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Do the words “assessment” and “taxes” make you break out in a cold sweat, want to hide until it’s over or have you all up in arms? Have you ever been frustrated or confused by the process and feel helpless or hopeless?

The Assessment Advisory Committee (AAC) of the Town of Newstead announces a new taxes & assessment forum entitled **TAXES, TAXES, TAXES**. The Committee decided to create the forum in response to a survey indicating that the assessment process is confusing, complicated and unfair. The committee members: former Assessor Fred Pask, Assessor Becky Baker, Councilman Jim Mayrose, and citizen members Matt Karcher, Don Kreher, Donna Doll, Steve Carlson & Stan Serwon have all made it their mission to improve your understanding of the assessment process.

We see the assessment process as a partnership between residents and government, because both are necessary to insure that the process is fair & equitable to all citizens. As such, the objective of TAXES, TAXES, TAXES is to strengthen that partnership thru education! Each week we’ll pick a question submitted by Akron/Newstead residents and answer it so that it is easily understood. All submittals will be considered anonymous. Questions can relate to taxes, assessments, budgets, state rules, zoning, permits, quality of service and general government. Questions can be called in at 542-4574, emailed to aac@townofnewstead.com, or placed in the drop box at the front of the Town Hall bldg. ALL respectful questions will be treated as important, relevant and anonymous (you can also use your first name or initials if you’d like). All questions and answers will be archived on the Newstead website www.townofnewstead.com so you if miss a week it’s all there for you.

*Next week’s question: “**What’s a Revaluation**”?*

