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Tazewell County mails tax bills

■ *Taxpayers have several options regarding how and where to pay*

PEKIN—Tazewell County Treasurer Mary J. Burress mailed 65,069 tax bills on Friday, meaning taxpayers will begin receiving their tax bills on Saturday and should receive one no later than the end of next week.

Tazewell County property owners will receive one tax bill, which can be paid in two separate installments. The first installment due date is June 1, and the second installment due date is Sept. 1. There is no second tax bill for the latter installment. Payments must be postmarked by the due dates in order to avoid penalties. As required by state law, Tazewell County adds 1.5 percent interest per month for taxes paid or postmarked after the due dates.

Burress said she encourages residents to pay their tax bills at one of the many local banks accepting Tazewell County property tax payments. Alternatively, taxpayers may send payment by mail to Mary J. Burress, Tazewell County Collector, P.O. Box 490, Pekin, IL 61554.

Taxpayers can also utilize the electronic payment services program (e-pay) to pay online using a major credit card. Taxpayers should go to <http://www.tazewell.com>, select the Treasurer's Office link to the left of the main web page, click on "e-pay" at the bottom of the page, type in Tazewell County and follow the prompts to pay by credit card. There is a convenience fee for paying by credit card, which is not received by Tazewell County or the other taxing jurisdictions. Taxpayers wishing to pay by credit card can also pay in person at the Treasurer's Office.

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The Tazewell County Board approved a new tax software system in 2010, which upgraded the County to a Windows-based system, resulting in operational efficiencies and long-term cost savings. Along with that decision, then-Treasurer Duane Gray and current Treasurer Burress agreed to process and print tax bills internally, rather than contracting with a company to handle them, resulting in an estimated first-year cost savings of \$20,000.

“I do encourage taxpayers to pay at a local Tazewell County bank or online simply because that is usually the most convenient way for them to pay,” Burress said. “The banks are an important part of the collection process with more than 65,000 bills. That said, if somebody wants to pay in person at our Office, we are happy to accept their payment.”

There are 44 Tazewell County bank locations where payments can be made.

Taxpayers can also pay via a 24-hour drop-box in downtown Pekin across from the Pekin Township Building (at the intersection of Elizabeth and South 5th). Only on-time payments may be made via drop-box and only payments made by check will be accepted via drop-box.

“The County Board, elected and appointed officials have all worked well together to make additional improvements in the tax cycle process and reduce the cost of producing tax bills,” said Board Chairman David Zimmerman. “I appreciate the efforts of the elected officials, appointed management and their staffs to continue along the path of improvement that began several years ago.”

Tazewell County Tax Facts

Number of tax bills mailed: 65,069

Total taxes extended for Tazewell County taxing bodies: \$179,125,587

Total taxes extended for Tazewell County government: \$11,149,940

Percentage of taxes attributable to County government: 6.2%

Tazewell County tax rate: 46.166 cents per \$100 of assessed value

Tazewell County tax rate rank (out of 102 counties): 98th (Fifth-Lowest in the State)

[based on 2009 taxes payable in 2010]

Associated Bank

- 300 E. Washington Street, East Peoria, IL 61611
- 300 S. Fourth Street, Pekin, IL 61554
- 3512 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

Busey Bank

- 2012 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

Central Illinois Bank (CIB)

- 803 W. Camp Street, East Peoria, IL 61611

Commerce Bank

- 110 North Fifth Street, Pekin, IL 61554

Community Bank

- 721 W. Jackson Street, P.O. Box 104, Morton, IL 61550

First Farmers of Minier/Delavan

- 301 Locust Street, P.O. Box 229, Delavan, IL 61734
- 101 South Main Street, Minier, IL 61759

Goodfield State Bank

- 205 S. Main Street, Eureka, IL 61530

Havana National Bank

- 101 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 394, Green Valley, IL 61534
- 300 S. Second Street, P.O. Box 408, San Jose, IL 62682

Heartland Bank

- 3400 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554
- 130 South Main Street, Washington, IL 61571
- 418 Locust Street, P.O. Box 576, Delavan, IL 61734
- 116 South Main Street, Mackinaw, IL 61755
- 150 South Morton Street, Morton, IL 61550
- 379 Old Germantown Road, Metamora, IL 61548

Herget Bank

- 33 South Fourth Street, Pekin, IL 61554
- 2900 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554
- 2201 Broadway Road, Pekin, IL 61554

Heritage Bank

- 410 North Main Street, East Peoria, IL 61611

Mackinaw First Security

- 101 East East Avenue, Mackinaw, IL 61755
- 2 Bradford Drive, Mackinaw, IL 61755

Morton Community Bank

- 721 West Jackson Street, Morton, IL 61550
- 1301 South Main Street, Morton, IL 61550
- 218 North Main Street, Morton, IL 61550
- 2400 E. Washington Street, East Peoria, IL 61611
- 252 E. Washington Street, East Peoria, IL 61611
- 2301 Washington Road, Washington, IL 61571
- 1895 Washington Road, Washington, IL 61571
- 601 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554
- 105 South Adams, Manito, IL 61546
- 119 S. Minier Avenue, Minier, IL 61759

Pekin National Bank

- 329 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554

PNC

- 3545 Court Street, Pekin, IL 61554
- 80 E. Jefferson, Morton, IL 61550

Regions Bank

- 805 W. Jackson Street, Morton, IL 61550
- 111 West Washington Street, East Peoria, IL 61611

Southside Bank

- 118 Cole Street, East Peoria, IL 61611

Tremont First National

- 134 South Sampson Street, P.O. Box 23, Tremont, IL 61568
- 115 N.W. Main Street, P.O. Box 327, Hopedale, IL 61747

Tremont Savings

- 101 Chestnut Street, Tremont, IL 61568

Washington State Bank

- 1110 Peoria Street, Washington, IL 61571