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MASON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Taxpayer Petitions to the Board of Equalization - 2017 Assessment Year / 2018 Tax Year

The Mason County Board of Equalization is currently accepting taxpayer petitions from property owners who wish to appeal their recent property valuations. The Mason County Assessor recently mailed Notice of Value statements affecting 2018 taxes to all county property owners. Property owners who disagree with the assessor's valuation have 30 days from the statement's date of mailing to file an appeal with the BOE.

Deborah Reis, BOE chair, "strongly encourages property owners who do not agree with the assessor's valuation to discuss their concerns with a Mason County Assessor's representative before filing an appeal with the BOE." To arrange for a discussion with an assessor's representative, call 360-427-9670, Ext. 491.

If an agreement is not reached with the assessor's office, a petitioner may appeal to the BOE where an impartial hearing will be held to determine real property value. As per Washington state statute the BOE is independent of the assessor's office.

The Mason County Board of Equalization taxpayer's petition, information and instructions, can be found at <http://www.co.mason.wa.us/equalization/index.php>. Or by calling Becky Rogers, BOE Clerk, at Shelton - 360-427-9670, Ext. 397; Belfair - 360-275-4467, Ext. 397; Elma - 360-482-5269, Ext. 397.

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