



# TOWN OF KEARNY

## HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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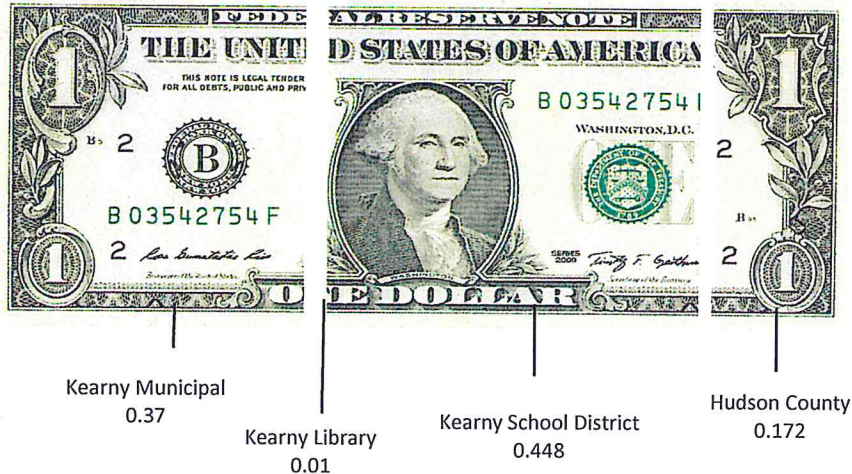
July 2016

Dear Kearny Taxpayer:

Your tax bills for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of calendar year 2016 *and* the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of calendar year 2017 are enclosed. The due date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter tax bill is August 15, 2016. By State law, quarterly payments received after that date will incur interest from August 1, 2016. If you would like to pay your taxes in person, the Tax Collector's Office at Town Hall will be open late until 7 p.m. on August 9, 2016.

While Kearny's Town government is charged with the responsibility of collecting property taxes, the Town of Kearny keeps only 38% of taxes collected to pay for municipal services. About 17% of the amount collected is sent to the County of Hudson and 45% is sent to the Kearny School District which is managed by your elected officials on the Kearny Board of Education. For calendar year 2016, the portion of your tax bill that pays for municipal services increases 1.65% or \$66 on a residential property with an average assessment. County taxes increase 3.67% or \$65, and School taxes go up 4.65% or \$212.

### Where does my property tax dollar go? (Calendar Year 2016)



With the 38% share of the property taxes collected, the Town of Kearny provides the following services:

- Police Department
- Senior Transportation
- Road Maintenance
- School Crossing Guards
- Sewage/Wastewater Management
- 10 Municipal Playgrounds
- Fire Department
- Municipal Court
- Leaf Collection
- Curbside Garbage Pickup
- Stormwater Management
- Recreational Facilities/Parks
- Library
- Public Health Services
- Snow Plowing
- Tree Maintenance
- Recreational Programs

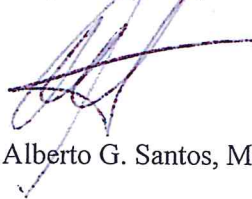
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The Council and I are committed to providing these services in a cost-effective manner. By carefully monitoring all expenditures, we have been able to reduce discretionary expenditures in the municipal budget three years in a row. We have done so through reductions in staffing, keeping overall wage increases to less than 2%, and reducing the Town's debt and debt servicing costs.

On the revenue side, new construction in the Town's redevelopment areas on Passaic and Bergen Avenues and in South Kearny is generating increased revenues. We expect this trend to continue in 2017. As a result, the Town has been able to withdraw from the State of New Jersey's transitional aid program. In fact, the Town no longer receives any aid from the State other than Energy Tax Receipts collected from public utilities with property in Kearny. More detailed information on the Town's 2016 budget is available at <http://www.kearnynj.org/Finance>.

Finally, please note that the State of New Jersey offers various property tax relief programs including the Senior Freeze (Property Tax Relief) Program for property owners who are 65 or older. Information about these programs is available on the State's web site, <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml>, or in the Tax Collector's Office at Town Hall.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Santos', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alberto G. Santos, Mayor