

## **River Forest Township Assessor's Annual Report Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

April 9, 2019

River Forest Township Assessor's office had a busy year. We assisted our residents in filing property assessment appeals both on-line and paper appeals with documentation. We held a community outreach with the Cook County Assessor's office to help explain the appeal process. Board of Review opened early August. We held an outreach to assist residents with their appeals.

My office continues to field inquiries of residents, lawyers, and realtors. We routinely are contacted by phone, e-mail, mail, and in-person, and in various locations.

Senior Freeze, Senior, Homeowners Exemptions and Certificates of Errors, have been filed and continue to be filed. Permits were filed regularly. We have aided some seniors and disabled homeowners in paying their property tax bills on-line in the office.

We have aided the Cook County Treasurer in locating and informing residence with unpaid tax bills and correction of addresses.

We are no longer receiving sales data from Cook County.

The Deputy Assessor, Debbie DeChinistso, was helpful in the smooth operation of this office. She retired in August.

The first installment of the property tax bill was received on-time in early spring. The second installment of the property tax bill was mailed in July.

Updates and press releases were sent to be posted on the Assessor's page of the Township website and the Village e-newsletters. Throughout the year press releases were sent to the local papers and distributed to local meeting places.

I have completed the necessary continuing education for my CIAO, Certified Illinois Assessor Officer license.

### **The statistics for 2018**

**Permits:** 178 building permits were filed in River Forest.

6 Exempt properties \$7,168,428

7 Commercial \$1,275,827

165 Residential, for a total of \$ 12,308,425

Total in permits - \$20,752,680

**The statistics for 2017**

**Permits:** 173 building permits were filed in River Forest.  
14 commercial and exempt properties for a total of \$5,961,876  
177 were residential, for a total of \$ 14,362,277  
Total in permits - \$20,324,153

**The statistics for 2016**

**Permits:** 198 building permits were filed in River Forest.  
13 commercial and exempt properties for a total of \$ 7,150,017  
185 were residential, for a total of \$ 17,597,490  
Total in permits - \$ 24,747,507

Currently, the predominant class of home is a category 2-06. Which is a two or more story residence, over 62 years of age, 2,201-4,999 square feet.

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