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# Property Matters

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Dear Friends,

February has arrived along with our beautiful winter weather. I hope you have an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the many events happening in our community this month. From farmers' markets to art festivals and concerts in the park, the month of February is truly special in Palm Beach County.

February is also the last opportunity for property owners to save money on their property taxes. If you have not yet paid your property taxes, don't delay! Pay in February and receive the 1 percent discount. There is not discount available in March.

Friendly reminder... our offices will be closed Monday, February 18 for Presidents Day.

Best regards,

## Offering a Property for Short Term Rental?

Are you offering accommodations for short term rental (six months or less) and confused about Tourist Development Tax requirements? We're here to help!

Per the Tourist Development Tax Ordinance of Palm Beach County, Chapter 17, Article III, Sec. 17-117 of the Palm Beach County Code 95-30, you are required to:

- Create a Tourist Development Tax account
- Obtain a local business tax receipt
- File and remit payment online by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month, including periods with no rental activity

Failure to collect and remit Tourist Development Tax is a theft of state funds and carries felony charges. Have questions? Please visit [www.pbctax.com/tdt](http://www.pbctax.com/tdt).

Would your community benefit from a brief presentation about Tourist Development Tax requirements? Contact your civic engagement liaison for more information.

## Amendment 13 Local Impact

In November, voters approved Constitutional Amendment 13 banning dog racing in Florida. This will impact our community in many ways. Beginning January 1, 2021, the Palm Beach Kennel Club (PBKC) will be prohibited from racing greyhounds for wagering. Over 500 employees will face job loss and an uncertain future. Close to 1,000 dogs will need homes here in Palm Beach County alone.

PBKC has said it will be business as usual over the next two years and is committed to protecting employee's jobs. The Club says it will work with adoption groups to find the animals forever homes.

## Love is in the Air!

Getting married this month? Don't forget, if you change your name, you must come in to our office to update your driver license/state ID card. Here's what you need to know before you come in:

- Change your name on your Social Security card first. You must change your name with the Social Security Administration at least 48 hours BEFORE coming to our office.
- Make sure you bring your original, certified marriage license or a certified copy issued by the county/state where you were married. Documentation from a house of worship or other institution cannot be used as proof of marriage.

For a full list of acceptable documents, please visit [www.pbctax.com](http://www.pbctax.com)

## Last Chance to Save on Property Taxes

February is the last month to receive an early payment discount for property taxes. Pay by February 28 and save 1 percent. There is no discount for payments made in March. 2018 property taxes are due by March 31. Pay online at [www.pbctax.com](http://www.pbctax.com). Save even more money by using our eCheck option, which is free!

## Sign Up For Our Property Tax Installment Payment Plan Today

Did you know we offer a property tax Installment Payment Plan? Participants make four payments throughout the year. Many find this plan easier on their budget. The Installment Payment Plan also includes a discount of slightly under 4 percent. Sign up by April 30 at [www.pbctax.com/installment-payment-plan](http://www.pbctax.com/installment-payment-plan).