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Arapahoe County Treasurer’s Office begins mailing tax notices Jan. 24
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LITTLETON – The Arapahoe County Treasurer’s Office will begin mailing tax notices Jan. 24, but only property owners who pay their taxes themselves, and not through a mortgage company, will receive one unless they have previously contacted the Treasurer’s Office.

“Since Arapahoe County is joining other counties in providing tax notices electronically, we want to make sure all property owners are aware of this change,” said Treasurer Sue Sandstrom. “Instead of mailing 218,000 notices in January, we will be mailing roughly 100,000, which will save us approximately $40,000 in tax dollars for paper and postage. But, we also want to let all property owners know they have the option to take advantage of e-notices, or opt in to receive a paper copy if they prefer.”

Last October, the Treasurer’s Office notified nearly 115,000 property owners in Arapahoe County that they will receive their annual real estate property tax bills electronically in 2011 after the Colorado Legislature passed a 2010 law authorizing counties to provide tax bills electronically. Historically, property tax bills have been mailed in January to all property owners in the county. The bills cover taxes for the previous year.

The Treasurer’s Office also sends tax information electronically to mortgage lenders. So, most property owners do not have to forward their tax bills to their lenders. But, Sandstrom said property owners are responsible for the taxes and may want to follow up with their lender to make sure their 2010 taxes were paid.

This year, 100,000 notices will be mailed to property owners in Arapahoe County. Included with the 2010 tax bill is a yellow insert offering property owners the opportunity to discontinue paper copies of their tax bills, if they prefer.

All property owners will be able to access an electronic version of their tax notices through the Treasurer’s web site at www.co.arapahoe.co.us/departments/tr by early February. Viewing your tax bill is easy. Just click on the Printable Tax Notice link, enter your address or schedule number where prompted and click on the Printable Tax notice link again.

A copy of the back of the tax notice and all inserts also will be available via the link: Printable Tax Notice Other Pages.

For more information, or questions about electronic property tax bills or your 2010 tax bill, contact the Treasurer’s Office at 303-795-4550.

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