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With one more year coming to an end, a simple and universal message is clearly understood and loved around the world...

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

This is a message of sharing; for holding close, family and loved ones; a call for peace and goodwill on earth. This message is more important today than at any time in our lives. Cherish these days as 2015 slips away and we move into 2016.

In 2016, as issues arise with our county government, I will make available for you... information on subjects you need to be aware of; when and where you need to share your thoughts and concerns with friends and neighbors; and when you need to step up, making your concerns known to your legislators.

Getting the message out...

As taxpayers, we are often on the short end of the stick when we learn what our public officials are doing and how their actions/inactions affect our pocketbooks. For that reason, I will make one more stab at generating a forum for getting timely, and important county information out to my neighbors in McHenry County Board District 6.

As issues arise, the information will go out to this network. If you believe there is merit in the publication, could you ask your friends to contact me to be added to the list of those who receive each Taxpayer to Taxpayer newsletter as soon as they are uploaded. Contact information is listed above.

In the past, costs have made this effort nearly impossible. Today, with the ease of reaching out through mass communication, I have begun to build a network of concerned citi-

zens who are participating by spreading my "Taxpayer to Taxpayer" message to their friends and neighbors throughout the county.

From time to time I have also produced questionnaires as a means of better understanding how I can be more informed on issues of concern to you. The first such questionnaire will follow shortly.

At the moment I am working on moving a document out to the public that was provided to our county board on 9/15/15. The board has thus far chosen to ignore the message. Together, we need to see that it is taken as a serious effort to the continuing growth and cost of county government.



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Will YOU... Promise To Be An Informed Voter...

Mark your calendars for March 15, 2016.

This is an important date for an extremely important election.

For our part, becoming an informed voter is... knowing the candidates and initiatives on the ballot. As neighbors, we have a responsibility to ask questions of those candidates whose names are on our ballots. Our children's futures, and this great country are at stake.

Between now and March 15, 2016, you will be inundated with candidate campaign material. Please take these materials seriously. They generally provide insight on the candidate's position on issues and how to contact them via their

website, email address, Twitter / Facebook pages, and phone numbers.

Please use this information to contact them. It is an unusual candidate who would not be happy to hear from you.

Use your own good judgement; avoid gossip or misinformation to cloud your voting decisions; and, be wary of candidates' "bullet point" positions that do not drive you to a website for their explanation of these positions.

If we choose not to drill down on each candidate before voting for them... we cannot complain when they do not live up to our expectations..