

Message from the Town of Chautauqua

by Randall Holcomb, Assessor

## 2007 Real Property Revaluation Project

**T**he Town of Chautauqua adopted a policy to create fair and equitable property assessments by completing real property revaluations every three years. The current revaluation will be completed for the 2007 assessment roll with respect and courtesy of every taxpayer. The last town-wide revaluation was completed for the 2004 assessment roll.

The first phase of the project, which is well underway, is valuing all parcels within the Town of Chautauqua at 100% market value. The new full value assessments are derived from recent selling prices of similar properties within your area. Once we have those preliminary assessments in place, Assessor's Office staff will be reviewing all property assessments within the municipality at the property location. The staff will be performing the assessment review and an exterior inspection from the roadside on each property. **NO ONE WILL BE ENTERING YOUR HOME.** The Assessor's Office feels confident with the interior inventory and measurements that we currently have on file which have been obtained from past revaluations and questionnaires. All property inventories are available online at the assessment website at [www.chau-assessors.org](http://www.chau-assessors.org). Should you feel the inventories we have on file are incorrect, please phone the Assessor's Office at (716) 753-2236 with the correct data to ensure accuracy in your assessed valuation.

The final phase of this project will be the notification of the new assessments for all property owners within the Town of Chautauqua, occurring during March 2007. Informal hearings on the new assessed values will be completed during late March and April 2007 and we will once again offer Informal Hearings by phone appointment for those non-resident property owners that are unable to appear in person. Decisions from those hearings will be mailed during the first week of May 2007. Those still wishing to contest their assessment may do so at the official Grievance Days by appearing before the Town of Chautauqua Board of Assessment Review during the last week of May 2007. All of this information will be further detailed in your March 2007 assessment notification letter. The first time your new assessment will be used to determine taxes will be in September 2007 for school taxes, January 2008 for town and county taxes and June 2008 for village taxes (if applicable).

**The goal of this project is to create fair and equitable property assessments at 100% of full market value.** It is always the intent of the Town of Chautauqua to work with the community in achieving this goal. As Assessor for the Town of Chautauqua for more than a decade, it is **my pledge to the Town of Chautauqua property owners to treat everyone with dignity and courtesy as we proceed through this process.** Please be assured that all phone calls, voice mails, mail and emails will be answered in a timely and professional manner. Besides myself, the Town of Chautauqua Assessor's Office staff includes **Kim Wilson** as Assessor Clerk and **Louis Rieg** as Appraiser. The phone number for the Assessor's Office is (716) 753-2236, located at the new Town Administration Offices at 2 Academy Street, Mayville, New York, 14757.

*Watch for further information on this topic in either of the district's two official newspapers, the Jamestown Post-Journal or the Mayville Sentinel-News. Also, a public forum is planned at the school; tentative date is Thurs. Feb. 1.*