

Starke County Assessor, Michelle Schouten is reminding property owners that May 1st, 2018 is the beginning of another four-year Statewide Reassessment Cycle, as mandated by Indiana state law.

During this Cyclical Reassessment, representatives from the county assessor's office will visually inspect the exterior of approximately 25 percent of the parcels in the county each year. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure accurate information for every property record. Accurate records help provide accurate assessments to the taxpayers.

During the visit to a taxpayer's property, a field agent will review the property from the street or driveway to determine if the data on the current Property Record Card pertaining to the dwelling and other structures appear to be correct. In most cases the field agent will not need to contact the taxpayer, but if changes or discrepancies are noticed, the field agent will attempt to initiate contact with a taxpayer, identify himself and ask any pertinent questions. If the taxpayer is not home, the field agent may inspect and measure the outside of the home and/or other structure(s) on the property. A door hanger will be left indicating that our Field Agent was there and the homeowner can call the Reassessment Office (574)772-9166 to help verify the data, Field Agents will have a magnet on their automobile identifying them as being a representative of the Starke County Assessor's Office as well as a badge for the same purpose. During this cyclical reassessment our representatives will also be taking updated digital photographs of all homes and major buildings.

If a taxpayer is unsure about a field agent's identity, or has additional questions, they may contact the Starke County Assessor's Office at (574)772-9107 for verification.