Message from the Board of Assessors

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MEMBERSHIPS

Mission: To promote integrity and professionalism in assessment administration through education, leadership, and cooperation.

IAAO serves property assessment professionals worldwide from government jurisdictions and agencies as well as various business and academic communities.
CHATHAM COUNTY AT A GLANCE

Total Population 289,430
Total Residential Housing 127,433
Median Household Income $54,911
Senior Population 16.0%
Veteran Population 23,208
Median Gross Rent $1,044

QUICK STATS

Residential Parcels 103,747
- 80,235 Single Family Residence
- 10,873 Condominium/Townhouse
- 2,207 Multi-Family
- 696 Manufactured

Commercial/Industrial Parcels 11,502
- 1,189 Apartments
- 250 Hospitality
- 3,282 Retail
- 1,892 Office
- 1,865 Industrial

Tangible Personal Property Accounts 23,129

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reported by the U.S. Census Bureau
## 2020 Chatham County Market Value

### $47.5 Billion

### 2014 - 2020 Chatham County Market Value

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<td>$35 B</td>
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<td>REAL ESTATE PARCELS</td>
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<td>PERSONAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTS</td>
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COUNTY (UNINCORPORATED) $21.5 BILLION
SAVANNAH $16.9 BILLION
POOLER $4.2 BILLION
TYBEE $1.6 BILLION
PORT WENTWORTH $1.3 BILLION
GARDEN CITY $1.3 BILLION
BLOOMINGDALE $351 MILLION
THUNDERBOLT $110 MILLION
VERNONBURG $58 MILLION

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The Georgia Certification Program objectives are:

To encourage the recognition of assessment administration in local government as a profession established upon an identifiable body of knowledge and to offer courses of study through which such knowledge may be acquired;

To foster and maintain high educational and ethical standards in the practice of assessment administration;

To assist the local assessors and staff by establishing a program that builds professionalism; and

To provide recognition for assessors, appraisers and staff.

The Georgia Department of Revenue is required to instruct, operate, and administer courses of instruction to provide for the training and continuing education of county tax officials.
**APPRAISAL TIMELINE**

- **Deadline April 1**
  - Real & Personal Property Returns

- **Deadline April 1 (for current tax year)**
  - Applications are accepted year-round

- **No later than July 1**
  - Mail Notice of Assessment

- **45 days from the date of the NOA**
  - Appeal Period

- **No later than September 1**
  - Digest Submission

- **Homestead Exemptions**
SUPPORT SERVICES

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COUNTY (UNINCORPORATED) 42.4%

SAVANNAH 40.6%

POOLER 11.2%

TYBEE 1.6%

PORT WENTWORTH 1.6%

HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS 3,712

PROPERTY TRANSFERS 10,929
**SUPPORT SERVICES**

- **NEW PARCELS**: 819
  - Savannah: 55.1%
  - County (Unincorporated): 20.6%
  - Pooler: 10.1%
  - Tybee: 4.9%
  - Garden City: 0.1%
  - Port Wentworth: 3.6%

- **APPEALS**: 3,233
  - Real Property: 2,894
    - Savannah: 52.9%
    - County (Unincorporated): 21.9%
    - Pooler: 11.3%
    - Tybee: 4.9%
    - Garden City: 3.4%
  - Personal Property: 339
    - Savannah: 52.9%
RESIDENTIAL

RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

3,339

BY MUNICIPALITY

- Savannah 40%
- Tybee 11.4%
- Pooler 8.2%
- Thunderbolt 0.6%
- Garden City 2.4%
- Bloomingdale 0.6%
- County (Unincorporated) 32.5%

OVERALL 12.9% DECREASE FROM 2019

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

RESIDENTIAL HOMES BUILT

$191.8 MILLION

882

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1,588 COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL PERMITS

OVERALL 49% INCREASE FROM 2019

BY MUNICIPALITY

Savannah 60.9%
County (Unincorporated) 18%
Garden City 8.9%
Pooler 5%
Tybee 3%
Thunderbolt 0.3%

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

172 COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
$552.1 MILLION

COUNTY (UNINCORPORATED) $144.8 MILLION
SAVANNAH $222.7 MILLION
POOLER $136.5 MILLION
GARDEN CITY $7.8 MILLION
PORT WENTWORTH $33.9 MILLION
BLOOMINGDALE $6.4 MILLION

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PERSONAL PROPERTY

NUMBER OF TPP ACCOUNTS
23,129

BUSINESSES
$14.1 BILLION

BOATS
$136.4 MILLION

AIRPLANES
$36.6 MILLION

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This legislation provides that, if a taxpayer appeals a property assessment to superior court and the final value is 85% or less of the board of assessors' value, the taxpayer's reasonable attorney's fees must be paid by the board of assessors. Under prior law, such attorney's fees are payable if such value is set by the board of equalization. Additionally, any further court appeal of an award of attorney's fees must be specifically approved by the county governing authority. This legislation also authorizes virtual board of equalization hearings in tax appeal cases where all parties consent.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 22, 2020**
OUR STAFF IS COMMITTED TO DELIVERING A SUPERIOR LEVEL OF CUSTOMER SERVICE TO OUR TAXPAYERS.

- She was knowledgeable, kind and above all professional.  
  - Taxpayer, 1/20/2020

- She was very nice, polite and knowledgeable.  
  - Taxpayer, 6/17/2020

- I could not have received better service.  
  - Taxpayer, 2/6/2020

- So helpful and made the process so easy, it was quick in & out.  
  - Taxpayer, 2/14/2020

- I found (clerical staff) a delight to speak with today.  
  - Taxpayer, 4/17/2020

13 CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS
WITH 234 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

12 MINUTES TO COMPLETE A HOMESTEAD APPLICATION
ESTIMATED AVERAGE TIME

One Goal, One Value
Customer Service
The Chatham County Board of Assessors maintains a COVID secure workplace.

The Chatham County Board of Assessors promotes workplace hygiene.

Social distancing is encouraged.

The use of terminals have been suspended until further notice. Previously, these terminals were used by the public and staff to search for Property Record Cards.
The Chatham County Tax Commissioner and Board of Assessors Consolidated Site

WWW.CHATHAMTAX.ORG

Property Record Search
- Billing Information
- Property Assessment Information

Sales Search

E-FILE

For more information call (912) 652-7271
In tax year 2020, the Chatham County Board of Assessors introduced SMARTFILE, our online filing system for mailing address changes, appeals, homestead exemptions, and personal property returns.

SMARTFILE allows taxpayers to complete the necessary forms online, attach required documentation, and submit electronically.

When you consider parking fees and the traffic in and out of downtown Savannah, this valuable online tool provides taxpayers with an option to save both time and money by allowing them to electronically file within the comfort of their home.
Visit us online www.boa.ChathamCounty.org

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