



## COUNTY OF AMHERST

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### **Amherst County Real Estate Reassessment – Update**

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 underway, and 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 has begun the process of performing a sales study to determine general market values. 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 L. Wampler, CPA 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. Please see the names and photographs of the authorized reassessment employees attached to this press release. The appraisers have authority to come onto personal property without obtaining the property owner's permission, and 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. An email address 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 at civic organizations and at other public forums during the general reassessment to explain the process and answer questions about the reassessment.

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