**Notice to Taxpayers:**

Decatur County, along with many other counties in Georgia is experiencing what can only be described as an "inflated" real estate market. The combination of historically low interest rates, with historically high construction costs, are driving home sales to an all-time high.

Unfortunately, if there are enough sales within the county that are a certain percentage higher than the Assessors values, the Georgia State Department of Audits mandates an increase in property values. This is what has happened in Decatur County. Current 2020 sales have indicated that Decatur County was well below the accepted sales ratio range for the Audit Department.

With the anticipated increase in Residential property values, a representative from Norman Appraisal Services will be available to discuss individual properties with taxpayers and will make contact sometime within the 45-day deadline while Appeals are being processed.

A sales package will be provided to taxpayers upon request, containing sales through-out Decatur County of like properties. The package will be provided to show how low Decatur County Residential property values were last year compared to current year sales. The amount of increase to each property, while significant, should not be basis for appeals, but the value of your home, compared to sales within Decatur County.

The increases to property values in Decatur County are based solely on current market adjustments and have nothing to do with taxes or a need to increase revenue.