

## **What is happening in the month of December?**

Because of the Covid19 situation, our office is limiting access. To maintain social distancing we have reduced the number of people in our lobby at a time. We encourage the public to conduct business remotely whenever possible. You can do this by submitting documents or payments through the electronically, or by mail, or by using our drop box. Of course, if you need to come into the office, we can serve you there.

Our office will be closed Dec. 23, 24, and 25.

The 2020 tax statements were mailed in October. If you have not yet received your tax statement you should contact our office.

The 2020 taxes should be paid on or before January 31, 2021 to avoid penalties. Payments which are postmarked, or put in our dropbox, on that date are considered on time. Likewise, for those who need a 2020 posting-date for IRS purposes, a December 31, 2020 postmark, or dropbox use, will be shown as a December 2020 payment.

Our appraisers are in the discovery and data collection phase for the 2021 appraisal year.

During this time, appraisers may be seen throughout the County in neighborhoods and commercial areas as they are measuring new residential or commercial construction, reviewing and updating characteristics of existing construction and/or land parcels, and reviewing, updating, or adding inventory of present or new businesses. Aerial imagery and analysis tools are utilized to assist in staff efficiency, and ensure proper valuations and equitable results during the assigned/limited time for this phase. This process requires collection and analysis of three types of data: General data, which affect values on regional or neighborhood levels; specific data, about the site and improvements of a property; and comparative data, which regards recent sales, cost, and income information for similar properties.

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