

# From the CFO

## 2018 IRS Release Sees New Phishing Schemes (IR-2018-39, March 5, 2018)

The IRS continues to see a steady onslaught of new and evolving phishing schemes as scam artists work to victimize taxpayers during filing season. In a recent twist to a phishing scam, the IRS has seen thousands of taxpayers victimized by an unusual scheme that involves their own bank accounts. After stealing client data from tax professionals and filing fraudulent tax returns, the criminals use taxpayers' real bank accounts to direct deposit refunds. Thieves are then using various tactics to reclaim the refund from the taxpayers, including falsely claiming to be from a collection agency or representing the IRS. Phone calls, emails and web sites are used to make the scheme more elaborate. Versions of the scam may continue to evolve. **The IRS encourages taxpayers to review some basic tips if they see an unexpected deposit in their bank account.**

In addition, the IRS has seen email schemes in recent weeks targeting tax professionals, payroll professionals, human resources personnel, schools as well as individual taxpayers. In these email schemes, criminals pose as a person or organization the taxpayer trusts or recognizes. They may hack an email account and send mass emails under another person's name. Or they may pose as a bank, credit card company, tax software provider or government agency. Criminals go to great lengths to create websites that appear legitimate but contain phony log-in pages. These criminals hope victims will "take the bait" and provide money, passwords, Social Security numbers and other information that can lead to identity theft.

### Introduction of Administrative Accounting Assistant, Christina Pace

Christina is a graduate of Warren Hills Regional High School located in Washington, New Jersey. After graduation, Christina worked for private sector employers, and worked as an accounting assistant for three years prior to joining the Village Hall staff on June 26, 2017. Her main function at the Village Hall is accounts payable and she assists with daily interaction with elected officials and residents. Christina is engaged to be married on June 23, 2018 to Adam Caporuscio of Garfield Heights. Christina has been involved in our community events over the past months and enjoys spending time in our town.



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## 2018 Contractual Services Budget Breakout

