

Property Taxes

We are all concerned about our property taxes. I went to the Snohomish County Assessor's office to check on the procedure to lower the taxes because the value on Hat Island has dropped.

In June we will all be getting our new assessment, at that time we have 60 days to contest the value. If there are enough properties in the same area, the county will take a second look at it. I think we should all do this.

You can go to the Snohomish web sites, www.SnoCo.org Go to Assessor' section: assessor.snoco.org and click on SCOPI. This will give you property information and a map tool to search assessment values. You can use address or parcel numbers. This is a great tool. Property values are determine by sales and we have had very few in the last year and a half. Your property value will probably be the same or a little lower with the new assessment, but we need to protest because this is a secondary market and we have lost so much value.

Your tax committee is working to help with matters concerning what we get for all the taxes we pay. On June 20th Brain Sullivan (our representative for Hat Island) and other Snohomish county officials are coming to the community meeting. Please try to attend. If you have any questions you can e-mail me at charlotte@charlottesells.com.

**Respectfully
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