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Aug. 1 is deadline to file with Riverside County for unclaimed property-tax refunds

People who own residential or business property in Riverside County have until Aug. 1 to file for unclaimed property-tax refunds.

Board of Supervisors Chairman John J. Benoit and Treasurer-Tax Collector Don Kent issued the reminder today to give taxpayers sufficient time to file for refunds and not be caught short by the deadline. Filing instructions and a list of all unclaimed property-tax refunds from tax year 2011 and prior are available on the Treasurer-Tax Collector's website at

<http://www.countytreasurer.org/TaxCollector/UnclaimedMoney/PropertyTaxUnclaimedRefund.aspx>.

Kent said 760 refunds totaling \$1,364,044.79 remain unclaimed. Most refunds stem from valuation reductions by the county Assessor and are related to corrections or cancellations to the tax roll after taxes already had been paid. Under California law, property-tax refunds unclaimed for four years after the payment date – or one year after a requested claim form has been mailed back to a taxpayer by the county, whichever is later – may be transferred to the county general fund by order of the Board of Supervisors. After Aug. 1, any unclaimed money shifts to the general fund and no longer can be claimed.

Completed claim forms and supporting documentation should be emailed to PropTaxUnclaimed@rivcottc.org or mailed to:

Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Attn: Property Tax Unclaimed Refunds
P.O. Box 12005
Riverside, CA 92502-2205