## Your Fairfield County Auditor's Office:

# BY THE NUMBERS



# We Serve. We Protect. We Connect.



CITIES

**TOWNSHIPS** 

**VILLAGES** 



# ALL FUNDS BUDGET



265 M+ Capital assets



70,000+ **Parcels** 



\$99.6M+

New construction assessed



Fairfield County unemployment and poverty rates are below state average.



Checks/EFTs issued



Vendor licenses issuedup 67% since 2017



Properties conveyed annually

Modernized Minimum Conveyance Standards in August 2022

DID YOU KNOW?

70%

Conveyances processed electronically

24,140+ Dog licenses

\$3.68B+ issued

Total countywide assessed valuation

103,720+

Registered voters

1,000 Informal reappraisal hearings



Of the Participants Surveyed...



felt they were able to discuss their specific topic

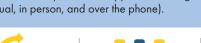


stated they received courteous customer service



think the Auditor should continue holding informal hearings

Offered three options for reappraisal hearings (virtual, in person, and over the phone).



Financial systems technology updated



Water bottles saved



Hotel/motel tax tech improvements

Fairfield County has the lowest sales tax rate in the region.

DID YOU

1,118

Social media followers

1 Day

Public records requests answered, on average

93 BOR hearings held

Press releases issued

Data current as of October, 2022



## Your Fairfield County Auditor's Office:

# **Strategic Plan**



The mission of the Fairfield County Auditor's Office is to perform statutory duties with excellence, integrity, and innovation while embracing outstanding internal and external customer service to continuously improve county government.

**Provide Supervisory Support** & Coaching Opportunities for **Team Members** 

Focus on Strengths & **Customer Service** 

**Improve Communication** and Outreach

**THEMES** 

Improve Use of Technology and **Records Management Processes**  **Update Financial and REA Processes to Add Value** 



#### **Accomplishments:**

- ✓ All-staff touch-base meetings
- ✓ Employee book club
- √ Table of organization
- √ Second all-staff survey
- ✓ Position description updates



#### **Training/Development:**

- ✓ Mid-term and annual performance assessments
- ✓1:1 meetings: Time with the County Auditor Initiative
- ✓In-services and annual
- √Team building and recognition activities
- ✓ Strengths assessments
- √ Individualized, goal-setting coaching sessions
- √ Performance assessment activities supervisor training



#### Awards:

- ✓ Developed a traveling trophy award: The **Excellence Project**
- ✓ 100% of employees obtained National Association of Counties High Performance Leadership Certifications



#### **Accomplishments:**

- ✓ Developed customer service standards
- √ Happiness Project to increase community engagement and build upon individual strengths
- ✓ Created a Weights and Measures Certificate of Appreciation
- ✓ Inventory assignments for efficiency and to support internal customers
- ✓ Continuity of operations plans
- ✓ Physical locations to support job shadowing and service provision
- ✓ Documented open meeting procedures for the TIRCs, BOR, and Budget Commission
- ✓ Met all deadlines for reporting
- ✓ Conducted outreach with associations and the general public (more than 50 presentations conducted)



#### Training/Development:

- ✓ Developed a job shadowing plan
- ✓ Provided customer service training
- √Two-week onboarding training for new employees
- ✓ Conducted customer surveys



**GOALS ACHIEVED** 

#### **Accomplishments:**

- ✓ Public records request response: one-day average
- ✓ Website inquiry response: one-day average
- ✓ Grew social media presence
- ✓ Developed office directory with purpose statements and contact information
- ✓ Monthly newsletter for internal and external customers
- ✓22+ news releases distributed, (Up from 0 in 2021)
- ✓ Proclamations for accounting/appraising skill awareness
- ✓ Multiple Auditor fact sheets and videos
- ✓ Updated websites to provide more information for the public
- ✓ Created an accessible online place for questions



#### Training/Development:

- ✓ Attended township, school district, and other entity meetings
- ✓ Conducted diversity, equity, and inclusion training
- ✓ Conducted ethics training
- ✓ Conducted mental health first aid training



#### **Accomplishments:**

- √ New informal hearing electronic scheduling option
- ✓ Electronic signature process
- ✓ Electronic option for the conveyance of property, now used more than 70% of the time
- ✓ Map of the Month Initiative
- √ New monitoring tool for financial systems technology
- ✓ Dissolved Data Board
- ✓ Participated in Records Commission
- ✓ Reviewed websites for ADA-compliance
- ✓ Maintained current technology for GIS users, including multiple county entities
- ✓ Converted to software as a service function for financial systems



#### **Training/Development:**

- ✓ Participated in county-wide
- ✓ Cybersecurity training for team ✓ New technology for hotel
  // motel lodging tax collections



#### **Awards:**

✓GIS received 1st place in the statewide Analytic Mapping Contest

#### **Accomplishments:**

- ✓Intentional in-reach strategies to help internal customers
- ✓ Fact sheets to support local school districts
- ✓ Process for ditch maintenance districts to support the County Engineer
- √ New capitalization threshold for 2023
- ✓ Waived requirements for **Budget Commission formal** hearinas
- ✓ Participated in multiple work groups to improve countywide services
- √Improved technology deliverables
- ✓ Contract monitoring tool ✓ Civic education tools for
- real estate assessment; three videos
- ✓Internal Control Manual (Implementing Jan. 2023)
- ✓ Informal hearings
- √Appraisal and new construction notices
- ✓ Minimum standards for conveyance of property
- ✓ Conduct of TIRC meetings, established website presence
- ✓ Efficiency of Board of Revision processes



#### **Training/Development:**

- ✓ New GASB Standards
- ✓ New Board of Revision Administrator
- √ Payroll training activities, inter-and intra-departmentally
- ✓ Payroll onboarding processes



#### Awards:

✓ Excellence Awards for Financial and Popular Reporting

## **HONORS...**

- 1st Place Statewide Analytical Maps (GIS)
- National Compendium of GIS Best Practices
- · National Award of Excellence in Financial Reporting
- National Award of Excellence in Popular Reporting • Best Practice for Civic Outreach - Athens Advocacy
- 100% of Team Achieved a Certificate of High Performance Leadership for National Association of Counties (NACO)
- · Dr. Carri Brown, OU Alumna of the Year

## **PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE**

- Proper Public Purpose
- Grants 101
- Consensus Building
- Strategic Planning
- The Role of Local Government and the County Auditor