

Tax Assessment Notice – Press Release

On July 30, 2010, The Spalding County Board of Tax Assessors mailed Property Tax Assessment Notices to all property owners who owned taxable property in Spalding County on January 1, 2010. These notices notified the owner of their assessed values for the 2010 tax year. Ordinarily, a notice is sent only when there has been a change in value; however, a new state law that takes effect January 1, 2011 will require annual notices to be sent to all owners regardless of whether a change has been made or not. In the spirit of that new law the Board of Assessors has decided to send notices to all owners this year as a courtesy, even if no change was made by the Board to the value of their property. Therefore, just because you received a notice does not mean your value has been changed.

If the property owner does not agree with their assessment, they may file a written appeal with the Tax Assessors office on or before September 13, 2010. The contact information is provided on the assessment notice should the owner wish to come by or call the office. If the owner does not file an appeal within this 45 day period, their right to appeal will be lost.

Property owners may file an appeal for the following reasons: (1) Uniformity, (2) Value, (3) Taxability and (4) the denial of exemptions. Owners are encouraged to provide documentation supporting their disagreement to assist the appraisal staff in processing the appeal. This may be done by providing a recent appraisal, details regarding the cost of construction or building plans, a list of recent sales within their neighborhood of homes of similar size, age, construction quality, closing statements, utility records, etc. Anything that will assist the appraisers in understanding your concerns about the value will be helpful during the appeal process.

Additional information can also be gathered by visiting our web site at www.qpublic.net/spalding. Once on the website click on the Appeals link in the left hand navigation.