



**COUNTY OF BERRIEN
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**PRESS RELEASE –
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Facing Foreclosure? Berrien Treasurer Can Help!

St. Joseph, MI – Berrien County Treasurer Bret Witkowski will meet with property owners who are in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure due to unpaid property taxes. Those who owe 2016 and/or 2017 taxes can set up a monthly payment plan to avoid foreclosure.

Last year over 400 property owners avoided foreclosure by signing up for a monthly payment plan. This program has served to benefit property owners and allow them to avoid forfeiting their properties with an overall success rate of 92%.

If you are unable to come to either the Treasurer's St. Joseph office (at 701 Main Street) during normal office hours of 8:30-5:00 PM, or the Niles office on Tuesdays from 9:00 – 12:00 PM, Treasurer Witkowski has set special times when you can meet with him in Niles, Three Oaks, and Benton Harbor. For questions please call 269-983-7111, Ext 8569.

The times and dates for these meetings will be held at the following locations to add convenience to Berrien County property owners.

January 26 th	Niles Public Library 620 E. Main Street Niles, MI 49120	11:00 AM- 3:00 PM
February 14 th	Three Oaks Public Library 3 N Elm Street Three Oaks, MI 49128	5:00 PM-7:00 PM
March 2nd	Benton Harbor City Hall 200 E. Wall Street Benton Harbor, MI 49022	11:00 AM-3:00 PM

By law, you need to pay your 2016 and prior unpaid taxes, or enter into a payment plan, or your property will be foreclosed April 1st, 2019. If the delinquent taxes are not paid or made subject to a payment plan by April 1, 2019, then the Treasurer cannot do anything under the law to allow you to keep your property. So please take advantage of this opportunity to save your property.

Sincerely,

Bret Witkowski
Berrien County Treasurer