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July 1 Update on the Countywide Reassessment Project

Formal reassessment notices being mailed to property owners

In early 2017, Delaware County was ordered by the Court to conduct and implement a Countywide Reassessment of all properties in the County to be effective January 1, 2021. In November of 2017, the County contracted with Tyler Technologies to perform valuation services in conjunction with the Countywide Reassessment. County staff and Tyler Technologies have worked diligently to ensure that the Reassessment Project would be completed in accordance with the Court's timeline.

The new assessments have been finalized and the County mailed formal reassessment notices to all property owners on July 1, 2020.

Delaware County Council asked the Court to establish an extended deadline of September 1, 2020 for all appeals from the Countywide Reassessment notices due to the concern that residents could inadvertently miss an earlier deadline. The Court has granted the request. All appeals from the Countywide Reassessment notices must be received or postmarked by September 1, 2020.

Instructions on Appeals:

There is no processing fee for filing a Countywide Reassessment appeal.

Appeal forms can be downloaded from the County's website at:
<http://www.delcopa.gov/treasurer/forms/BOAAnnualappealForm.pdf>

Appeal forms may also be requested by mail or made available for pick up from the Assessment Office by calling (610) 891-5695.

Appeals must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Delaware County Board of Assessment Appeals, located at 201 West Front Street, Media, PA 19063. All appeals must contain an original signature. Faxed and/or electronic filings will not be accepted. All appeals are subject to the Board's Rules and Regulations. Property owners are strongly encouraged to read the Board's Rules and Regulations prior to filing an appeal as they answer most of the frequently asked questions regarding the appeal process. The Board's Rules and Regulations can be found here:

<https://www.delcopa.gov/treasurer/pdf/ProposedRulesAndRegs.pdf>

Property owners can also request a copy by calling the Assessment Office: (610) 891-5695.

Once the Assessment Office receives an appeal, they will schedule a hearing. A notice of the hearing including a date and time will be mailed to the property owner at least 20 days prior to the hearing. Property owners may also send an email to request an electronic copy of the hearing notice. Email requests can be sent to: DelcoAssessmentHearings@co.delaware.pa.us

Hearings will be held in person with restrictions as required and recommended by public health officials. The Board is also planning to hold online virtual hearings and telephone hearings. Residents will be asked on the appeal form if they would prefer a virtual or telephone hearing. If no option is selected, an in-person hearing will be scheduled. Property owners will be advised about the safety precautions and guidelines for in-person hearings, including being screened before entering the building and wearing a mask.