

Auditor's Outreach Program

Presentation to Fairfield Township Trustees

February 12, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

(2nd/4th Wednesday monthly, Twp Admin Bldg., 6032 Morris Rd)

Trustees: Shannon Hartkemeyer, Susan Berding & Joe McAbee

Fiscal Officer: Shelly Schultz

Administrator: Julie Vonderhaar

Intro: Julie Joyce-Smith, Deputy Auditor, BC Auditor

1st Quarter 2020 Talking Points

Tax Bills

First half tax bills were due to the Butler County Treasurer's Office by Feb. 25 this year. They went out in the mail January 24. Tax bills can also be found on the Butler County Treasurer's web site at ButlerCountyTreasurer.org

Advance Tax Payment schedule

For those local government entities that have requested advance payments from the Auditor's Office, our Advance Schedule is one week prior to the due date and one week after the due date: the weeks of Feb. 17 and of March 2 respectively. **Note: The 2nd advance was cancelled due to the early processing of the actual settlement.**

****Townships wanting more information on how to get an advance, please contact me for information!****

Fuel Quality Testing

HB 499 was introduced February 10, 2020.

State Representatives Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati) and George Lang (R-West Chester) are the primary sponsors of legislation recently introduced that provides county auditors the authority to test fuel for quality and octane.

Rep. Sara Caruthers (R-Hamilton) and four Democrats have signed on as co-sponsors. Auditor Reynolds has been the driving force behind this push, which has statewide support from the **Ohio Township Association**, the **Ohio Farm Bureau** and the **Department of Agriculture**.

Ohio is one of only three states in the nation, along with Alaska and Nebraska, which does not have a fuel quality-testing program in place.

Board of Revision

The filing period to contest the value of your property to the Board of Revision, located in our office, is open through Tuesday, March 31 this year. The form and instructions are available online at www.ButlerCountyAuditor.org.

Note: as of this date, there are no plans to extend the statutory filing deadline.

CAUV: (Current Agricultural Use Value)

Deadline this year to file for or renew CAUV is Monday, March 2. A filing fee of \$25 is required on the date the application is filed but yearly renewals are free. Renewal letters have been mailed out. Submitting the renewal is extremely important for those not wanting to pay the potential recoupage charges associated with coming out of the CAUV program.

Recoupment is equal to the previous three years tax savings. If you have any questions concerning CAUV or recoupages, please contact Harold Baxter in our office at 513-887-3146.

Property Damage:

The Auditor's Office and each of the fire departments in the county are working together to identify those properties that have suffered fire damage and may be eligible for a reduction in property values. We are asking for fire reports each month and then we notify property owners of the DTE 26 form. State law gives county auditors the authority to reduce real estate values of properties that have been damaged or destroyed.

2020 Property Reappraisal

This is a state-mandated reappraisal year for Butler County. As part of this project, last fall our appraisers drove past each property in the county to note any changes in grade or condition since our 2014 reappraisal. Tentative values for 2020 will be submitted to the state tax commissioner for approval and homeowners will be notified of their property's new value later this year.

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