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Value on and off the job

Bill Sandwell – Assistant Town Assessor

"I backed up slightly, fell off the steps and rolled down the hill in the front yard." Bill Sandwell, Windsor's Assistant Assessor said as he described an embarrassing moment while visiting a Windsor residence on the job. "Luckily, no one saw me."

What this 15-year town employee **wants** people to see is the *Tax Reduction & Benefits Guide* on the Assessor's page of the town's website. Did you know that if you are rehabbing a home that is at least 25 years old, and you increase the assessment by more than 10% as a result of your improvements, you may be eligible for an incremental deferral of any increase to the property assessment for a period of seven years? Other benefits for senior citizens and veterans are also listed in this guide available at townofwindsorct.com/assessor.

Occupational hazards aside, Bill's knowledgeable and helpful demeanor have

guided thousands of Windsor residents through questions about property and motor vehicle assessments, revaluation, and all things mill rate related.

Wonder what keeps him going? Europe.

Bill and his wife Lori love to travel to Europe. They have been there four times and they do it on their own terms. Their love of history has led them to England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria and their favorite, Holland, where the people and way of life are "laid back." "We really enjoy traveling on our own (ala Rick Steves on the Travel channel) and staying in the small communities in B&Bs, not the big cities or hotels," Bill explained. "My wife is an expert at finding great deals."

Bill's wife may find the travel deals, but when it comes to information on tax exemption programs – Bill is your man. Stop and see him on the first floor of town hall or call him at 860-285-1818.

