

**News Release for immediate publication:**

## *Uvalde County Property Owners should soon start receiving Appraisal Notices for the 2021 Tax Year*

The Uvalde County Appraisal District (UCAD) will mail out about **22,500 Appraisal Notices** on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code requirements, UCAD finalized the 2021 Appraisal Program by **reappraising properties at real estate market conditions, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. UCAD's Board of Directors approved to mail appraisal notices to property owners having a change in their property's value greater than \$ 1,000.00; however, due to the greater number of value changes, **the Chief Appraiser opted to mail out an appraisal notice to all accounts of the appraisal roll**. If you did not receive an appraisal notice on your account, you may use UCAD's website, [www.uvaldecad.org](http://www.uvaldecad.org) to review your property record.

The County, City, School District, and other local Taxing Units will use the Appraisal District's value to set your 2021 property taxes. The appraisal notice contains important information about the property's location, ownership and property tax exemptions that apply to the property.

Property owners who disagree with the **appraised value** of their property, the **exemptions** or any other action by the appraisal district, have the right to appeal to the Uvalde County Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests. The notice of appraised value includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form, and a copy of the Comptroller's Property Taxpayer Remedies. The **deadline for filing a protest with the ARB is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**, or 30 days after your notice of appraised value is mailed.

The Comptroller's Publication, Property Taxpayer Remedies, explains in detail how to protest your property appraisal, what issues the ARB can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking your case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your ARB hearing. The Comptroller's publication can be found at: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/protests/index.php>

UCAD's priority is to protect the safety and health of its staff, ARB members, and the public we serve. To comply with federal, state and local orders and to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, property owners and tax agents are highly encouraged **to use the online protest portal** found on our website [www.uvaldecad.org](http://www.uvaldecad.org). In addition to online protest, written protest may be mailed, dropped at our night deposit box, or emailed to [maryflores@uvaldecad.org](mailto:maryflores@uvaldecad.org).

**Please be advised that the deadline for filing a protest either on-line or written is Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Any appeal filed after this date is considered late and will require additional steps.**