

Harris County Appraisal District News Release

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Property Tax Information Sessions Scheduled

Houston — The Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) and the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office are hosting a series of Property Tax Workshops to help homeowners understand the property tax system.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for homeowners to get their questions answered and to make sure they are receiving all the exemptions they are entitled to," said Roland Altinger, HCAD's chief appraiser. "Knowing their options on the various ways to file a protest could help homeowners reduce their tax burden."

Experts from the Harris County Appraisal District and the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office will give a short presentation on the property appraisal process and the Texas property tax system at the workshops. After the presentation, homeowners will be able to ask representatives from the Tax Office and HCAD specific questions about their property.

"My office is collaborating with HCAD to present these Property Tax Workshops throughout the county to make it more convenient for residents to get their questions answered without coming to the tax office," said Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Ann Harris Bennett. "Helping homeowners understand the payment options, the deadlines and the interest and penalties added to their bill if they miss those deadlines could help them save money."

The Property Tax Workshops are scheduled during the day and early evening at various locations throughout the county. A complete workshop schedule is available on <u>www.hcad.org</u> under "About > Calendar" and <u>www.tax.co.harris.tx.us</u> under "Property Tax > Workshops."

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About HCAD

The Harris County Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has approximately 1.8 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$588 billion. The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving approximately 500 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. For further information, visit www.hcad.org.

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