

# Power lines jolt Fairfield's grand list

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**FAIRFIELD**— While it was installing high-voltage lines under the Post Road, residents were probably cursing Connecticut Light & Power Co. for the mess caused along the town's busiest street.

Now, residents may want thanks to the utility, whose new power lines, classified as personal property, helped boost the grand list of taxable properties for 2009.

The \$12,005,407,450 net grand list for 2009 is an increase of \$73,998,669, or 0.62 percent over the 2008 figure of \$11,931,408,781.

"CL&P alone, in round numbers, accounted for about \$30.2 million" in growth, said Deputy Assessor Donald J. Ross Jr., due to new equipment installed by the utility company. In 2008, CL&P's assessment was \$30.4 million; this year the assess-

## At the top

Top Fairfield taxpayers and their assessments:

General Electric Co., corporate headquarters — \$88,541,977  
Kleban Holding Co., real estate developer — \$64,854,544  
Connecticut Light & Power, public utility — \$60,597,975  
Alfred Lenoci, real estate developer — \$57,095,924  
Aquarion Water Co., water utility — \$53,199,122  
Southport Green Acquisition, real estate developer — \$25,277,750  
Robert D. Scinto, real estate developer — \$24,234,140  
Karin and Bradley Jack, residential homeowners — \$23,310,460  
Roberts Properties, real estate developer — \$20,408,973  
Trust Realty, real estate developer — \$18,150,300

ment stands at \$60.6 million.

"Another increase was in vehicle assessments," Ross said. "The number of vehicles remained about the same, but the overall values from year to year increased."

Ross attributed that to residents taking advantage of dealer incentives and the "Cash for

Clunkers" program. Motor vehicle assessments saw an increase of \$5,454,785 even though, and according to the Assessor's Office, there were 97 fewer vehicles on the 2009 list, compared to the previous year.

Real estate increased by \$34,907,370 over the prior year from \$10,257,037,810 to

\$10,287,967,332.

"The major additions were the ongoing construction at the Patterson Club, construction at the Brick Walk, which is pretty much done, and a subdivision on Pansy Circle," Ross said.

This year, Ross said, the town hopes to see more additions to the grand list from the construction of a Whole Foods shopping center, and completion of a sports center on the former Fairprene property on Mill Plain Road.

General Electric's corporate headquarters continues to claim the top spot of the list of taxpayers, with its \$88,541,977 assessment.

The top taxpayers remained the same, although the order was a bit changed this year, with CL&P jumping from sixth to third place, and local developer Al Lenoci dropping from the number 2 spot to fourth place.