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From the Desk of the Assessor:

For the general public, this time of year is particularly busy because of the holiday season. However, for those of us in the Assessor's Office, this time of year is additionally busy because it is the height of our appeal season.

As a reminder to the Citizens of the Aiken County: **The deadline for appeal submissions is December 15, 2016.**

State law requires that this office prescribe to a particular appeal period following the public release of assessment notices. For Aiken County, this period ends on **December 15, 2016**. We recognize that this is a month prior to the due date for taxes, but **our deadline for appeals is not dependent on tax bills, but on assessment notices.**

Note: Assessment notices are not the same as the tax bill.

You are appealing your property based on the **value of the property**, not the taxes due. While it is true that value **may** sometimes effect taxes, this is not universally true and depends on other factors: no two properties are precisely the same; further, state law creates certain criteria that may also effect your taxes, but not your valuation.

The objection form to begin the appraisal process can be found here:

https://www.aikencountysc.gov/Forms/ASR_InformalWrittenObjection.pdf

If you have any questions about the appeal process, or any further questions about the valuation of your specific property, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office in any way convenient to you. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

With Best Wishes for the Holiday Season,

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