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Auditor Kovack releases State Mandated Reappraisal numbers

Medina County real estate is on the rise again! That is the message from Medina County Auditor Mike Kovack as his office finishes up the State Mandated Reappraisal, which is conducted once every six years.

While property values plummeted during the recession, Medina County has seen real estate gaining value since the early part of 2013. That was reflected during the 2016 reappraisal update and continues today. Kovack says residential values in Medina County will increase approximately 12.5%, on average, to reflect the current real estate market.

Property value notifications will begin to be mailed out to residents in late August and continue through mid-September. Those in the western townships of the county will be the first to receive their value change notices, with those in and around Medina City being the last group to receive them. Over 84,000 parcels of real estate were reviewed by the auditor's office over the past two and a half years, according to Kovack.

Kovack said the reappraisal revealed some distinct patterns in the county. "We are seeing increased developmental pressure in the western townships" he said. "Additionally, we are seeing the cities recapture all of the value they lost during the recession and surpassing those values. Finally, we saw smaller increases in the Highland School District because those properties held their value best during the recession."

The western portion of the county will see some of the highest percentage increases. Harrisville Township, Northwestern Local Schools has the highest increase at 21.13%. Spencer Village, Harrisville Township, Cloverleaf Schools and Litchfield Township have the next highest increases at 18.06%, 16.95% and 16.71%.

Brunswick led the way among the cities, coming in at 16.56%. Wadsworth and Medina followed suit at 15.76% and 14.54%. Medina City residents residing in the Buckeye Local School District will see value increases of 16.56% on average.

As in past years, Auditor Kovack and his staff will hold informal hearings throughout the county as well as at the county administration building. The first hearing will be held at the Chatham Township Community Center on Wednesday, August 28 followed by the Brunswick Library on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3 and 4. Kovack and his staff will be at the Wadsworth Library on Wednesday and Thursday, September 11 and 12 and will hold the final informal hearings at the county administration building in Medina during the weeks of September 16 and September 23.

Upon receiving their notices, homeowners will also be able to communicate any concerns to Kovack and his staff electronically. Directions will be included on the notices.