



## **Stephenson County Treasurer**

*Stephanie Helms*

### **PROPERTY TAXES MAY BE PRE-PAID IN STEPHENSON COUNTY**

A component of the new federal tax reform bill involves the capping of the state and local taxes deduction, including property taxes, at \$10,000.00 annually. As a result, there have been many inquiries regarding the option of pre-payment of real estate taxes in order to take advantage of the deduction for tax year 2017.

Stephenson County accepts up to 80% of the most recent tax bill (tax year 2016). This has been the established practice in Stephenson County for many years.

Property owners must not have their taxes escrowed for payment in order to exercise the pre-payment option.

Payment must be received in person, along with our signed pre-payment form below by 4:30 PM on Friday, December 29, 2017. Mail payments are accepted only if they are postmarked on or before December 30<sup>th</sup>. As with regular property tax payments, the postmark cannot be that issued by an office postal meter, it must be an official United States Postal Service postmark.

Participants recognize that there is no interest earned or due to them, and that the pre-payment is not refundable. When the 2017 tax bills are calculated in late May, property owners whom have pre-paid will be sent a corrected outstanding tax due amount along with the tax bill.

Questions regarding the pre-payment option maybe directed to the County Treasurer's office by phone or email at (815) 235-8264 or [shelms@co.stephenson.il.us](mailto:shelms@co.stephenson.il.us)

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**PREPAYMENT BASED ON 2016 REAL ESTATE TAXES  
FOR 2017 PAYABLE 2018 TAXES IN  
STEPHENSON COUNTY ILLINOIS**

Parcel Number(s):

Amounts Paid:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Total \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Payer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your tax monies will be held in the Stephenson County Collector Special Fund until June of 2018 when the first distribution of tax dollars will be distributed. When tax bills are sent out in late spring of 2018, a letter stating your outstanding balance will accompany the bill. If you have any questions, feel free to contact my office.

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Signature of Payer