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Dear Friend,

Welcome to the 22nd edition of our quarterly newsletter. We hope you find these to be informative and useful. We have reviewed our records and made every attempt to ensure that we have used the correct email address for you. If however, you have received duplicates or prefer to have this newsletter delivered to a different email address, please let us know.

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Laurie Ziegler **Enrolled Agent**

Tax season is here!



Please see our website for the Sass Accounting Tax Season Schedule www.sassaccounting.com. If you haven't already, be sure to call (262) 235-4250 and schedule your appointment early as we are filling up fast!

Some things to keep in mind when making your appointment:

- ~If you cancel your appointment less than 24 hours in advance, you will receive a \$42.00 "No Show" fee.
- ~Clients not arriving on time for their appointment will be charged a fee of \$20. Those not arriving within 15 minutes of their appointment time may be required to reschedule and be subject to a \$42.00 No Show fee.
- ~If you contact our office to schedule an appointment or drop off your tax documents without an appointment after 2/29/16 (for business taxes) or 3/31/16 (for personal taxes), you may be assessed a late fee of \$42.00, \$63.00 after the 5th of the month, \$84.00 after the 10th of the month; or receive an automatic extension at our discretion.
- ~1120/1120S corporations- your tax returns are due 3/15/16.

In preparing for your tax appointment, please make sure we have your updated contact information. You may call (262) 235-4250 or emailJen@sassaccounting.com to give us your current phone numbers, address, and email address. If you are unsure about the weather conditions on the day of your appointment, call the office prior to coming. When preparing for your appointment, please reference our website where you will find answers to many of your questions. We hope to see you soon.

In order for Sass Accounting to complete your 2015 Taxes, we are required to have every client sign the ACA Addendum Form and submit it to us at the time of your appointment. This must be done BEFORE we can file your taxes. Please use the link below to download the form, fill it out and return it to us.

CLICK HERE for the ACA Addendum Form



The 1099-G (documentation of your prior year state refund) from the State of Wisconsin is available online from the Wisconsin Department of

Revenue: https://www.revenue.wi.gov/eserv/Form1099G/index.html. Please print your 1099-G and bring it to your tax appointment.

Prior to coming in for your appointment, PLEASE OPEN & DISCARD ALL ENVELOPES! This not only will save us time, but will keep costs down.

Don't Forget Your Mileage

As you gather records for your 2015 tax return please note the mileage rates. We have included both the 2015 rates as well as the 2016 rates for your comparison.

	2015 Rates	2016 Rates
Business Travel	57.5¢	54.0¢
Charitable Work	14.0¢	14.0¢
Medical/Moving	23.0¢	19.0¢



For 2016 ~ Sass Accounting will continue to offer you free E-filing on all income tax returns!

Over the past few years, the IRS has found the 90% of all e-filed tax returns were received within less than 21 days after filing. This time frame does not apply to returns that are mailed to the IRS. For 2016, you should expect delays. Read more here; IRS FAQs re: refunds -https://www.irs.gov/Refunds/Tax-Season-Refund-Frequently-Asked-Questions

If you would like to check the status of your return, you may go to the Where's My Refund section of the IRS website. In order to use this website, you must follow the following rules:

- You must wait 72 hours after you e-file or 4 weeks if you mail in your return
- You need to have available your social security number, your filing status and the exact amount your return showed you would be refunded Please keep in mind that the projected refund date may change as your return is moved through the system.

You can also check the status of your Wisconsin refund at the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website Refund Inquiry page or the new DOR mobile app. The WI Revenue mobile app allows you to use a number of their popular tax-related online services found on their website, such as: Refund look-up, estimated tax payment status, updates & more.http://www.revenue.wi.gov/mobile/



Key Numbers 2015-2016

Many numbers we use in our profession are indexed for inflation. The effective date for many of these inflation calculations is August 31. This chart contains the amounts for 2015 and 2016 for many items we deal with on a regular basis. These amounts are the official IRS amounts. Any amounts that have not yet been released by IRS as of this article's deadline are indicated with an

asterisk. (PDF)

ACA Will Affect 2015 Tax Returns Form 1095B and 1095C Delays

IRS has listened to the insurance companies and businesses who are required to issue Forms 1095-B and 1095-C this year. They have expressed concern over accurately completing the forms and getting them out to taxpayers (and to IRS) by their due dates. IRS has granted an extension for the issuance of these forms for the 2015 calendar year. Click here to read more.



2016 Healthcare Update



The following is designed to review healthcare changes impacting your clients for the 2016 filing season . The changes that began in 2013 and 2014 are intensifying in 2015. So, strap yourself in and get ready for the latest changes and information that is coming. Since this article was written in the fall of 2015, review of more recent updates is recommended.

Here is some additional information for you to review – just click on the topic below.



Make sure your friends and relatives can find a qualified tax profession! The new and improved **EA directory** is now available at http://taxexperts.naea.org/ feel free to share with your friends and relatives.

Fighting Tax Scam Phone Fraud Four Ways

Scams and the IRS

IRS Get Transcript App - An easy way to print or download your IRS transcripts.

<u>WI Revenue Mobile App</u> - A quick way to check your estimated tax payment status, refund status and more.

Affordable Health Care Act & Insurance - General information. Sign up here: <u>Under age 65</u>, <u>Over age 65</u>.

<u>Free Electronic Donation Tracking</u> - An easy way to keep track of donations throughout the year http://www.amazinggoodwill.com/donating

Tips For Charitable Contributions

<u>MileIO</u> The smart mileage tracker - An easy way to track your mileage. https://www.mileiq.com/

We hope you are enjoying the Sass Accounting newsletter. Don't forget to check us out on the web at www.sassaccounting.com and find us on Facebook so you can stay up-to-date. Please feel free to forward this to your family and friends.

We look forward to continuing to assist you with your accounting and tax needs, as well as any questions or concerns you may have. Have a wonderful winter!





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