

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

July 2019 Newsletter



Taxpayers:

Happy Independence Day!

Recently, my office held its 26th annual College Scholarship Awards ceremony and presented six outstanding high school seniors (from Palm Beach County) with college scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each.

In addition to receiving a scholarship award, each recipient was offered an opportunity to participate in a paid summer internship in my office. We are happy to have three of the recipients working for us this summer.

These six high-achieving, exceptional students demonstrated excellence in academic ability, persistence, leadership, and service to others.

Since 1994, the PAO has awarded nearly \$140,000 in college scholarships. The event is particularly special to the PAO, because the money raised for the scholarships is 100% funded by my staff who participate in, "Friday Dress Casual Day", a volunteer donation program.

Congratulations to all scholarship recipients and I wish them much success in their future educational and career endeavors. In this month's newsletter, you'll find a list of the recipients' names and colleges they will be attending in the fall.

Also in this month's newsletter, an update on the 2019 tax roll process and the status of applications for property tax exemptions, portability and agricultural classifications. I hope you find this information beneficial and wish you a happy and safe Independence Day.

We Value What You Value

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D Jacks'.

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser



Update on 2019 Tax Roll

July is an important month as my office submits the 2019 preliminary tax roll to Florida's Department of Revenue (DOR) and the local taxing authorities. The preliminary tax roll is a systematic listing of information pertaining to the market valuation of all real property within Palm Beach County, for purposes of ad valorem taxation. These values are based upon market conditions as of January 1, 2019 and assist taxing authorities in preparation for their upcoming budgets and setting their proposed millage (tax) rates.

New property value in Palm Beach County continues to grow our tax base along with steady increases in reassessment for 2019.

Palm Beach County-wide taxable property values have increased **6.21%** from 2018 to 2019.

Highlights include:

- **Total Market value: \$ 277,597,143,065**
- **Total Taxable value: \$198,970,376,584**
- **Total Net New Construction Taxable: \$2,589,802,843**
- **Total Parcel Count: 641,487**
- **Total Tangible Accounts: 59,781**

Once the tax roll receives approval from the DOR (usually in late July), my office will prepare the "Truth In Millage" (TRIM) Notices for Palm Beach County residents, which are mailed in mid-August.

Status of Applications for Property Tax Exemptions, Portability and Agricultural Classifications

If you submitted an application on or before March 1, 2019 for a **Property Tax Exemption** or **Portability** for Palm Beach County to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser for tax year 2019 and your application was denied, a Notice of Denial will be mailed out to you on July 1, 2019.

You have 30 days to file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) to appeal the denial of your exemption. The deadline to file a petition is 5:00p.m., July 31, 2019.

The deadline to file a petition for the denial of a portability benefit is 5:00p.m., September 13, 2019.

If you submitted an application for an **Agricultural Classification**, you will be notified of the status of your application for the agricultural classification by regular mail. These notifications will be mailed out on July 1, 2019.

If your Agricultural Classification application is denied, you have 30 days to file a petition with the VAB. The deadline to file a petition is 5:00PM July 31, 2019.

For questions, call Exemption Services (including portability) at 561.355.2866, Agriculture Department at 561.355.4577, or the VAB at 561.355.6289.

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office Names 2019 Scholarship Recipients

- **Samir Ahmed** of Boynton Beach Community High School, will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He will serve as an intern in the Residential Appraisal Services department.
- **Gabriela Carrazana** of John I. Leonard High School, will be attending the University of Florida.
- **Chase Correia** of Atlantic Community High School, will be attending Northwestern University. He will serve as an intern in the Condominium Appraisal Services department.
- **Marco Peric** of Palm Beach Central High School, will be attending the University of Central Florida Honors College. He will serve as an intern in the GIS Mapping department.
- **Jaciah Rashid** of Santaluces High School, will be attending the University of Florida.
- **Sonia Z. Rivera** of the Dreyfoos School of the Arts, will be attending the University of Florida.



(In photo left to right: Palm Beach County Property Appraiser Dorothy Jacks CFA, AAS, Gabriela Carrazana, Samir Ahmed, Jaciah Rashid, Chase Correia, Sonia Z. Rivera, & Marco Peric)

Office Closed Due to Upcoming Holiday

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office (including all of our Service Centers) will be closed in honor of Independence Day on **Thursday, July 4, 2019**.