

Dear Village of Arena Property Owner,

The Village of Arena will be performing a full property assessment revaluation in 2021. The objective is to bring the current assessed value of each parcel of property to current market value. Revaluations are periodically necessary to update records, to stay in compliance with the State's equalized values, and most importantly, to maintain equity and fairness to all taxpayers in the Village of Arena. Revaluations help to make sure that all taxpayers are assessed accurately. An accurate assessment ensures that each taxpayer pays only his or her fair share in property tax. In fact, The State of Wisconsin recommends that municipalities conduct property revaluations approximately every five years to ensure fairness and equity to all taxpayers.

In order to complete the 2021 revaluation, all land and buildings will be assessed, which includes measuring and verifying all existing improvement (building) information and verifying all classes of land.

Improvements

Beginning in April 2021, we will be conducting our field review. The field review is where we visit each building site to ensure that we have up-to-date and accurate assessment data for all properties. All houses, commercial buildings, and other buildings will be measured and exterior photographs will be taken. If you are not home when the field review of your property is being done, we will leave a calling card on your door to let you know we were on your property. This card will be bright orange and it will have my contact information on it.

Land

All categories of land need to be reviewed and properly classified. All lot size dimensions will be verified and reviewed for proper classification. Any corrections or changes as to property use will be made. It has been several years since the Village of Arena's last full revaluation and many things have changed. Again, this is being done in effort to be fair to all property owners.

For taxpayers who desire to learn more about the assessment process, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has published a "Guide for Property Owners" located at: <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb060.pdf>

Also, COVID-19 has brought many challenges for all of us, and we understand that the pandemic has affected each of us differently. We want you to know that we will be respectful to all property owners and be conscious of your health and safety when visiting your property. **If you would like to schedule a specific appointment for me to visit your property or if you need any special accommodations made related to COVID-19, please contact me by Friday, March 19th, 2021.**

Thank you for your support during the revaluation process. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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