



Message from Assessor Bagnall

By July 7, you should have received your 2nd Installment 2015 tax bill (tax bills are one year late), unless the bill is mailed directly to your lender. It is from the 2nd installment tax bill that we see the actual amount of the 2015 property tax (the 1st installment is just an advance payment against an unknown amount). The

2nd installment bill frequently inspires taxpayers to investigate an appeal. Unfortunately, once that 2nd installment is calculated it is final. The exception being an omitted exemption, which my office can fix for you.

But the real time to think appeal is, coincidentally, now. Not for the 2015 property tax, which is a done deal, but for the 2016 property tax. Cook County will reassess Nilus Township in 2016. Do not be surprised, or anxious, should you see a substantial assessed value increase, maybe in the area of 25%. The new assessed values will be used to calculate the 2016 tax bills, but a 25% assessed value increase does not mean a 25% tax bill increase.

I expect that the notice of proposed reassessment will be mailed to you on September 1. This date might change. I will sponsor a number of tax appeal seminars, and keep extended office hours as necessary, to make sure that every single Nilus Township taxpayer receives the assistance and attention required.

Current Seminars:

Morton Grove Library	TBD
Lincolnwood Library	TBD
Niles Township	8/18/16
Skokie Library	9/7/16
Niles Library	9/8/16
Skokie Chamber of Commerce (Commercial)	TBD

Check **NilesTownshipAssessor.com** to confirm additional seminars and dates and locations. And while on my website register your email address to receive property tax information.

The book, *Reduce Your Property Tax* is available at the following libraries: Glenview, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Nilus, Skokie.

My office is also available to assist you with all property tax related issues. Visit us at 5255 W. Main St. Skokie, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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