

## Press Release for Immediate Distribution

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## 2014 TAX BILLS

The City of Auburn will be issuing revised real estate tax bills for tax year 2014. During a staff check of bills prior to uploading them on-line, but after mailing of the bills, inconsistencies in some property values were noticed. Upon immediate further research by staff today, it was determined that a portion of the real estate accounts carried forward the 2013 values.

The City of Auburn has 9,325 total real estate accounts and the current report shows that 4,902 were impacted and 4,423 were not impacted. Of the 4,902 impacted accounts 4,057, over 80%, will receive a lower tax bill. 845 will see an increased tax bill due to increases in their property values and 417 of the 845 will increase by less than \$20.

The City is working with the vendor to correct the bills and issue new ones as soon as possible, currently estimated for next week. In order to assure all impacted accounts are notified, the City will be issuing new bills to all 9,325 real estate accounts.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience and in response the City is granting a grace period, with no interest, until October 1, 2014.

Personal property accounts were not impacted and therefore personal property bills are <u>not</u> being reissued.

If there are any questions regarding your bill please contact the Tax Collector, Nancy Bosse at <a href="mailto:nbosse@auburnmaine.gov">nbosse@auburnmaine.gov</a> or call 333-6601 ext. 1174.

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