

GAPTP NEWSLETTER

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Fellow GAPTP Members,

It's Thanksgiving and I know that we are all thankful for our families and friends and I want to extend a special thank you to our GAPTP members for standing with us and giving us your time, thoughts and financial support throughout this year. This year has brought several challenges to our industry and we are continuing to deal with legislation, court cases and County actions which can and will affect our livelihood moving forward.

Some items of particular interest:

- Increased awareness of 299C and the implications moving forward
- Interest rate calculation changes and refunds
- GA Supreme Court ruling regarding tax credit properties and uniformity
- New Superior Court filing procedures and how they impact our business
- "sales chasing" and how that effects uniformity

As we all are out there dealing with each of these issues in our daily practice, it is important to remember that we are all collectively affected as well. We know, through direct experience, that taxpayers adversely affected by any of the above issues, will most likely reach out to their local legislators who will then in turn most likely introduce legislation in the coming session to address their constituents concerns. In many cases, that legislation may not be good for our industry or our clients so we have to continue to be diligent in monitoring these situations and take whatever action necessary to protect our industry and our clients. On another note, we are looking at taking some proactive steps ourselves in attempt to make our property tax system in GA more uniform, more transparent and easier to navigate. We would also like to ensure that GAPTP members have a prominent role in the process moving forward.

Again, I just wanted to again thank yall for being with us in 2016 and ask you to continue to stand with us in 2017. There will be more legislation coming, some will be good for us and some will not. Our job is to effectively identify which is which and act accordingly.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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