Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office August 2019 Newsletter



Taxpayers:

Welcome August!

This time of the year, my office prepares the annual Notice of Proposed Property Taxes or TRIM notices for all property owners in the county. It is not a bill, but rather an estimate of your taxes based on the proposed tax rates, your property value and exemptions.

This year, I am excited to announce your 2019 TRIM notice has a new look.

We updated the large-size format to make it more concise and easy to read. You will find taxing authority information, including proposed millage rates and taxes, and public hearing details together on one side.

The other side of the notice contains your property's value, any exemptions and information about the petition process.

These notices will be mailed on August 19, 2019.

We are always available to help you understand this notice, or answer questions regarding property appraisals, exemptions and assessment caps. For an interactive guide to the notice (which will be live on our website after August 19th) or to contact us, go to the Property Appraiser Public Access (PAPA) website at www.pbcgov.org/PAPA.

In this month's newsletter, a brief overview of the redesigned TRIM notice and an important reminder for those property owners (permanent Florida residents) who have not filed for a homestead exemption.

I hope you find this information beneficial and wish you a wonderful month.

We Value What You Value

Respectfully,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser









The Truth in Millage (TRIM) Notice Redesigned

The Property Appraiser's Office is required by Florida statute to mail notices to all property owners in Palm Beach County on behalf of the taxing authorities that set the tax rates and levy taxes on properties.

THIS IS NOT A BILL. You will receive a tax bill from the Office of the Tax Collector in November 2019.

The newly redesigned 2019 notice has been reduced in size to the standard dimensions of 8.5×11 and double-sided, to provide a better experience.

On one side of the notice, the proposed taxes to be levied on your property by the taxing authorities along with dates, times, and locations of the taxing authorities' budget hearings in which your final millage (tax) rates will be set. It's the most appropriate occasion for taxpayers to raise their concerns about the proposed budgets and tax rates.

In addition, there is a section for Non–Ad

Valorem Assessments which are charges for governmental services to your area such as solid waste, drainage, street lighting, etc. They are not based on the value of your property.

(The Property Appraiser's Office is not responsible for any assessments in this portion of the notice.)

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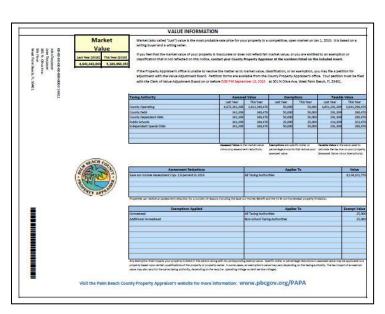
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On the other side of the notice, you'll find the market, assessed, and taxable value of your property, along with any qualified exemptions and assessment caps.

Also listed, will be information regarding the process for filing a petition to appeal your assessment and any denial of exemption. A petition must be filed with the Value Adjustment Board on or before the deadline, September 13, 2019. (Further explanation of the VAB process will be in next month's newsletter.)



My office welcomes any questions regarding your TRIM notice, property value, and exemption amounts. Contact our office for further information at 561.355.3230.

(Please note: The Property Appraiser's Office does not set tax rates nor does it collect taxes. Questions about tax collections should be directed to the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's Office at 561.355.2264.)

Homestead Exemption Filing on Real Property

*If you already have a homestead exemption on your property, you do NOT need to reapply. In the state of Florida, a \$25,000 exemption is applied to the first \$50,000 of your property's assessed value if your property is your permanent residence and you owned the property on January 1 of the tax year. An initial application is required. This exemption applies to all taxes, including school district taxes.

An additional exemption of up to \$25,000 will be applied if your property's assessed value is between at least \$50,000 and \$75,000. This exemption is not applied to school district taxes.

The deadline to file for Homestead Exemption is March 1 of the qualifying year.

You have three options to submit your application for a Homestead Exemption:

- <u>E-File</u> at <u>www.pbcgov.org/PAPA</u> Use our simple online application process, the fastest way to file.
 (The day you close on a home in Palm Beach County, you can E file for a homestead exemption on our website, without the deed.)
- Complete the application online. Print it out and mail to the Palm Beach County
 Property Appraiser's Office, Exemption Services, 1st Floor, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401
- Visit one of our five service centers to file in person.

For a list of qualifications go to: www.pbcgov.org/PAPA or contact Exemption Services at 561.355.2866 or myexemption@pbcgov.org.