

CITY OF COLUMBUS
GENERAL REAL ESTATE TAX INFORMATION
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I SEE IF MY TAX IS PAID BY MY ESCROW COMPANY? On the Columbia County website www.co.columbia.wi.us – “TAX PARCEL DATA SEARCH” you can access your parcels information – taxes, value, maps, documents, parcels history. When your tax bill is paid it will immediately be posted to the Columbia County website which you can access any time of day or night. To print off a receipt access your parcel – in the “SELECT DATA” drop down box choose “TAXES” when it appears choose the year on the left side of the page and the receipt will appear. For a copy of the tax bill you can also choose the year next the title “TAX HISTORY”. Questions, please contact Columbia County Treasurer’s office at (608)742-9613 or call us at (920)623-5900.

TIP: Use Google Chrome for best results!

HOW DO I CHANGE MY NAME ON THE TAX BILL? Because owner information on the tax bill is obtained from a legal document such as the deed or title to the property the City cannot change the name(s) on a tax bill. Contact the Columbia County Register of Deeds office at (608)742-9677 for information on how to change your name.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONTEST MY TAX AMOUNT – WHAT DO I DO? You are actually taxed by five different entities – Columbus School District, State, Columbia County, MATC and City of Columbus. The only way to contest the taxes is to attend and participate in the budget process for each of the entities involved in taxing your property. Each of these are listed on your tax bill for your information.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONTEST MY PROPERTY’S VALUE – WHAT DO I DO? The City’s assessor, Associated Appraisal Consultants, reviews and sets the property values in the City of Columbus as of January 1st each year. Please contact Associated Appraisal Consultants with any questions you might have – identify that you are from the City of Columbus. We have a “team” at Associated that works for the City and any one of them can help you – just identify you’re from the City. The telephone number is: **920-749-1995** or the website with your parcel’s information is www.apraz.com . Also, attending the Open Book is helpful to meet face to face with the assessor.

I DIDN’T GET A LOTTERY CREDIT WHAT DO I DO? To qualify you have to live in your home as of January 1st and/or purchased a home that was a primary residence for the prior owner. The application form is available by asking. You can complete the form here and have it applied immediately. Note: We can change the current tax bill but Columbia County maintains the database for the lottery credit information and what properties it’s applied to.

TIP: Check your tax bill the year after we apply it as well to ensure that the credit was applied.

MY ESCROW COMPANY PAID TOO MUCH – HOW DO I GET MY REFUND? The City will process refunds twice monthly in conjunction with the normal Council meetings. Any tax payment that is has a refund under \$2.00 will not be refunded due to the cost of processing the refund unless it is being paid in person.