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COUNTY PROPERTY VALUE NOTICES AND TAX STATEMENTS TO BE MAILED SOON

Crow Wing County property owners will soon be receiving both their annual notice of property valuation and classification for taxes payable next year, and their tax statement for taxes due this year. Both of these notices will arrive in one envelope.

The notice of property valuation and classification shows the 2016 value and classification of the property for taxes payable in 2017. Property owners are encouraged to review current valuation and classification because these will be relied upon to determine taxes due in 2017. Property owners are encouraged to contact the Crow Wing County Land Services Department with any questions about their 2016 valuation or classification reported in the notice.

The 2016 tax statement also included in the mailing shows taxes due this year. The amount owed is determined by applying last year's property valuation and classification to this year's spending levels approved by local units of government. Each tax statement shows the amount of tax dollars that need to be paid, and by when, in 2016. First-half of 2016 property taxes are due May 16 for most property classifications. Payments after May 16 will be subject to penalties.

Taxpayers who do not have their tax payments escrowed and paid through their mortgage company have a variety of payment options:

- In person, via cash, check, or credit card at the Land Services Building, 322 Laurel Street Suite 15, Brainerd, located behind the Historic Courthouse.
- Online via e-check, debit, or credit card. Log onto the county website at www.crowwing.us, click on Online Services, and select "Make a Payment" under Land Services. You will need your 15-digit parcel identification number for each parcel paid.
- Via telephone with e-check, debit, or credit card by calling 1-855-473-7027. You will need your 15-digit parcel identification number, and follow the stated prompts.
- By mail via check or money order sent to 326 Laurel Street, Suite 22, Brainerd, Minnesota, 56401. Tax payments sent by mail must be postmarked no later than Monday, May 16 to avoid late penalties. It is important for taxpayers to know that mail often is processed at a location some distance from where it is mailed, and postmarked at least one day later, unless it is hand stamped at a Post Office before mailing. Therefore, since May 15 is a Sunday, taxpayers are advised to drop their payment in the mail at least three days prior to the May 16 deadline.

Taxpayers are encouraged to contact the Land Services Department with any questions they may have about their properties valuation and classification, or their 2016 tax statement. Taxpayers may visit the office located in Brainerd on the main floor of the Land Services Building, 322 Laurel Street. They may also contact Land Services at 218-824-1010, by email address at: landservices@crowwing.us, or by visiting the website at www.crowwing.us

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Our Mission: Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.