



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 Information Sessions to help homeowners understand the property tax system.

These workshops are being done throughout the county in conjunction with Harris County Commissioners, the City of Houston's Department of Neighborhoods and several community-based organizations.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for homeowners to learn about the exemptions available to them and to understand the importance of exemptions in reducing their tax bill," said Roland Altinger, HCAD's chief appraiser. "We also want to let them know the qualifications for those exemptions so they can receive all the exemptions they are entitled to."

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Ann Harris Bennett said, "My office is collaborating with HCAD and the county attorney's office to present these Property Tax Information Sessions so taxpayers can understand the tax bill and payment options that may be available to them. Since tax bills will be coming out in November, 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."

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Experts from the Harris County Appraisal District will give a short presentation on exemptions and the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office will give short presentation on understanding the tax bill and paying property taxes. An attorney will then speak on property ownership changes such as passing along property to heirs or buying and selling a home. The presentations should last about 10 minutes each, after which homeowners will be able to ask questions.

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

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 \$633 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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