

Tax Collector Budget 2020

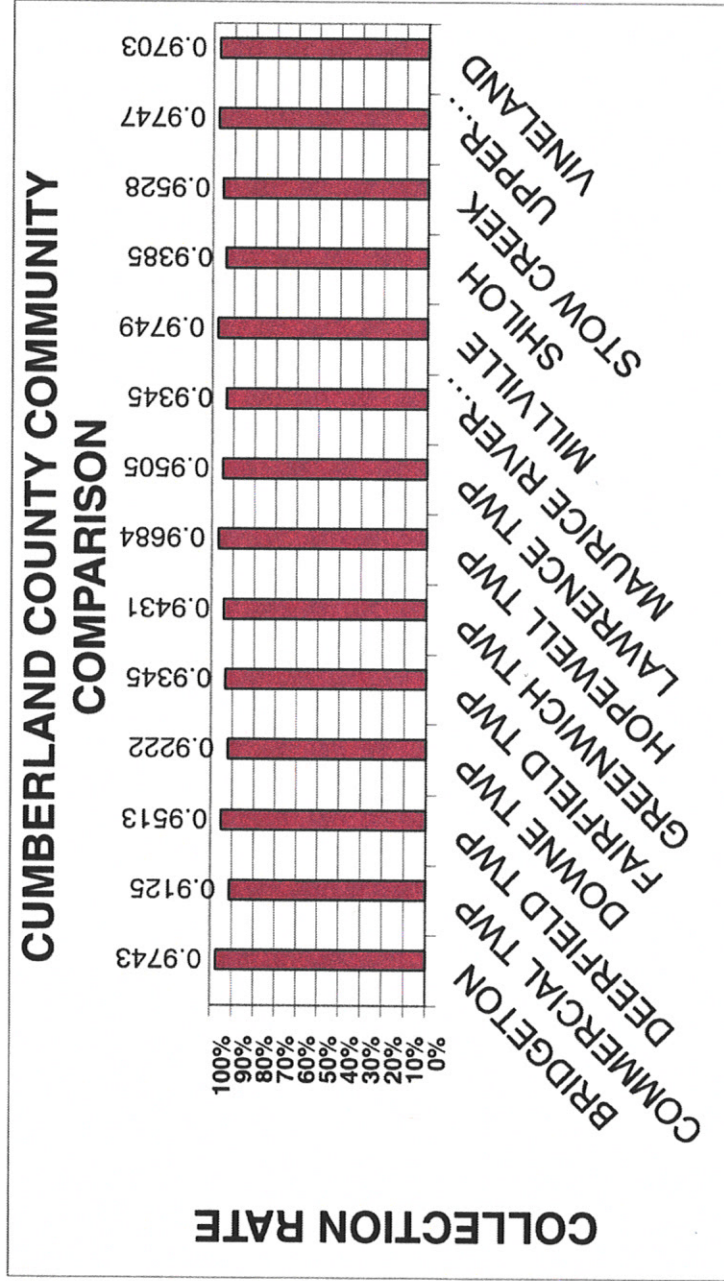
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Tax Collector

Accomplishments

- Consistently high collection rate in the county



Accomplishments 2019

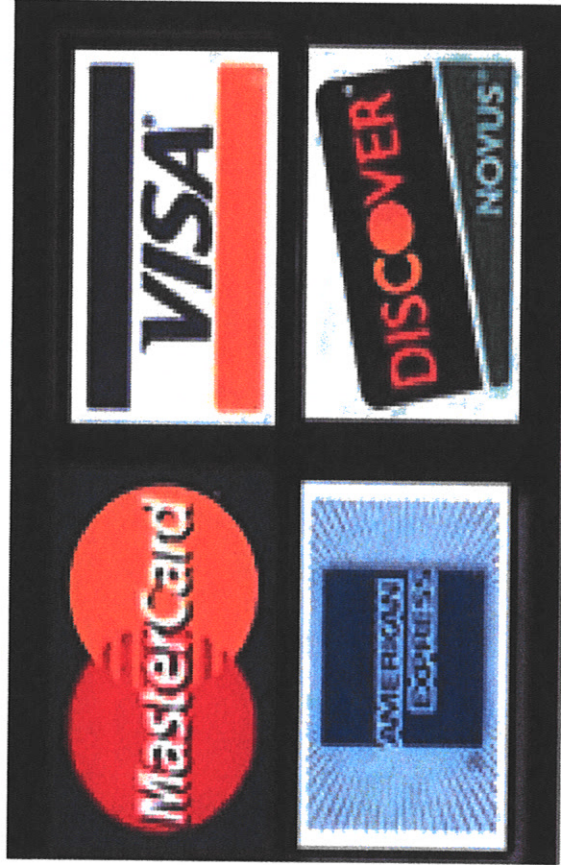
- Implemented *optional e-billing* for the water/sewer monthly postcards. This allows customers to receive their bills promptly and will reduce postage costs in the future.

- Submitted 3 foreclosure lists to be finalized on approximately 100 properties.
- Customer service training for 2 tax clerks.

Goals 2020

- Aggressive collection on municipal liens, which includes foreclosure. This would allow us to structure a plan to sell the property to get it back on a tax-paying basis.

- Implement *optional* direct withdrawal for tax and utility accounts. Promotes on-time payments and convenience to the taxpayer.
- Tax Collection training for 2 tax clerks.



CREDIT CARDS

The Tax Collector's Office is accepting credit cards online at www.cityofbridgeton.com, over the phone and in the office as a convenience for the taxpayers of the City of Bridgeton.

Tax Assessor's Office

Assessment Status - 2020

- The City's net valuation taxable for 2020 is a rise to \$480,529,987 up slightly from \$479,790,241 in 2019. The increases comes despite a nearly \$5,000,000 loss from the state office building being purchased by the state and becoming exempt.
- The 2020 Assessment-to-Sales ratio improved to 90.52% from 89.96% in 2019.
- The sales ratio should continue to improve following the city's first compliance plan in 2019, keeping the assessments uniform and within NJ Division of Taxation guidelines.

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