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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **LOTTERY CREDIT AWARENESS WEEK**

The Racine County Treasurer's Office, in conjunction with the Wisconsin County Treasurer's Association, is dedicating the week of May 9-13 as Lottery Credit Awareness Week. The State of Wisconsin allows eligible homeowners a reduction on their property tax bill if they qualify for this credit. To qualify for the credit, the property owner must be a Wisconsin resident, the owner of the property, and used the dwelling as their primary residence as of January 1 of the year in which property tax is levied. Homeowners can have only one primary residence. The credit cannot be claimed on business property, rental units, land, garages, or other property that is not the owner's primary residence, or by a non-Wisconsin resident.

To make sure all eligible homeowners receive their fair share of the Lottery and Gaming Credit, Racine County Treasurer, Jane Nikolai, is encouraging all homeowners to double-check their property tax bill to verify that the credit was applied. Eligible homeowners that did not receive the Lottery and Gaming Credit on their 2015 property tax bills are able to mail a 2015 Late Lottery and Gaming Credit Application with a copy of their 2015 property tax bill to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue by the October 1, 2016 deadline to receive a refund.

To help property owners, the County Treasurer's Office has information and the forms on Racine County's website at [www.racineco.com/treasurer](http://www.racineco.com/treasurer). Also, homeowners may obtain information at the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website at <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/faqs/slf/lotcr.html>.

"Filing for the lottery credit is easy and can save homeowners money", Nikolai said. The Lottery Credit for 2015 tax bills is \$111.61 for parcels located in the City of Racine. The amount varies depending upon the school district in which the home is located.

Property owners with questions are encouraged to call the Racine County Treasurer's Office at 262-636-3239, email [RCTreasurer@goracine.org](mailto:RCTreasurer@goracine.org), or visit the County Treasurer's Office at 730 Wisconsin Avenue.