

PRESS RELEASE

2017 Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice mailed August 18th.

Scott P. Russell, C.F.A., Monroe County Property Appraiser, announces that on August 18, 2017, the Notice of Proposed Property Tax form, also known as Truth in Millage Notices (TRIM), will be mailed to all property owners.

There is important information printed on the notice, so please review it carefully and verify the accuracy of data, such as property owner's name, mailing address, and exemptions. If you have moved or changed your mailing address, please submit a change of address to our office either by mail or email forms are available on our website, also if you have applied for 2017 exemption and do not see it referred on this form please contact our office. The November Tax Bills will be based on this information and we want to update any addressing or value issues prior to the Tax Bills being issued.

The millage (tax) rates are set each year by the taxing authorities; the Property Appraiser has no role in the setting of the millage rates. If you disagree with the rates being proposed, you may address this to the taxing authorities at their public hearings. Public hearing information can be found on the last column titled Public Hearing information.

The property appraiser only establishes the market value and administers exemptions. Your assessed value is based upon your market value but may differ depending upon the assessment caps that may apply under state law such as the 3% save our homes cap or the 10% non-homestead cap. If you believe the market value show on this notice does not reflect the fair market value of your property as of **January 1, 2017**, contact our office and request to speak to an appraiser.

Most importantly **September 12, 2017 at 5:00 pm** is the deadline to file a valuation/exemption petition with the Monroe County Value Adjustment Board (VAB). Copies of the petition's and instructions are available on our website at www.mcpafl.org under the Appeals/ VAB.