

NEWS RELEASE

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TO: IFIBER ONE NEWS RADIO (KMAS), SHELTON-MASON COUNTY
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FROM: MELODY PETERSON, MASON COUNTY ASSESSOR

RE: Assessor's Notice of Value / 2017 Assessment for 2018 Tax Year

The Mason County Assessor, in accordance with WAC 458-12-360 & RCW 84.40.045, announces the countywide mailing of the Assessor's Notice of Value on August 9, 2017.

This year, in response to the midyear budget reductions placed on our office, your Notice of Value has been printed in postcard format. The Assessor is required by law to notify taxpayers of any change in the true and fair value of their property and this new postcard format will save the County several thousand dollars each year.

2016 sales prices have experienced increases in many areas of the County. In most cases, property owners will see this reflected on their Notice of Value. Please keep in mind that assessed values are based on sales in your local neighborhood, and can vary throughout surrounding communities within Mason County. Sales information will also be available on our website along with additional information regarding the assessment process.

The Assessor would like to encourage property owners to sign up to receive their annual property valuation notice via email, instead of through the USPS. The decision to "Go Paperless" is environmentally friendly and will save taxpayer dollars in staff time and postage. Visit www.enoticesonline.com to learn more.

If you do not agree with the value of your property, please contact our office to review your Notice of Value. Property owners who are unable to resolve their concerns may appeal their value to the Board of Equalization (BOE) within 30 days of the date of the valuation notice.

Additional assessment, levy, tax and property information can be viewed at www.co.mason.wa.us/assessor