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## **Greene County Assessor Provides Helpful Resources for Residents Receiving Value Change Notices**

Greene County Assessor Rick Kessinger is reminding property owners to be watching their mail for Value Change Notices.

The Assessor is required by Missouri law to place the reassessed value of real estate on the tax rolls every two years in the odd numbered years. This year, Kessinger estimates that about 70 percent of the real estate parcels in Greene County will receive these notices which are set to reach homes in the next few weeks. Only the owners of property with assessed values that have increased will receive a notice.

"It is important that residents understand this is not a notice of tax increases," Kessinger said. "Assessors are only responsible for placing a value on the property and that value is based on a number of factors, including current land values, construction costs and recent market data."

Kessinger encourages residents to reach out to his office if they have any questions or concerns with these notices. To help, there will be dedicated phone lines available April 15 through May 24, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. During these dates, call 417-829-6180 for questions regarding residential or agricultural properties, or 417-868-4094 for questions regarding commercial properties. Residents are asked to note that phone lines are very busy during this time, especially early in the week, and patience is greatly appreciated as the office helps each caller.

To further help residents, a Value Change FAQ has also been established on the Assessor's page of the Greene County website at https://www.greenecountymo.gov/assessor/val\_change.php

Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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