

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

December 2019 Newsletter



Dear Taxpayers:

As 2019 ends, I want to share some thoughts on the past 12 months and highlight some of our accomplishments.

My office employs 240 qualified employees, has five service centers located throughout Palm Beach County, and retains more credentialed appraisal experts than any other jurisdiction in the United States. We determine the taxable value of more than 640,000 parcels and nearly 60,000 tangible personal property accounts in the county.

In 2019, Palm Beach County property values continued to experience steady growth, increasing 6.21% from 2018. Westlake, Juno Beach, and Mangonia Park showed the largest percentage of growth from 2018 to 2019. The biggest trends in new construction were apartment complexes, industrial and retail properties. Overall, the market value for new construction was at \$2.9 billion.

These highlights provide a snapshot of our work performed in 2019, which were substantial, we:

- Streamlined processes of online filing for homestead exemption and portability applications.
- Significantly condensed the Value Adjustment Board petition hearing schedule.
- Shortened the amount of time to show recent sale transactions on the PAPA website from 6 weeks to 1–3 weeks.
- Restructured office space within various departments to improve the lines of communication and remove barriers to productivity.

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 2020, 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. *We Value What You Value*

Respectfully,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser




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	PRESORTED FIRST-CLASS MAIL AUTO U.S. POSTAGE PAID WEST PALM BCH, FL PERMIT NO. 214
2020 HOMESTEAD RECEIPT KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION		RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
PROPERTY CONTROL NUMBER 00 00 00 00 00 000 0000	EXEMPTIONS RENEWED FOR THIS PROPERTY:	
Legal Description PALM LAKE NO 5 COND UNIT 401-S	HOMESTEAD WIDOW/WIDOWER	

If this is your first year filing for Homestead Exemption, the Property Appraiser's Office recommends using our easy online system. E file is 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:

- **Tuesday, December 24, 2019**
- **Wednesday, December 25, 2019**
- **Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

Happy Holidays!