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NEWS RELEASE

Tax Office Mails Property Tax Bills

August 6, 2012 Monroe, NC - The Union County Tax Office will mail the 2012 annual property tax bills in August. The tax bills are mailed directly to individuals who pay the bill – either property owners or mortgage companies with which taxes are escrowed. The approximately 40,000 property owners who escrow their property taxes with their mortgage companies will not receive a tax bill.

The residents of Wingate, Wesley Chapel, Fairview, Mineral Springs, and Hemby Bridge will receive one tax bill that includes both county and municipal taxes. This partnership provides the residents of these municipalities with one point of contact for all of their property tax questions and issues.

To avoid interest charges, property tax payments must be paid on or before Jan. 7, 2013. If mailed, the payment must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before that date. Property owners whose payments are postmarked on or after Jan. 8, 2013, will be charged a 2 percent interest penalty for the month of January and an additional $\frac{3}{4}$ percent every month thereafter until the bill is paid. All unpaid taxes will be advertised in the local newspaper and an additional advertising fee will be added to each bill.

There are several ways to pay your tax bill:

- ✓ **By Mail:** Mail your check using the return envelope in your tax bill.
- ✓ **In person:** Pay by cash or check at the Tax Collector's office located on the first floor of the Union County Government Center between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- ✓ **By Drop Box:** Located on Stewart St. Extension behind the historic post office.
- ✓ **By phone:** 1-800-272-9829; Credit and debit cards accepted, additional processing charges will apply, and you must have account information available. Union County's jurisdiction code is 4352.
- ✓ **By Internet:** Visit our Web page at www.co.union.nc.us; Credit and debit cards accepted, additional processing charges will apply. Union County's jurisdiction code is 4352.

The countywide tax rate for FY2012-13 is **\$0.66** per \$100 assessed valuation. According to North Carolina law, failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest charges.

For further information regarding this press release
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