

Change in 2009 tax notices outlined

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County Treasurer Linda Statz announced 2009 tax notices have been mailed from Seattle, Wash. by The Master's Touch.

Many counties have hired The Master's Touch to do a bulk mailing of their tax notices this year to save postage expense. Since the local treasurer's office did not mail them, there are a few changes.

Those who prepaid their notices did not get notices marked paid. If the prepayments had been applied before the notices, the company would not have printed notices when no taxes were due.

Those who have questions should contact the local treasurer's office at phillipstres@pctelcom.coop or 854-2822.

Also previously Statz hand-grouped all notices going to the same address; The Master's Touch would only group them if everything is exactly the same. A middle initial missing, TC or JT difference, only one name vs. two names as owner, etc. would mean each would be in separate envelopes.

Also, an insert from the assessor's office was included which may be misleading. The senior exemption, which is defined each year by the legislature, was the victim of the State of Colorado budget cuts this year. It is scheduled to be in effect next year, but the amount can be changed each year.

The insert also explains once someone applies for the exemption, they do not need to reapply again unless they change the ownership of the home.

Questions about the exemptions should be directed to the Phillips County Assessor's office at 854-3151.

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Taxpayers need to understand some taxing entities have taken a temporary credit for this year, which means they can raise it back to the original amount next year if desired. Specific questions should be directed to the local offices.