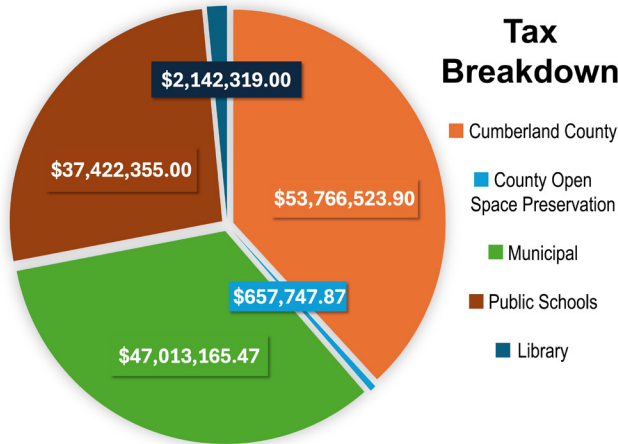




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UNDERSTANDING YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL



Property taxes help fund local government services. While the City of Vineland collects property taxes, the revenue is distributed among several governmental entities. Understanding how your property tax dollar is divided helps clarify where the money goes and where concerns can most effectively be directed.

Approximately **33 cents of every property tax dollar** supports Vineland municipal government services including police and fire protection, road maintenance, public health, recreation, planning and zoning, tax assessment and collection, engineering, code enforcement, animal control, elections, debt service, health care, and operating costs.

Approximately **67 cents** passes through to other governmental entities, primarily the county and local school district, along with the municipal library, county open-space, and health services. The county portion alone, which includes two separate taxes, accounts for **40 cents of every property tax dollar**.

City officials may have differences of opinion regarding the priorities or budget decisions of the County Commissioners or other governmental entities. However, it is you as taxpayers who can ultimately impact their actions and budgetary decisions by making your feelings heard.

ANIMAL SERVICES WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE

The City of Vineland is pleased to announce the launch of a new website for Vineland Municipal Animal Services at pets.vinelandcity.org. Residents can now visit the website to find information about animals available for adoption or fostering, along with application information and other Animal Services resources.

The Animal Services Facebook page will continue to provide important updates, including information about lost pets currently in the custody of Vineland Municipal Animal Services. When animals become available for adoption or fostering, posts will include a link to the city website for additional information.

Residents are asked to direct adoption and fostering questions to Animal Services by email at animalcontrol@vinelandcity.org or by phone at 856-794-4000, ext. 4058. Please be patient when contacting the office, as staff and Animal Control Officers may be responding to calls in the field.

To report a lost or found pet, contact Vineland Police Non-Emergency Dispatch at 856-691-4111.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION

Election day for federal, county, and local offices is Tuesday, November 3 with polls open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. If you are not currently registered, the registration deadline is October 13.

This year's early in-person voting period will begin on October 24 and run through November 1. In Vineland, you will be able to vote early at the Vineland Fire Department Station No. 6 located at 400 W. Plum Street, Monday-Saturday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

If you would like to vote by mail, the deadline to apply by mail is October 27. The deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications is November 2. If you would like to drop off your completed ballot at a secure Drop Box by November 3 they are located at the Cumberland County Technical Education Center at 3400 College Dr., Vineland City Hall at 640 E. Wood St., and the Cumberland County Division of Social Services at 275 N. Delsea Dr. The deadline for Post Office receipt of Mail-In Ballots is November 3.

Anyone with questions regarding voting options for the November general election may contact the Cumberland County Clerk's Office at 856-453-4860, the Cumberland County Board of Elections at 856-453-5801, or the Vineland City Clerk's Office at 856-794-4060.

www.VinelandCity.org



EXPLORE THE VINELAND SENIOR CENTER



The Vineland Senior Center is located at the corner of 6th and Elmer Streets.

The Vineland Senior Center is a welcoming place to stay active, try something new, meet friends, and enjoy time with neighbors. With a variety of activities and programs, there's something for everyone.

Visitors can enjoy fitness classes, table games, arts and crafts, billiards, day trips, special events, and more. For example, the Center's free Billiard Room offers friendly competition for men and women whether you are an experienced player or just learning the game. The Office on Aging is also available at the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, providing information and resources for residents.

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Stop by to take a tour and discover all the Center has to offer. For more information, call 856-794-4074.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:



ITALIAN FLAG RAISING AND LUNCHEON

Monday, October 12
Steps of City Hall – 11am
North Italy Club - Noon
856-794-4000, ext. 4169

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Tuesday, October 20
Vineland High School
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
VPDcommunitypolicing@
Vinelandcity.org

FREE RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, November 7
Cunningham Park
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
856-794-4131

GARDEN STATE COMIC FEST

November 14 and 15
Vineland Convention Center
Time TBA
www.gscfvineland.com/



(L-R) Aileen Seda, Luis Antonio Figueroa, Dr. Wanda Albizu, Nadia Albizu, and DJ "Bubba Joe" Rivera Peñalvert.

CELEBRATE PUERTO RICAN DISCOVERY

Join the City of Vineland on Saturday, November 7, from 4:00 to 10:00 pm at the Vineland Convention Center for a free, family-friendly celebration honoring Puerto Rico's history, culture, and traditions. The event commemorates the island's discovery in 1493 and recognizes the lasting contributions of Vineland's Puerto Rican community.

"Vineland's Puerto Rican community has been an important part of our city for generations, contributing through its traditions, businesses, and civic involvement," said Mayor Anthony Fanucci. "This event is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together, learn about, and honor that heritage."

The event is co-hosted by Nadia Albizu, Founder and CEO, and Dr. Wanda Albizu, Educational Director, of the nonprofit organization Dream Builders of NJ. The evening will feature historical and cultural presentations, dancing, fun activities, live entertainment, and dinner for all guests. Performers will include Joe Rivera Peñalvert, Aileen Seda, and Luis Antonio Figueroa.

For reservations and more information, contact Special Events Coordinator Sheena Santiago at shsantiago@vinelandcity.org or 856-794-4000, ext. 4169.

