

McGuire works to help property taxpayers “Stay out of the penalty box”

Joliet, IL May 20, 2009 --- Treasurer Pat McGuire printed this year’s Will County property tax bill in black and red to support the Chicago Blackhawks. Now McGuire is working to help property owners “Stay out of the penalty box” and avoid incurring the 1.5% monthly penalty the state imposes on late payments. The penalty is applied even if the property owner doesn’t receive a bill. The first installment property-tax due date is Monday, June 1.

The county treasurer’s office in the Will County Office Building at 302 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet will open an hour early and stay open an hour late from Tuesday, May 26 through Monday, June 1, the last day to pay and avoid penalties. McGuire’s office will open at 7:30 a.m. and stay open until 5:30 p.m. on those five days.

“Families are short on time, and many are short on money,” McGuire said. “We want to offer ample opportunities for on-time payment of property taxes. No one needs the additional burden of a late-payment penalty.”

In addition, McGuire and his staff are pushing to reach property owners whose bills were returned as “Undeliverable.” The number of bills returned has increased an alarming 60% from last year. Over 1,000 bills mailed to Joliet Township property owners and nearly 900 mailed to Du Page Township property owners have come back to the treasurer undelivered. The percentage of bills not reaching property owners has jumped 123% in Plainfield Township, 118% in Lockport Township, and 111% in New Lenox Township.

“My staff and I are working like mad to redirect over 7,000 bills, but we don’t have everyone’s new address,” McGuire said.

Property owners who didn’t get a bill should visit www.willcountytreasurer.com or call (815) 740-4675 as soon as possible. The website enables property owners to print a substitute bill and to pay online. McGuire offers five additional ways to pay, including at 137 bank branches throughout Will County.

Taxpayers may visit www.willcountytreasurer.com, email Treasurer@willcountyillinois.com, or phone (815) 740-4675. “We’re here to help,” McGuire said.

STAY OUT OF THE PENALTY BOX.
WILL COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES
ARE DUE MON., JUNE 1, 2009.

State law imposes a 1.5% monthly penalty on late payments.

State law does not allow extensions.

Payment is accepted at the Treasurer's office and drop box outside, at participating banks, by mail, phone, and online. See the back of your bill or www.willcountytreasurer.com for important details.

Payments postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service through June 1 are on-time. First Class postage increased to 44 cents on May 11.

Didn't get a bill? You still must pay by June 1. Go to www.willcountytreasurer.com or call (815) 740-4675.

Financial counseling resources are available. See "Help for Homeowners" at www.willcountytreasurer.com or call (815) 740-4692.

Property tax question? See "Essential Information" at www.willcountytreasurer.com, call (815) 740-4675, or email Treasurer@willcountyillinois.com.

We're open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

See www.willcountytreasurer.com for updates.

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Important Property Tax Dates in 2009

Friday, May 1	Property tax bills will be mailed
Friday, May 1 through Monday, June 1	Participating banks will accept first installment property tax payments
Monday, May 11	First Class postage increases to 44 cents
Monday, June 1	First installment due date
Tuesday, June 2	1.5% monthly interest on unpaid first installment payments begins accruing and increases an additional 1.5% on the second day of each successive month
Saturday, August 1 through Tuesday, September 1	Participating banks will accept second installment property tax payments
Tuesday, September 1	Second installment due date
Wednesday, September 2	1.5% monthly interest on unpaid second installment payments begins accruing and increases an additional 1.5% on the second day of each successive month
Friday, October 2	Last day to pay property taxes with non-certified funds in our office
Saturday, October 3	Last day to pay property taxes with non-certified funds in the drop box outside the Will County Office Building
Friday, October 9	Last day to pay property taxes without the \$10.00 publication fee
Monday October 12 through Friday, October 16	Delinquent taxes will be published
Sunday, November 1	Last day to pay property taxes online
Tuesday, November 3	Last day to pay property taxes in our office
Wednesday, November 4	Annual sale of delinquent taxes

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