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Dear Client,

Welcome to our 33rd 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. Please note, if you have emailed our office and have not received a response within 2 business days, please contact us as one of two things may have happened: we didn't receive your original email or you didn't receive our response.

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Upcoming Tax Season!



Here are a few important things you should be aware of for the upcoming tax season:

- 1. Partnership and S-Corp tax returns are due March
- 2. If you were covered by health insurance at any time this year, you should be receiving a Form 1095 that will be needed to complete your tax return. <u>Some Things To Keep in Mind.</u>
- 3. If you receive a notice regarding your taxes, either from the IRS, or the state, we NEED to see it <u>beforeyou</u> do ANYTHING! Please bring in, email, fax, or mail us the original notice that you have received right away. We will look it over and get back to you with instructions on how to proceed.

Tax Season Schedule

Tax season is rapidly approaching. Please see our website for the Sass Accounting Tax Season Schedule. We start taking tax appointments January 2, 2019. Be sure to call and schedule your appointment early as we fill up fast! Tax appointments are available starting Friday, February 1, 2019.



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 \$48.00 "No Show" fee.
- ~Clients not arriving on time for their appointment will be charged a fee of \$24. Those not arriving within 15 minutes of their appointment time may be required to reschedule and be subject to a \$48.00 fee.
- ~If you contact our office to schedule an appointment or drop off your tax documents without an appointment after 2/28/19 (for business taxes) or 3/30/19 (for personal taxes), you may be assessed a late fee of \$48.00, \$72.00 after the 5th of the month, \$96.00 after the 10th of the month; or receive an automatic extension at our discretion.
- ~1120/1120S Corporations & Partnerships your tax returns are due 3/15/19

In preparing for tax season, please make sure we have your updated contact information. You may call (262) 235-4250 or email Jen@sassaccounting.com to give us your current phone numbers, address, and email address.

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

*Please print & bring in your 1099-G (documentation of your prior year state refund) from the State of Wisconsin. This is available online from the Wisconsin Department of

Revenue https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/OnlineServices/Form1099G-home.aspx

For 2019 ~ Sass Accounting will continue to offer you free E-filing on all income tax returns!

2019 Mileage Rates



Please note that we have included the 2018 mileage rates for your comparison.

2019 rates have not been released yet. We will update them on our website when they become available.

	Mileage	2018 Rate/Mile	2019
Rate/Mile	_		
Business Travel	54.5¢	¢	
Charitable Work	14.0¢	¢	
Medical/Moving	18.0¢	¢	

Important Tax Law Impacts For The 2018 Tax Season

Federal/State Itemized Deductions

Do you have high medical expenses this year? Are you cleaning out the house and making donations? Just because you may not qualify for federal itemized deductions, it is in your best interest to still track everything except miscellaneous deductions because you may still qualify for



itemized deductions on the Wisconsin return. Keep watching our website for updates as we receive more information on this throughout the year.

IRS Updates Withholding Calculator and Form W-4

In the wake of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, IRS <u>released</u> both a new <u>Withholding Calculator</u> and an updated <u>Form W-4</u>. The new calculator provides employees with information they need to include on the new Form W-4 in the event that employees need to make changes to their withholding. The new withholding changes do not affect 2017 tax returns due in April.

IRS recommends for the following groups of taxpayers to check their withholding:

- Two-income families;
- People with two or more jobs at the same time or who only work for part of the year;
- People with children who claim credits such as the Child Tax Credit;
- People who itemized deductions in 2017; and
- People with high incomes and tax returns that are more complex.

The agency suggests taxpayers with more complex situations use <u>Publication</u> 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax, instead of the Withholding Calculator. IRS expects to release this update on IRS.gov by early spring.

If you would like a mid-year check-up of your tax situation, please call our office for an appointment.

Changes to the mortgage interest deduction

There are new rules for deducting interest on loans related to your home. Read more here.

How Tax Reform Will Affect Your Taxes

New publication JUST released from the IRS written for the taxpayer explaining how the tax reform affects their taxes. Read more here.

Meijer Gift Card Match Days for the Saukville Community Food Pantry



November 18-December 29, buy a \$10 Meijer gift card for the Saukville Community Food Pantry and Meijer will donate another \$10 gift card. Double Day is Friday, December 7th. That day only, buy a \$10 gift card and Meijer will donate another \$20!

Laurie has been quoted in several articles over the last several months. Click here to read more.

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

Security at Tax Time & ID Theft Awareness Week.

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



Common Scams and How to Avoid Them.

6 Reasons Your Tax Return Might Get Audited.

IRS Get Transcript App - An easy way to print or download your IRS transcripts https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript#

WI Revenue Mobile App - A quick way to check your estimated tax payment status, refund status and more. http://www.revenue.wi.gov/mobile/

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

Tips for Charitable Contributions.

MileIQ The smart mileage tracker - An easy way to track your mileage. https://www.mileig.com/

Certain Medicaid Waiver Payments may be excludable from income. Read more here.

Microsoft Office Lens app - an easy way to scan documents with your mobile device

https://microsoft.com/en-us/store/apps/office-lens/9wzdncrfj3t8

Avoid Scammers: Don't answer calls or texts from these area codes. http://wsvn.com/news/us-world/avoid-scammers-dont-answer-calls-or-texts-from-these-area-codes/

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 would like to take a moment to say that we sincerely appreciate this pleasant relationship and are thankful for the confidence you have shown in us during the past year. We look forward to continuing to assist you with your accounting and tax needs, as well as any questions or concerns you may have.

May the good things in life be yours in abundance, at Thanksgiving and throughout the coming year. We would like to wish you a beautiful Holiday Season and a New Year of peace and happiness. ~ Laurie and Staff





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