

PRESS RELEASE

Zion Township's 2012 Assessed Values are scheduled to be published August 13th and Assessment Notices (blue letters) will be arriving around the same date. Already taxpayers are receiving solicitations in the mail from various companies offering their services to reduce your tax bill or assessment. Unfortunately, my office has heard from many homeowners who contracted with these companies in the past who ended up being charged an amount equal to or in some cases greater than the amount they saved on their property taxes. I would like you to know that there is absolutely no need to pay an outside company to review your assessment or to file an assessment appeal on your behalf.

I will be hosting an Assessment Appeal Open House for Zion homeowners of residential properties on Saturday morning, August 18th from 8:00 to 12:00 and Monday, August 20th from 9:00 to 1:00 and 2:00 to 4:00. We will be available to walk you through utilizing the CCAO website to find comparables, using that information to populate an assessment grid and filling out the necessary forms to file an appeal. In the event that you have recently purchased a property, please bring a copy of the settlement statement, listing information and the PTAX 203 form from your closing papers; this information will provide the necessary documentation for an appeal. If you are unable to attend one of the Assessment Appeal sessions, please feel free to contact my office with any questions you may have regarding your assessment. My staff and I are happy to discuss and review your assessment with you. If we agree a change in assessed value is necessary we will take care of that. If there is nothing we can do regarding your assessment we will let you know you may wish to move forward with filing an appeal. The appeal forms are available in our office or online at <http://www.lakecountyl.gov/Assessor/Forms/BoardofReviewForms.htm> should you decide to file an appeal.

Zion Township's assessments will be published August 13, 2012; the deadline to file an appeal will be September 12, 2012. You are welcome to stop in to see us at 2816 Sheridan Road, inside Zion City Hall; or call us at 847-872-5031 with your questions. Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:30, closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch.

Larry Wicketts, CIAO
Zion Township Assessor

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