

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

December 2018 Newsletter



Dear Taxpayers:

As we approach the end of the year, I'd like to highlight a few key achievements for 2018.

It has been a busy and productive year, as we have seen countywide property values increase **6.45%** from 2017 to 2018. The biggest trends – apartment complexes, have become the new “Condos”, with sixteen added to the 2018 tax roll, totaling over \$800 million. Overall, net new construction was at \$2.4 billion. Westlake, Palm Beach County's newest municipality, Cloud Lake, Haverhill, and Lake Worth showed the largest percentage growth from 2017 – 2018.

Also in 2018, my office redesigned the Property Appraiser Public Access website, more commonly known as PAPA. We refreshed PAPA's web presence through improved design, content, structure, user experience and maintainability.

In addition, most recently, my office launched a new Strategic Plan, the first in the organization's history. We created a road map to guide the operations of our daily business and make continuous progress toward reaching our goals over the next five years. To learn more about our Strategic Plan, go to our website: www.pbcgov.com/PAPA and click on the tab, **Learn More – About Our Office**.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my staff. I appreciate their hard work and commitment to the taxpayers of Palm Beach County. As we move into 2019, I anticipate new challenges and trends, but our mission will remain the same – to value property, administer exemptions, and maintain ownership records for the County, fairly, equitably and in accordance with Florida law. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Property Appraiser. I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser

We Value What You Value



Homestead Exemption Receipt Cards to be mailed at the end of December

On the last business day in the month of December, the Property Appraiser's Office mails a "pink and white" **Homestead Exemption** receipt card to every homestead exempt property owner in Palm Beach County. If there are no changes to the use and/or ownership of the property, simply keep the card as your receipt that you have been automatically renewed for another year. However, if there is a change to ownership due to a sale, marriage, divorce, death, or you rented the property, call our office at 561.355.2866 or email us at myexemption@pbcgov.org

	DOROTHY JACKS, CFA, AAS PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER 301 N. OLIVE AVENUE, 1 ST FLOOR WEST PALM BEACH FL 33401 (561) 355-2866	<small>PRESORTED FIRST-CLASS MAIL AUTO U.S. POSTAGE PAID WEST PALM BCH, FL PERMIT NO. 214</small>
2019 HOMESTEAD RECEIPT KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION		RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
PROPERTY CONTROL NUMBER 00 00 00 00 14 005 0100		EXEMPTIONS RENEWED FOR THIS PROPERTY:
Legal Description Patriot Estates ADD 1 LT 12 BLK 5		HOMESTEAD
DOE JOHN 1580 FOXBORO WAY WEST PALM BEACH FL 33401		

If this is your first year filing for Homestead Exemption, the Property Appraiser's Office recommends using our easy online E-file system. It's simple, efficient, and a secure website. Log onto www.pbcgov.org/PAPA and click the E-file button on the homepage.

You may also file by mail or in person at one of our five Service Centers conveniently located throughout Palm Beach County. The deadline to file a homestead exemption application is March 1 of the year you're applying for and you may pre-file any time after you take ownership of the property and become a permanent resident of Florida. You and/or your spouse must not be receiving a residency-based exemption on any other property in Florida or in another state.

Office Closed Due to Upcoming Holidays

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office (including all of our Service Centers) will be closed the following days during the upcoming holiday season:

- **Monday, December 24, 2018**
- **Tuesday, December 25, 2018**
- **Monday, December 31, 2018**
- **Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

Happy Holidays to you all!