

NEWS RELEASE  
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## **It's A Taxing Time**

**Approximately 93,000 property tax bills will be mailed to Brazos County property owners beginning Monday according to Brazos County Tax Assessor-Collector Kristeen Roe. The Tax Office provides consolidated tax billing for properties located within Brazos County. A tax bill will include the taxes due to a combination of taxing jurisdictions. Entities that may appear on a tax bill include the County, BISD, CSISD, NISD, City of Bryan, City of College Station, City of Kurten, City of Navasota, and any one of the four Emergency Services Districts within Brazos County**

**Property owners are urged to take the time to check a few things when their tax bill arrives. First, they should make sure the bill lists the property they own. Taxpayers that have several properties should verify that they have received a statement for each property they own. Failure to receive a bill does not release or lessen a taxpayers' liability for the tax or penalty and interest for late payment. . The tax statement has the same layout as before, and taxpayers should refer to the payment information and options listed on the reverse side.**

2011 tax year information is already available on the Brazos County Tax Office website at [www.brazostax.org](http://www.brazostax.org). Records can be searched by name, address, account number or DBA. Links are available from the website to the Official Payments Corporation for internet payment of taxes by credit card or echeck. Convenience fees apply for these services. The fee amounts are made available to the taxpayer prior to completing the transaction.

Additionally, tax payments can be mailed or made in person at the Brazos County Tax office located at 300 E. Wm J Bryan Pkwy in Bryan. A drop box for after hours payment is located between the Voter Registration and Property Tax doors facing Wm J. Bryan Pkwy. The secure drop box is available at any time for those taxpayers who are paying by check or money order. Credit is given for the date the payment is dropped, and receipts are mailed.

The regular deadline for property tax payment is January 31<sup>st</sup>, however, the taxing jurisdictions of Brazos County offer a "split payment" option for property tax payment. If a taxpayer wishes to take advantage of the split payment option, their taxes can be paid in two equal payments. The first payment is due on or before November 30<sup>th</sup> of this year, and the second half payment is due by June 30<sup>th</sup> of next year.

Penalty and interest rates for late payment of property taxes are set by state law, and accrue based on the month in which the payment is made. A payment that is one day late has the same penalty and interest as a payment received on any day during that month. The date of tax payment by mail is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark.

For additional information please contact the Property Tax Department of the Brazos County Tax Office at 979-361-4470.