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Property Appraiser Mails Out TRIM Notices

Bartow, FL – As we stock up on supplies for hurricane season this August, don't forget another important item on your checklist – your Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice. "TRIM Notices empower taxpayers by providing essential information and the opportunity to engage in the local budget process before tax rates are finalized.", states Neil Combee, Property Appraiser of Polk County. "We strongly encourage all residents to carefully review their Notice and participate in public hearings if they have concerns or questions."

Public hearings on proposed millage rates and budgets are scheduled throughout the month of September. The TRIM Notice provides dates, times, and location for these meetings, allowing for taxpayers to have an opportunity to provide input before rates are officially adopted. Silence is agreement, so let them hear your voice.

Some key points for you to remember:

- Review the TRIM promptly: You have limited time to address any discrepancies
- Verify exemptions: Missing exemptions can increase your tax bill
- Know your deadlines: If you disagree with the value, you are encouraged to first discuss it with our office. Taxpayers must file an appeal with the Value Adjustment Board by the deadline provided on the notice.

Taxpayers can expect to receive their annual TRIM notice in the mail, beginning on August 18, 2025. Additionally, they can view the Notice online, beginning August 12, 2025. These notices provide critical information about your property's assessments and tax estimates.

The TRIM notice shows:

- Current market value of your property
- Approved exemptions you currently receive (ex. Homestead, Senior, Veterans)
- Proposed tax rates set by your taxing authorities and hearing dates
- Estimated total property taxes for the year based on proposed budgets

This year's mailing will also include a TRIM insert, highlighting some of the additional exemptions that may be available to you, along with how to apply online at www.polkpa.org.

"This important notice should not be ignored," Combee said. "The Notice is important because it gives the taxpayer time to ask questions on the value of their property or the approved exemptions. Our team is available and ready to discuss the Notice with you."

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