this year I will be taking the classes via online.

Thank you,



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