



**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 in Berrien County in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure because they can't pay their property taxes. Those who owe 2015, and/or 2016 taxes can set up a month payment plan with automatic monthly invoices Witkowski stated.

Last year over 400 property owners avoided foreclosure by signing up for the special program, the program has had an overall success rate of 93%.

If you are unable to come to either the Treasurers St. Joseph or Niles office during normal office hours of 8:30-5:00 PM, Treasurer Witkowski has set special time you can meet with him in Niles, Berrien Springs and in 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.

February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Niles Public Library 620 E. Main Street Niles, MI 49120	11:00 AM- 3:00 PM
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Berrien Springs Village Hall 112 North Cass Street Berrien Springs, MI 49103	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Benton Harbor Public Library 213 E Wall Street Benton Harbor, MI 49022	10:30 AM-2:30 PM

The foreclosure date for 2018 is April 2<sup>nd</sup>, on 2015 & prior taxes. If the taxes are not paid or entered into a payment plan by that date, the treasurer under state law cannot do anything under any circumstances to help, and the courts are not allowed to hear any appeals. So please take advantage of this opportunity and save your property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret Witkowski". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and a cursive "Witkowski".

Bret Witkowski

Berrien County Treasurer