

# Bristol, Connecticut

## ***Comprehensive Annual Budget***

***Fiscal Year 2009***  
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009



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

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***Ivy Drive School- One of ten elementary schools in the City, which includes Kindergarten through grade five. Built in 1967 and completely renovated in 2007, the school is situated in a wonderful neighborhood and serves the Northwest corner of Bristol's elementary school population. The recent "renovate as new" project provided a brand new early education wing for Kindergarten and first grade students, a new state of the art media center, a new cafeteria, and new art and music spaces. All of the existing classroom and administrative areas were either completely renovated or relocated and redesigned. The school is completely wired with the latest technology, including Internet access and interactive SMART Boards in each classroom. The parking, bus drop off and pick up spaces were redesigned and re-paved. Ivy Drive is a school with an excellent academic reputation, strong character education program, and consistently produces high test scores on State and District assessments.***

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**City of Bristol  
Elected and Appointed Officials  
For Fiscal Year 2009**

**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 Block**  
**Michael B. Rimcoski**

Second District **Kevin C. McCauley**  
**Kenneth 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 **Kimberly A. B. Fabrizio**  
Commissioners **Jane E. Anastasio**  
**Kizzy G. Hernandez**  
**Gloria J. Marino**  
**Thomas P. O'Brien**  
**Michael J. Uchalid**  
**Christopher C. Wilson**

**Elected and Appointed Officials- continued**

**General Government (Elected)**

Registrar of Voters (D)	<b>Robert Badal</b>
Registrar of Voters (R)	<b>Ellie Klapatch</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**

Chief Assessor	<b>Thomas DeNoto</b>
Tax Collector	<b>Mildred Parks</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>Richard E. Lacey</b>
Town and City Clerk	<b>Therese Pac</b>
Commission on Aging, Director	<b>Peggy Sokol</b>
Inland Wetland Agency Chairman	<b>Lee W. Levesque, Jr.</b>
Veterans/Handicapped Service Director	<b>Alphonse Santucci</b>
Youth Commission 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>
Sealer of Weights & Measurers	<b>Angelo Lapadula</b>
Building and Zoning Official	<b>Guy Morin</b>
Director of Public Works	<b>Walter E. Veselka</b>
Social Services Director	<b>Kathleen 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>
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, for FY 2008 Annual Budget and for the past six years.*

*The GFOA award is good for a single year. The City of Bristol believes its FY 2009 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 are the Mayor's Proclamation for the General Fund Budget that was adopted on May 19, 2008.**

**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 and exemptions or additions that are made by the Board of Assessment Appeals.**
- **The Mill-Rate Calculation sheet shows a comparison between the 2007-2008 adopted budget and the 2008-2009 adopted budget. The amounts shown reflect all the deductions made by the Grand List and include an uncollectible tax amount, which gives the City a tax revenue collection estimation for the next budget year.**



MAY 19, 2008

**MAYOR ARTHUR J. WARD DECLARES BUDGET EFFECTIVE  
AT MAY 19, 2008 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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.”***

Mayor Ward presented the official adopted budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to Town and City Clerk Therese Pac.

**GENERAL CITY TAX RATE OF 25.99 MILLS LAID ON THE  
GRAND LIST OF 2007**

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On motion of Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Soucy, it was voted: *“That a tax rate of 34.71 mills be laid on the Grand List of 2007 for the General City to wit- \$170,902,327 grand list with the first payment due and collectible on the 1st day of July, 2008, and the second payment to be due and collectible on the 1st day of January, 2009.”*

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

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On motion of Councilmember Block, seconded by Commissioner Smith, 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, 2007 Grand List**  
After Board of Assessment Appeals

	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Exemptions</u>	<u>Net</u>
Real Estate	\$3,698,917,100	\$ 46,251,870	\$3,652,665,230
Personal Property	365,396,460	121,231,450	244,165,010
Motor Vehicle	342,196,750	3,591,270	338,605,480
Total	\$4,406,510,310	\$171,074,590	\$4,235,435,720
Net Assessment Freeze			503,480
Net Assessment Elderly Program 58,613,198			
Elderly Frozen Taxes			5,854
Owner Elderly Benefit			398,503
Vet-A Exemptions			888,600
Personal Property Mfg. State Reimbursement			121,556,620
Enterprise Zone State Reimbursement			4,266,995
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>\$4,176,319,042</u>



**CITY OF BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL FUND MILL RATE RECAP  
FOR 2008-2009 BUDGET WITH COMPARISON TO LAST YEAR**

			<b>2007-2008 JOINT BOARD APPROVED BUDGET</b>			<b>2008-2009 JOINT BOARD APPROVED BUDGET</b>
GROSS BUDGET .....			\$164,048,320			\$170,902,327
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES.....			<u>(60,946,865)</u>			<u>(63,488,485)</u>
NET FINANCED BY TAXATION.....			<u>\$103,101,455</u>			<u>\$107,413,842</u>
	<b>APPROVED 2007-2008 BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2006 GRAND LIST</b>			<b>BOF RECOMMENDED 2008-2009 BUDGET OCTOBER 1, 2007 GRAND LIST</b>		
TOTAL NET ASSESSMENT		34.71				
OF NON-ELDERLY.....	2,984,021,021 X	34.71 MILLS	4,176,319,042 X	25.99 MILLS	103,575,370	108,542,532
PLUS: ELDERLY FROZEN TAXES.....					6,231	5,854
PLUS: TOTAL NET ASSESSMENT						
ELDERLY PROGRAM.....	56,071,209 X	34.71 MILLS	58,613,198 X	25.99 MILLS	1,946,232	1,523,357
LESS: OWNER ELDERLY BENEFIT....					<u>(378,635)</u>	<u>(398,503)</u>
GROSS TAX REVENUES.....	3,040,092,230 X	34.71 MILLS	4,234,932,240 X	25.99 MILLS	105,149,197	109,673,239
LESS: RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLES		2.12%		2.06%	<u>(2,047,742)</u>	<u>(2,259,397)</u>
NET TAX REVENUES.....			<u>\$103,101,455</u>			<u>\$107,413,842</u>

<b>APPROVED - 2007-2008 BUDGET</b>			
<b>NET TAXABLE GRAND LIST</b>	=		<b>\$2,984,021,021</b>
<b>DEPT OF HEALTH POPULATION</b>	=		<b>61,353</b>
<b>1 MILL</b>	=		<b>2,984,021</b>
<b>MILL RATE</b>	=		<b>34.71</b>

<b>RECOMMENDED - 2008-2009 BUDGET</b>			
<b>NET TAXABLE GRAND LIST</b>	=		<b>\$4,176,319,042</b>
<b>DEPT OF HEALTH POPULATION</b>	=		<b>61,353</b>
<b>1 MILL</b>	=		<b>\$4,176,319</b>
<b>MILL RATE</b>	=		<b>25.99</b>

<b>2007-2008 BUDGET</b>	
GENERAL PROPERTY TAX AT 34.71 MILL RATE	
WILL GENERATE \$103,101,455 REVENUE OR	
\$ 1,680.46 TAX DOLLARS PER CAPITA COMPUTED	
AT 70% OF ESTIMATED FULL VALUE = \$3.47 PER	
\$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION	

<b>2008-2009 RECOMMENDED 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	

