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Amherst County Real Estate Reassessment

The County of Amherst performs a general reassessment of all real estate parcels within the County every six years. All property is required by law to be assessed at fair market value. The next reassessment process is due to be complete by January 1, 2020.

The County of Amherst has selected the Daleville, Virginia firm of Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group, Ltd. as its General Reassessment Contractor. The firm will begin the process of performing a sales study to determine general market values on or around August 1, 2018. Assessment team members are evaluating sales from the past of all types of real estate to establish a base line of comparable values for the various types of properties in the County. Robert E. Mitchum of Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group will be the project supervisor for the reassessment and Steven I. Wampler, CRA will serve as the professional assessor.

All appraisers will have magnetic signs on their vehicles identifying themselves as reassessment employees, as well as personal identification. The appraisal team will digitally photograph all structures. If residents are not home when an appraiser visits a property, the appraiser will leave a notice indicating that the property has been inspected. Residents are invited to call with any pertinent information, which can affect the value of their property. A telephone number will be on the notice if more information is needed or if the property owner wants to contact the reassessment office. Notices of the proposed 2020 assessed values will be mailed September 2019. Property owners will then have an opportunity to appeal the assessed values.

Please direct any questions to Steven Wampler of Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group at (540)-992-2323 ext. 303. Representatives of Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group, Ltd. will also be available to speak to civic organizations and at other public forums during the general reassessment to explain the process and answer questions about the reassessment.

Additional information may be obtained from Layney Sandifer at lesandifer@countyofamherst.com or (434)-946-9400.