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LEGAL NOTICES

INSPECTION PERIOD
FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Hancock County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from June 2 through June 16, 2025. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2025, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2025 will be due about November 1, 2025.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:00 AM and 4 PM.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
- (2) Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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Hancock County


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**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE
HANCOCK COUNTY
PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

HOMESTEAD AND DISABILITY EXEMPTIONS

- Are you or will you be 65 years old this year?
- Are you 100% disabled and receiving regular monthly payments from an agency of the US Government?
- Are you a military veteran at least 70% disabled?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions AND owned and lived in your home as of **January 1, 2025**, you may be eligible for the Homestead Exemption or Disability Exemption on your personal residence. This exemption currently reduces an eligible property owner's tax assessment by up to \$49,100. Only ONE exemption per household is allowed.

To see if you qualify, please come by or contact the Hancock County Property Valuation Administrator's office at (270)927-6846 Monday through Friday 8am-4pm. If you are already receiving the exemption, you do not need to contact the office.


Karen M. Robertson
Hancock County PVA

Hancock County is Eligible for Emergency Loans

Hancock County was declared a CONTIGUOUS disaster due to Excessive Rain, Flash Floods, and High Winds that occurred from July 30, 2024 through August 02, 2024. Under this designation, if you have operations in any primary or contiguous county, you are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans. Emergency loans help you recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine. You have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. You can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000. For more information about emergency loans, contact your Hancock County USDA Service Center at [270-927-6336] or visit fsa.usda.gov.

RiverValley Behavioral Health Offers Free Suicide Prevention Training in Response to Rising Local Deaths

QPR Training Scheduled for May 30 at The Gathering Pointe as Part of Mental Health Awareness Month

In response to a recent uptick in suicide deaths in Daviess County, RiverValley Behavioral Health will host a free QPR Suicide Prevention Training for the community on Thursday, May 30, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at The Gathering Pointe, located at 400 East 4 Street in Owensboro.

QPR, which stands for Question, Persuade, Refer, is an evidence-based suicide prevention training designed to teach participants how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to respond effectively. Similar to CPR, QPR is a lifesaving intervention that can be administered by anyone in the community.

"As we observe Mental Health Awareness Month, it's crucial that we empower our community with the tools to help save lives," said Dr. Wanda Figueroa-Peralta, President & CEO of RiverValley Behavioral Health. "With the recent increase in local suicide deaths, this training could not come at a more important time."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States, claiming over 49,000 lives in 2023 alone. In Kentucky, the suicide rate is consistently higher than the national average, with more than 800 Kentuckians dying by suicide each year. Recent suicide deaths in our community show the urgent need for community-wide education and prevention strategies.

The QPR training on May 30 is free and open to the public. Anyone interested in participating in the May 30th training can pre-register in advance at <https://forms.office.com/r/MytjrHLTYL>.

RiverValley Behavioral Health provides a range of additional mental health education programs aimed at reducing stigma and preventing suicide. All trainings are open to the public, and organizations or community groups interested in hosting or participating in an upcoming training can visit rvbh.com/training for more information.

If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available. Call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline for 24/7 confidential support.

Disaster SNAP Benefits Approved for Kentucky Counties Following Catastrophic Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

Residents of or those employed in 24 counties may apply for emergency food assistance through Disaster SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.)

FRANKFORT, KY (MAY 20, 2025)—Residents of 24 Kentucky counties impacted by the flooding, landslides, and mudslides that caused structural damage and profound losses on April 2, 2025, are eligible for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits that were approved May 20, 2025, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. D-SNAP applications will be accepted from May 22, 2025, through May 29, 2025, excluding Saturday, May 24, 2025, through Monday, May 26, 2025.

The D-SNAP program offers short-term food assistance to individuals and families in counties that receive a federal disaster declaration that includes individual assistance. President Donald J. Trump issued a major disaster declaration for Kentucky on May 14th following the catastrophic flooding, landslides, and mudslides.

Persons residing or working in the following twenty-four counties are eligible to apply for D-SNAP assistance: Breckenridge, Bullitt, Calloway, Daviess, Garrard, Grayson, Hancock, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Jefferson, LaRue, Lincoln, McLean, Meade, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Ohio, Oldham, Pendleton, Powell, Trimble, Warren and Webster.

"Team Kentucky is dedicated to ensuring every resource is available to folks who have been affected by severe weather so that they can get back on their feet," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "My faith teaches me that we should always take care of our neighbors, and making sure people have food on the table is one way we can do that."

Prospective applicants should call the Department for Community-Based Services' call center for D-SNAP at 1-855-306-8959; this is the fastest way to receive benefits. Applications may be made at a DCBS office at the addresses below from Monday to Friday, 8:00 am- 4:30 pm EST, and are closed Saturday, May 24, 2025, through Monday, May 26, 2025.

Everybody's Fun & Fitness Center to Offer Free Aqua Aerobics this Summer

Beat the summer heat and make a splash with Everybody's Fun & Fitness Center! We're excited to announce that FREE Aqua Aerobics classes will be offered all summer long at JFK Tell City Pool and Windward Heights Country Club.

Led by an Everybody's Certified Aqua Instructor, these low-impact, high-energy workouts are easy on the joints, help you stay active, and are a great way to cool off and keep moving all summer long.

All classes are free and open to the public — no membership or registration required. Just bring yourself, a towel, and get ready to dive into a refreshing summer workout! For more information, call us at (812) -547-3565 or email info@everybodys.com.

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6 – 7 p.m.

