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COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO MAIL 2017 TAX BILLS BY NOV. 30

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – By Nov. 30, more than 355,000 real estate and personal property tax bills for 2017 are scheduled to be mailed by the St. Charles County Collector of Revenue. Bills currently are available to view online at stcharlesmocollector.org.

For convenience, real estate and personal property tax bills are combined into one bill in one envelope. Taxpayers should note, however, that they still could receive real estate and personal property tax bills in separate envelopes if there are different names and addresses on their personal property assessment forms and real estate deeds. To prevent this in the future, residents should make sure the name and address on their 2018 personal property assessment forms and real estate deeds match. The 2018 personal property assessment forms will be mailed by the Assessor's office at the end of January.

Additionally, taxpayers may receive a revised bill in the mail if there was a need for clarification or correction of new special assessments, resolution of state tax commission appeals and/or addition or deletion of personal property items. If a change is made to a bill after Dec. 15, please call the Collector's Office for the amount due.

To learn more about the assessment and tax process, citizens are invited to the free #SCCMore Speaker Series, "All About Assessments and Taxes" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Deer Run Branch of the St. Charles City-County Library, located at 1300 N. Main Street in O'Fallon. Visit sccmo.org/SpeakerSeries for more information.

Important 2017 Tax Payment Deadline Reminder and Ways to Pay

Tax payments are due by Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017. Since the County's offices are closed on the weekends, McBride urges taxpayers to plan ahead.

"On Dec. 31, payments can be made at the Collector's outdoor drop box before it is locked off at midnight, by phone, or through our payment website," says McBride. "However, I encourage citizens not to wait until the last minute to pay by phone or online. Technical difficulties with phones, the website, or a bank's online payment website do not extend the statutory deadline to pay without late payment penalties and interest."

Following are ways to pay:

- **In person:** From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the St. Charles County Administration Building, 201 N. Second Street, St. Charles, first floor, at the payment windows or in the drop box in the lobby. Additionally, there is a drop box located on N. Second Street in front of the County's Administration Building.

Payments by check, money order, cashier's check and cash are accepted in person; check, money order, and cashier's check payments can be submitted through the drop boxes. Please note that credit/debit card and eCheck payments must be submitted by phone through the tax payment line, or online.

- **By mail:** Send to Michelle D. McBride, Collector of Revenue, 201 N. Second St., Room 134, St. Charles, MO 63301. Please do not send cash payments by mail. Mailed payments are accepted as of the postmark date. The last day to get a postmark is December 30.

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If there is no postmark, payment will be accepted on the date that the Collector of Revenue's office receives the envelope.

- **By phone:** Call the tax payment line at 1-800-272-9829, enter jurisdiction code 3513, and follow the prompts. Again, technical difficulties with phones do not extend the statutory deadline to pay without late payment interest and penalty.
- **Online:** Visit stcharlesmocollector.org. Online payments made on this site are posted based on the online payment transaction date/time. Taxpayers using their own financial institution's online bill pay system should initiate payment at least five working days prior to Dec. 31, 2017, to ensure it will be received by the Collector of Revenue on time. Again, technical difficulties on any online payment website do not extend the statutory deadline to pay without late payment interest and penalty.

Additional Tax Bill and Deadline Information

- If paying the tax bill in full is a financial burden, taxpayers have the option to make a partial payment before Dec. 31 to reduce the overall amount of statutory late payment interest and penalties. Partial payments can be made in person via the Collector's drop boxes at the County's Administration Building, and online. The partial payment will be applied to the base, interest and penalty each time a payment is made. A receipt will be issued for each payment.

Throughout the year, the Collector of Revenue also accepts advance payments for future bills. For more information about partial and advance payments, visit sccmo.org/PartialAdvancePayments.

- For a better understanding of the distribution of tax dollars, there is a list of political subdivisions that receive taxes on the tax bill. The bills detail the allocation of taxes to these entities, including the state, schools, cities, fire districts, library, ambulance and emergency communications. Each of the entities that receive a portion of the tax bill sets its own tax levy, known as the tax rate. The Collector of Revenue is given the tax rates to collect and is responsible for distributing the taxes collected to the political subdivisions.
- Assets listed on personal property tax bills include everything owned on Jan. 1 of the tax year, regardless of length of residency or ownership. If items listed are incorrect, contact the Assessor's office at 636-949-7420 or email persprop@sccmo.org.
- All real estate owners should receive a real estate tax bill(s). In addition to the owner of the real estate parcel(s) receiving bill(s), taxing services and mortgage companies receive an Electronic Bill File from the Collector of Revenue for use in paying from escrow accounts. Payment of the full tax amount is the responsibility of the current owner of the real estate (personally or from their escrow account).
- Payments for 2017 taxes received on or after Jan. 1, 2018, need to include late payment penalties and interest, which are listed on the bill.
- Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any tax liability imposed by state law. If you have not received a bill by Dec. 15, or have other tax questions, please contact the Collector of Revenue at 636-949-7470.

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Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.