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Greetings, Neighbors

APPRAISALS

As you know, you can appeal your real estate assessed valuation, based on one of two theories: assessment equity (homes very similar to your own as to date of building, construction materials, square footage and amenities, condition) OR recent sales in the area. We discovered that if you are making the comparable argument, you should present your comparables within your same subdivision; also, whether your home is “custom” or “tract” makes a difference.

Appeals are due by Dec. 15—that’s actually in the township office, not postmarked, so you need to move. But the assessor’s site has a nifty interactive system that helps you find out information about your home and others. It’s very easy to navigate, although we found that the automatic generation of the “grid” is not compatible with Apple computers, so you’ll need a PC. The rest of the process, forms and information are extremely easy to navigate, and the staff will take your phone call and answer questions.

Visit the Assessor’s web site: <http://www.co.lake.il.us/assessor/assessments/>

There is still time for Ela Township home owners to make an appeal on your property tax assessment (due by Dec. 15—that’s in the office, NOT postmarked) and you can still order an assessment. According to Mike Del Monte, to whom we introduced you in an earlier email, you can file your appeal and follow up with a certified appraisal NOT LATER than 10 calendar days after the original filing (he cites Page 7 of the Board of Review rules).

Please note, these are CALENDAR DAYS, not business days.

The process for an appraisal is really very simple; your actual time investment is 30 minutes, even less. The appraiser takes photos and notes about your home and its

condition. Then the appraiser researches recent home sales and completes a thorough report—it is extremely details and runs to many pages. The assessor’s office is to receive 4 copies of the appraisal (and remember to keep one for yourself).

Remember too, there is a process for further appeal, if your results at the township level are not satisfactory.

You can call or email Mike for further details—and we’ll stay in touch with Mike for occasional updates on the real estate marketplace in our area.

You can reach Mike at 847-831-9700, mike@prosumerrealestate.com, fee \$300.

If there are other topics of particular interest—or if you know experts who can educate us—DPN would be pleased to share news and information. Remember, we have an election this April, so we will all be considering public funding of infrastructure, public safety, public health as well as finance and local regulations on zoning.

DISTRICT 95 OPENING

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District (CUSD) 95 is currently seeking candidates interested in serving on the Board of Education to complete an unexpired term. The vacancy is a result of the recent resignation of Roger Tieman, whose term of office expires in April 2011. Mr. Tieman resigned because he is relocating outside of the boundaries of CUSD 95. Individuals interested in applying as candidates for the vacant board of education seat should send a letter of interest and a resume of their qualifications before **December 12, 2008** to:

**Mrs. Kathy Brown, President
Board of Education
Community Unit School District 95
400 South Old Rand Road
Lake Zurich, IL 60047**

Interested candidates must be 18 years of age or older, a resident of the CUSD 95 school district for at least one year, and be a registered voter. It is the intent of the Board of Education to fill this board vacancy with a qualified individual as quickly as possible. For more information about the vacancy and its requirements, contact Marsha Smyser, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at (847) 540-4963.

Thanks, and see you Monday at the Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm, the Barn. TOGETHER,

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