



Unpaid 2016 Real Estate Taxes To Be Sold On May 4, 2018

The office of the Cook County Treasurer, **Maria Pappas**, has scheduled the sale of unpaid 2016 real estate taxes to begin May 4, 2018. The 1st Installment of 2016 taxes was due to be paid on or before March 1, 2017. The 2nd (and final) Installment was due August 1, 2017. Any part of the 2016 taxes that remain unpaid after May 3, 2018 will be immediately sold to tax sale investors at an auction beginning May 4, 2018. The Treasurer's office has alerted the New Trier Township Assessor that as of mid-January there are at least 164 residential tax parcels in New Trier Township that have unpaid 2016 real estate taxes. Some of these parcels have unpaid taxes for prior years as well. **Jan Churchwell**, New Trier Township Assessor noted that, "Although only the unpaid taxes, and not the property, will be sold at the May 4 auction, the interest on the sold taxes will accrue at double digit rates. In order to prevent loss of the property, the owner ultimately will have to pay the unpaid taxes and all of the accrued interest. Don't let a serious problem become an insurmountable problem." Assessor Churchwell went on to state, "While neither Deputy Township Assessor, **Len Shifflett**, nor I can remove your unpaid taxes from the sale, we can assist you by providing the PINs for your property and copies of the 2016 tax bills. We are generally available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and then from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the New Trier Township offices at 739 Elm Street, Winnetka, IL 60093 (847-446-8200). I can be reached by E-mail at jchurchwell@newtriertownship.com and Len Shifflett can be reached at lshifflett@newtriertownship.com."

Prior to May 4, the Treasurer's office will accept payment of 2016 taxes and accrued interest on line at cookcountytreasurer.com, or in person at the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Room 112, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Payments in person must be made by certified check, cashier's check, money order, or cash. The Cook County Treasurer's office can be reached at 312-443-5100. In order to pay unpaid taxes from tax year 2015 or earlier, an owner must contact David Orr, Cook County Clerk, Real Estate & Tax Division, 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602, and obtain a written determination of the amount that must be paid.

Homeowners can check the status of their 2016 real estate taxes by going on line at the Treasurer's website: cookcountytreasurer.com and looking under "payment status."

In Cook County, tax year 2017 1st Installment tax bills will be mailed at the end of January. Payment is due March 1, 2018. 2nd Installment tax bills are scheduled to be mailed at the end of June and payment will be due August 1, 2018.

Residents desiring additional information about these matters can reach the New Trier Township Assessor's office at 847-446-8200. You can also reach **Jan Churchwell**, New Trier Township Assessor, at jchurchwell@newtriertownship.com or **Len Shifflett**, Deputy Assessor, at lshifflett@newtriertownship.com.

About New Trier Township

New Trier Township's mission is to provide leadership, advocacy and resources to benefit the physical, mental and social well being of Township residents. Established in 1850, New Trier Township government serves the 56,000 residents in the villages of Glencoe, Kenilworth, Wilmette and Winnetka, plus portions of Glenview and Northfield. The Township Office is located at 739 Elm Street in Winnetka or on-line at www.newtriertownship.com.

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