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Gloucester Real Estate Reassessment Notices Mailed

Gloucester County Real Estate Assessor Reese Milligan has announced the completion of the general real estate assessment of all real property in the county to determine assessed value for real estate tax purposes. All property owners will receive a *2010 Notice of Real Estate Assessment Change* that states the reassessed value for real estate property and improvements. Property owners not receiving a notice should contact the Gloucester Real Estate Assessment Office at 693-3087.

The *2010 Notice of Real Estate Assessment Change* is NOT an owner's real estate tax bill. Real estate tax bills for 2009 were recently mailed out and taxes based on the owner's current assessment are due by December 5, 2009. The *2010 Notice of Real Estate Assessment Change* takes effect on January 1, 2010 and is used to determine the owner's total real estate tax bill for 2010. Taxes for 2010 will be based on the tax rate set by the Gloucester Board of Supervisors by May 1, 2010. Real estate taxes for 2010 will be collected in two installments with payments due June 30, 2010 and December 5, 2010.

Property owners are encouraged to thoroughly review their notice to confirm that the information used to establish the assessed value is correct. Property owners needing to report errors or corrections or who believe their property has not been properly valued may request a departmental review by completing an *Assessment Review Application*. Applications are available for download and printing on the website, or at the Real Estate Assessment Office and both public library locations

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Once the application is received and reviewed, an appointment will be scheduled with Real Estate Assessment staff to review your information. As part of the review application and process you will need to provide specific information and documentation to correct errors or support your position that your assessed value is incorrect. Providing information on comparable properties whose characteristics, assessments, or sale prices support your assessment review will be very helpful during the review process. If the assessment review process does not resolve differences, other avenues of formal appeal will be explained by the Real Estate Assessment Department staff.

Property owners will have until November 30, 2009 to submit an *Assessment Review Application* and request a review. If citizens need assistance with the application form and process, please call the Real Estate Assessment Department at 693-3087.

“Property owners who discover errors or incorrect information are encouraged to submit correct and accurate information as soon as possible after receiving their notices,” states Reese Milligan. He further explains, “it is also very important for property owners to document relevant property information that is requested on the review application form. Simply saying the reassessed value is too high or too low is not a basis for review and change. Property owners may have information that our department did not have access to, and we are very willing to consider any relevant information that impacts market value.”

Special tax relief programs are offered for the elderly, the disabled and for land use exemptions. These programs have specific eligibility guidelines. For more information, please call the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office at 693-3451.

For more detailed information on the reassessment process, online forms and important deadline dates, please visit the Real Estate Assessment Office’s website at www.gloucesterva.info/assessment/.

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