

# Bristol, Connecticut

# ***Comprehensive Annual Budget***

***Fiscal Year 2010***  
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010



***Arthur J. Ward***  
***Mayor***

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**ROCKWELL PARK** – 104.6 acres given by Albert and Nettie Rockwell in 1911. Entrances are located off of Jacobs Street, Dutton Avenue, Park Street and Terryville Road. **Facilities:** Lagoon, fishing pond, regular playground, toddler playground, outdoor swimming pool, picnic areas, basketball court, para-fitness course, multi-purpose field, walking/hiking trail and pavilion. The park is currently undergoing three phases of renovations. Phase I included new lighting, additional parking, new entry way, landscaping, drainage, new basketball court, sidewalks, under ground utilities, signage and a new skate park. Phase II includes playground equipment with water spray parks, horse shoe courts, bocce court, lighted sand volleyball courts and lighted baseball field. The final phase includes drainage, restoration of five historic structures, stone repairs, lagoon restoration, boardwalk, additional parking, landscaping and electrical updates. Completion of the renovations is scheduled for June 2010.

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**City of Bristol  
Elected and Appointed Officials  
For Fiscal Year 2010**

**Executive (Elected)**

Mayor **Arthur J. Ward**  
(Member of Board of Finance, City Council and Chairman of the Joint Board)

**Members of Council (Elected)**

**7 Members**

First District **Clifford P. Block**  
**Michael B. Rimcoski**

Second District **Kevin C. McCauley**  
**Ken Cockayne**

Third District **Craig M. Minor**  
**Frank N. Nicastro, Sr.**

**Board of Finance (Appointed)**

**9 Members**

Chairman **Richard J. Miecznikowski**  
Vice Chairman **Roald Erling**

Commissioners **Janet Moylan**  
**Ronald C. Messier**  
**Mark Peterson**  
**John E. Smith**  
**Cheryl Thibeault**  
**Paul Tonon**

**Board of Education (Elected)**

**9 Members**

Chairman **Barbara Y. Doyle**  
Vice Chairperson **Julie M. Luczkow**  
Secretary **Margaret L. Bonola**  
Commissioners **Jane E. Anastasio**  
**Amy Coan**  
**Thomas P. O'Brien**  
**Sherry A. Turcotte**  
**Karen L. Vibert**  
**Christopher C. Wilson**

**Elected and Appointed Officials- continued**

**General Government (Elected)**

Registrar of Voters (D)	<b>Robert Badal</b>
Registrar of Voters (R)	<b>Sharon Krawiecki</b>
Treasurer	<b>William Veits</b>

**City of Bristol Component Unit (Entity)**

Bristol/Burlington Health District	<b>Lynn Abrahamson</b>
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**Enterprise Fund**

Water Department Superintendent	<b>Robert Longo</b>
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**General Government**

Assessor	<b>Thomas DeNoto</b>
Tax Collector	<b>Teresa Babon</b>
Purchasing Agent	<b>Roger D. Rousseau</b>
Comptroller	<b>Glenn S. Klocko</b>
Assistant Comptroller	<b>Robin L. Manuele</b>
Personnel Director	<b>Diane Ferguson</b>
Corporation Counsel	<b>Vacant</b>
Town and City Clerk	<b>Therese Pac</b>
Department of Aging, Director	<b>Peggy Sokol</b>
Inland Wetland Agency Chairman	<b>Lee W. Levesque, Jr.</b>
Veterans/Handicapped Service Director	<b>Vacant</b>
Youth Services Director	<b>Eileen McNulty</b>
City Planner	<b>Alan L. Weiner</b>
Planning Secretary and City Engineer	<b>Paul A. Strawderman</b>
Zoning Enforcement Officer	<b>Anthony Decrisantis</b>
Police Chief	<b>John DiVenere</b>
Fire Chief	<b>Jon Pose</b>
Civil Preparedness Director	<b>Richard B. Ladisky</b>
Local Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	<b>Edmund Luczkow</b>
Building and Zoning Official	<b>Guy Morin</b>
Director of Public Works	<b>Walter E. Veselka</b>
Social Services Director	<b>Katherine Plourde</b>
Library Director	<b>Francine Petosa</b>
Superintendent of Parks and Recreation	<b>Edward Swicklas</b>
Bristol Development Authority Director	<b>Jonathan Rosenthal</b>
Assistant Director PWD/WPC Manager	<b>Brian W. Fowkes</b>
Superintendent of Schools	<b>Philip Streifer</b>
Acting Assistant to the Superintendent for Business	<b>William Smyth</b>

# BUDGET AWARD

## National Recognition for the City of Bristol's Budget Documents

The City of Bristol's annual budget documents are submitted for review by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). GFOA has established a program for the review of budget documents to ensure that budget documents serve four distinct functions by meeting certain criteria established by career budget officials from throughout the United States and Canada. The four functions that must be met are:

**1-The budget must serve as a policy document** for elected officials and administration to convey how the organization will operate, and what process will be used to adopt and amend the annual budget.

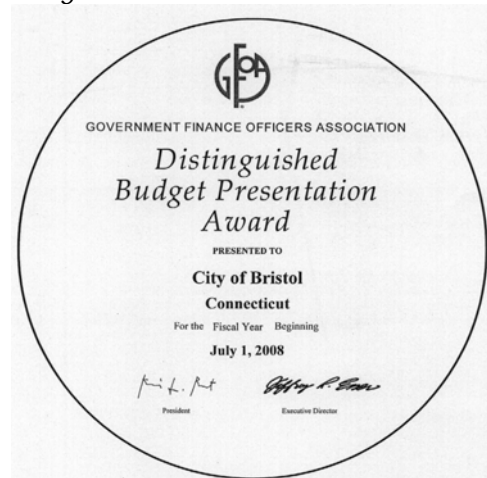
**2-The budget must serve as an operations guide** to the departments and agencies that receive funding through the budget. That includes identifying the resources (dollars and staffing) to be provided and the objectives to be met.

**3-The budget must serve as a financial plan**, divulging all sources of funding and how those sources will be used. The budget should show data for multiple years so that the new budget can be compared with prior year's data.

**4-The budget must serve as a communications device** to convey essential information to the diverse groups who use budget information - elected officials, the public, the news media, other governments, bond rating agencies and investors. The purpose is served through a variety of devices: charts and tables, summary explanations, a glossary, assumptions, policies, etc.

*The City of Bristol has received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its most recent budget document, the FY 2009 Annual Budget, and for the past seven years.*

*The GFOA award is good for a single year. The City of Bristol believes its FY 2010 budget documents will continue to conform with program requirements and will submit them to GFOA to determine the City's eligibility for another award. Continued participation ensures that documents prepared by City staff continue to convey information in a usable form for the variety of groups who use the budget document.*





**Shown on the next two pages is the Mayor's Proclamation for the General Fund Budget that was adopted on June 4, 2009.**

**In addition, the Grand List is shown as well as the Mill-Rate Calculation sheet.**

- **The Mayor's Proclamation is the official statement issued by the Mayor at the end of the budget process and is recorded by the City Clerk as official language for the General Fund budget adoption.**
- **The Grand List is shown as a reference to the City's net taxable property. This is useful in determining City growth. The Assessor's Grand List includes any exemptions or additions that are made by the Board of Assessment Appeals.**
- **The Mill-Rate Calculation sheet shows a comparison between the 2008-2009 adopted budget and the 2009-2010 adopted budget. The amounts shown reflect all the deductions made to the Grand List and include an uncollectible tax amount, which gives the City a tax revenue collection estimation for the next budget year.**



JUNE 4, 2009

*MAYOR ARTHUR J. WARD DECLARES BUDGET EFFECTIVE  
AT JUNE 4, 2009 SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING*

***“WHEREAS, Section 25(l) of the City Charter provides that upon completion of the budget by the Board of Finance, the same shall be submitted to a joint meeting of the City Council and the Board of Finance; and***

***WHEREAS, the budget as prepared and passed by the Board of Finance was presented to a joint meeting duly called and;***

***WHEREAS, revisions were made and approved in the budget at said Joint Meeting;***

***THEREFORE, the budget as prepared by the Board of Finance, as revised, is the budget of the City of Bristol for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.”***

Mayor Ward presented the official adopted budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to Town and City Clerk Therese Pac.

**GENERAL CITY TAX RATE OF 25.99 MILLS LAID ON THE  
GRAND LIST OF 2008**

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On motion of Commissioner Erling seconded by Commissioner Tonon, it was voted: *“That a tax rate of 25.99 mills be laid on the Grand List of 2008 for the General City to wit- \$170,902,327 grand list with the first payment due and collectible on the 1st day of July, 2009, and the second payment to be due and collectible on the 1st day of January, 2010.”*

**MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF  
FINANCE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN RATE BOOKS.**

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On motion of Councilmember Nicastro, seconded by Councilmember Cockayne, it was voted: *“That the Mayor or Acting Mayor and the Chairman of the Board of Finance be authorized to sign the necessary rate books for the Tax Collector.”*



**October 1, 2008 Grand List**  
After Board of Assessment Appeals

	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>Net</u>
Real Estate	\$3,720,678,120	\$ 40,250,690	\$3,680,427,430
Personal Property	372,381,940	130,706,850	241,675,090
Motor Vehicle	323,890,710	3,409,600	320,481,110
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,416,950,770</b>	<b>\$174,367,140</b>	<b>\$4,242,583,630</b>
Net Assessment Freeze			653,580
Net Assessment Elderly Program			82,476,759
Elderly Frozen Taxes			10,000
Owner Elderly Benefit			381,400
Vet-A Exemptions			4,449,134
Personal Property Mfg. State Reimbursement			127,084,950
Enterprise Zone State Reimbursement			6,436,770
Real Estate, Motor Vehicle Vet-A Exemptions, Personal Property Mfg. Reimbursement and Enterprise Zone Assessments are included in total exemptions and are reimbursed by the State.			
Note: All Elderly amounts are subject to change. Final amounts will not be available until after the May 15 <sup>th</sup> filing deadline period.			
Total Net Assessment of Non-Elderly			<u><u>\$4,159,453,291</u></u>



**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL FUND MILL RATE RECAP  
FOR 2009-2010 BUDGET WITH COMPARISON TO LAST YEAR**

	<b>2008-2009 JOINT BOARD APPROVED BUDGET</b>		<b>2009-2010 JOINT BOARD APPROVED BUDGET</b>			
GROSS BUDGET .....	\$170,902,327		\$170,794,340			
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES.....	<u>(63,488,485)</u>		<u>(63,080,500)</u>			
 NET FINANCED BY TAXATION.....	 <u>\$107,413,842</u>		 <u>\$107,713,840</u>			
	APPROVED 2008-2009 BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2007 GRAND LIST		JOINT BOARD APPROVED 2009-2010 BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2008 GRAND LIST			
TOTAL NET ASSESSMENT OF NON-ELDERLY.....	4,176,319,042 X	25.99 MILLS	4,160,846,440 X	25.99 MILLS	108,542,532	108,140,399
PLUS: ELDERLY FROZEN TAXES.....					5,854	10,000
PLUS: TOTAL NET ASSESSMENT ELDERLY PROGRAM.....	58,613,198 X	25.99 MILLS	81,737,190 X	25.99 MILLS	1,523,357	2,124,350
LESS: OWNER ELDERLY BENEFIT....					<u>(398,503)</u>	<u>(381,400)</u>
GROSS TAX REVENUES.....	4,234,932,240 X	25.99 MILLS	4,242,583,630 X	25.99 MILLS	109,673,240	109,893,349
LESS: RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLES		2.06%		1.98%	<u>(2,259,397)</u>	<u>(2,179,509)</u>
NET TAX REVENUES.....					<u>\$107,413,842</u>	<u>\$107,713,840</u>

<b>APPROVED - 2008-2009 BUDGET</b>	
NET TAXABLE GRAND LIST	= \$4,234,932,240
DEPT OF HEALTH POPULATION	= 61,353
1 MILL	= 4,234,932
MILL RATE	= 25.99

<b>APPROVED - 2009-2010 BUDGET</b>	
NET TAXABLE GRAND LIST	= \$4,242,583,630
DEPT OF HEALTH POPULATION	= 61,353
1 MILL	= \$4,242,584
MILL RATE	= 25.99

<b>2008-2009 BUDGET</b>	
GENERAL PROPERTY TAX AT 25.99 MILL RATE WILL GENERATE \$107,413,842 REVENUE OR \$ 1,750.75 TAX DOLLARS PER CAPITA COMPUTED AT 70% OF ESTIMATED FULL VALUE = \$2.59 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION	

<b>2009-2010 RECOMMENDED BUDGET</b>	
GENERAL PROPERTY TAX AT 25.99 MILL RATE WILL GENERATE \$107,713,840 REVENUE OR \$1,755.64 TAX DOLLARS PER CAPITA COMPUTED AT 70% OF ESTIMATED FULL VALUE = \$2.59 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION	

