

# 2017 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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**Department of Consumer Protection**

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# Department's Mission

**Protect consumers by ensuring a fair and equitable marketplace by implementing and enforcing the County Consumer Protection Code, County Licensing Laws and New York State Agriculture and Market Law as it relates to Weights and Measures.**

# 2017 Proposed Budget

<b>Operating Expenses</b>	-	<b>\$2,005,378</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	-	<b>\$3,079,000</b>
<b>Tax Levy</b>	-	<b>(\$1,073,622)</b>

# Service Indicators

	2015	2016	2017
<b>Value of Goods and Services Recovered</b>	\$326,879	\$450,000	\$450,000
<b>Number of Complaints Filed</b>	717	800	900
<b>Number of Licensees</b>	7,742	10,300	10,300
<b>Number of Businesses Visited</b>	2,253	2,200	2,200
<b>Number of Devices Inspected</b>	9,160	9,000	9,000

# Comparison 2015 to 2017

<b>2015 Departmental Tax Levy (Actual):</b>	<b>(\$1,378,026)</b>
<b>2016 Departmental Tax Levy (Projected):</b>	<b>(\$899,578)</b>
<b>2017 Departmental Tax Levy (Budgeted):</b>	<b>(\$1,073,622)</b>

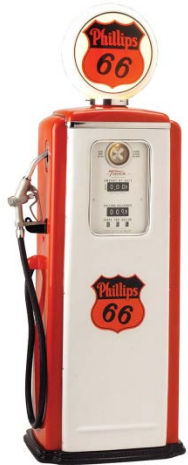
<b>2016 Departmental Position Count:</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>2017 Departmental Position Count:</b>	<b>21</b>

## Expansion of Food Markets In Westchester

Industry changes have brought new markets to Westchester



# Gasoline Prices 2016



Current Year		Last Year	
Date	Price	Price	% Change
11/7/2016	\$2.382	\$2.345	1.6
10/3/2016	\$2.312	\$2.354	-1.8
9/5/2016	\$2.313	\$2.545	-9.1
8/1/2016	\$2.355	\$2.865	-17.8
7/4/2016	\$2.412	\$2.991	-19.4
6/16/2016	\$2.412	\$2.898	-16.8
5/2/2016	\$2.335	\$2.797	-16.5
4/4/2016	\$2.127	\$2.558	-16.8
3/7/2016	\$1.907	\$2.619	-27.2
2/1/2016	\$2.011	\$2.322	-13.4
1/4/2016	\$2.165	\$2.641	-18

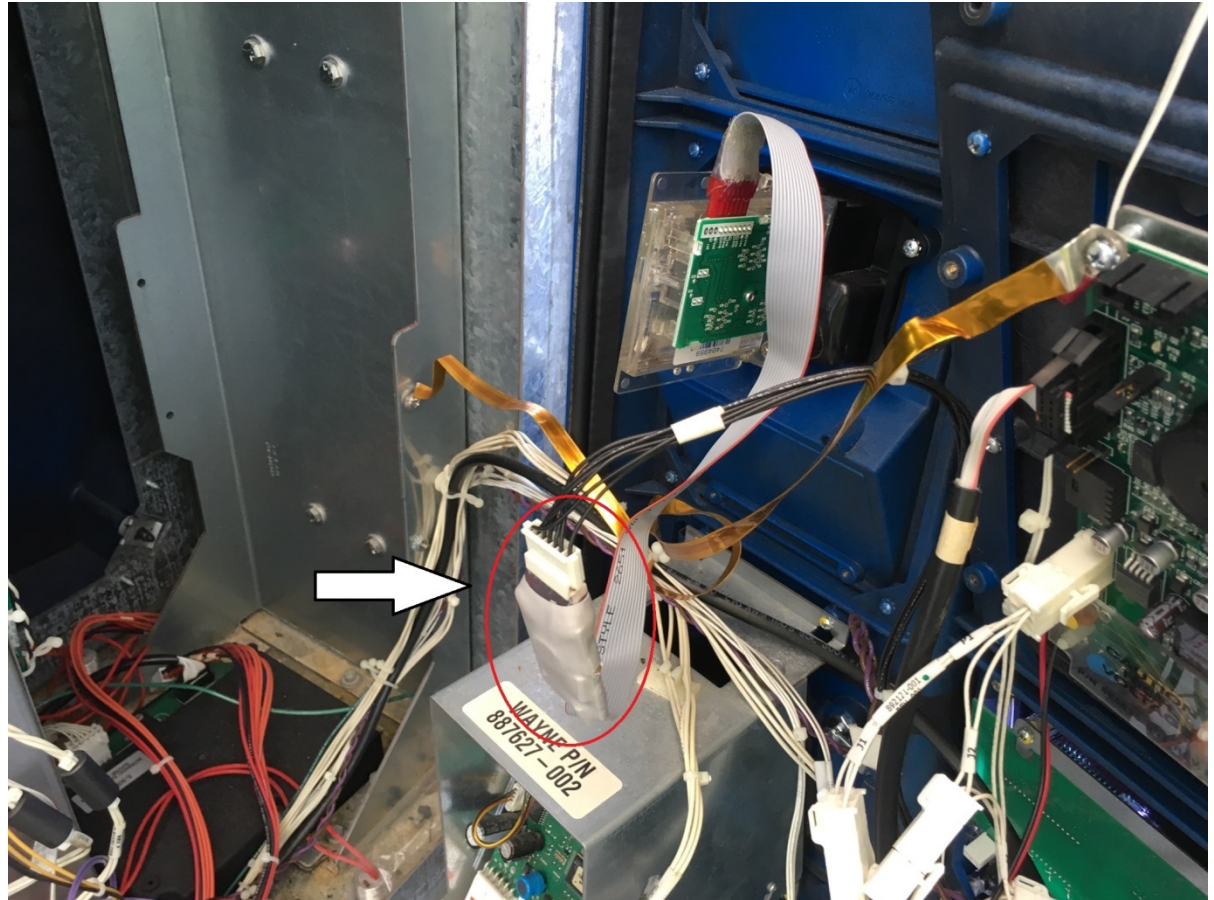
# Home Heating Oil Prices 2016



Current Year		Last Year	
Date	Price	Price	% Change
11/7/2016	\$2.558	\$2.580	-0.9
10/3/2016	\$2.447	\$2.566	-4.6
9/5/2016	\$2.433	\$2.618	-7.1
8/15/2016	\$2.397	\$2.727	-12.1
7/11/2016	\$2.399	\$2.970	-19.2
6/13/2016	\$2.455	\$3.023	-18.8
5/16/2016	\$2.409	\$3.038	-20.7
4/11/2016	\$2.288	\$2.987	-23.4
3/7/2016	\$2.246	\$3.412	-34.2
2/1/2016	\$2.204	\$2.999	-26.5
1/4/2016	\$2.291	\$3.180	-28

## Gasoline Dispenser “Skimmer” Investigations Continue

A “skimmer” is a device capable of stealing banking information encoded on credit/debit cards.



## Fuel Oil Truck Investigations

Fuel Oil Truck Delivery Systems are inspected at least once per year.



## 2017 Goals

- Increased Outreach and Consumer Education
- Strengthen Cooperation with Other County Agencies
- Update Existing Consumer Legislation