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For those of you who live in Ela Township, **Ela Township assessments were published in the Lake Zurich Courier this past week, 11/13/08. The final filing date for appeals is 12/15/08.** There are two routes: comparing your home to very similar homes in your subdivision (which you can do yourself or hire an attorney specializing in this) or appealing the assessed market value.

For the current blue card, an appeal would be based on market value as of Jan. 1, 2008 (obviously that would reflect sales that occurred over the previous year).

We are not real estate experts—but we know someone who is. And on Friday, Nov. 21, Michael Del Monte of Prosumer Real Estate, will be in Deer Park. Mike is a Chamber of Commerce colleague of ours. He is a certified general real estate appraiser, licensed by the State of Illinois. He has decades of experience. We've posted his contact information on our "Doing Business" page **or you can contact him directly at 847-831-9700 or mike@prosumerrealestate.com.**

And by the way, Mike and his partner Eve are worth meeting if you are interested in buying or selling a property, too. Who better to help you with a buy/sell price than a certified appraiser!

If you (or friends who aren't on this distribution list) live in Ela Township and are interested in an appraisal or a residence—for whatever purposes—Mike DelMonte will be here in Deer Park on Friday. You are welcome to come by our home to meet him—just let us know you are coming.

The fee is a flat \$300; NO portion of that fee comes to DPN, nor does Mike receive any percentage of any reduction you might receive. We offer this as a public service.

Also note: Having an appraisal does NOT require you to make an appeal. Should you want to make an appeal on the basis of market value, you need only fill out a very simple form (available on the county clerk's web site), indicate whether you want to participate by

phone or in person in the appeals process, and that's about it.

If you want to proceed, do so immediately, whether on your own, with an attorney or with an appraisal. See the county clerk's web site for details.

<http://www.co.lake.il.us/assessor/assessments/default.asp>

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