

HEADS UP

Bee County property owners!

The **Bee County Appraisal District** is mailing notices of appraised property values starting next week. Property owners should keep an eye on their mailboxes beginning **May 13th**. If you don't receive a notice, that indicates that the property value did not rise more than \$1000-the statutory requirement for mailing a notice. Taxpayers may check their value on the appraisal district website where proposed values will be available **May 13th**. www.beecad.org

Notices are critical because they detail the appraised values of the owner's properties for the current tax year and any exemptions that have been applied to the property. If the property's value has increased more than \$1000 from last year, information on how to file a protest will be included.

The filing of a protest will protect the taxpayer's rights to discuss the value of properties informally and to continue to a formal hearing with the Appraisal Review Board if the taxpayer wishes.

For the first time this year, all real estate is limited to a **maximum of 20% increase** if owned by the same person. Homesteads are still limited to a maximum of a **10% increase** and over-65 homesteads and disabled persons' homesteads actually receive a cap on the amount of taxes paid.

If a taxpayer wishes to contest the appraised value, the deadline is **June 1 or 30** days after the notice is mailed.

If taxpayers have any questions about appraisal values or exemptions, they should not hesitate to call the **Bee County Appraisal District at (361) 358-0193**.