

# Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

## May 2020 Newsletter



### Dear Taxpayers:

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe during these uncertain and unprecedented times.

As many of you know, our offices closed in early April, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' statewide 'Stay-At-Home' executive order.

During this period, many of our staff worked remotely from home, and completed preparations for the 2020 estimated taxable property values, which will be released to all Palm Beach County taxing authorities later this month.

I am happy to announce our office has reopened all locations to the public as of **Monday, May 4, 2020**. We are limiting the number of customers allowed inside and are adhering to social distancing protocols in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. Designated wait areas and markers will help keep our customers and staff, a safe distance apart. Our office strongly recommends the public wear face protective coverings when entering all office locations.

We are committed to serve the public in a safe and responsible manner. Our office has taken a number of steps to mitigate contact between our employees, including staggering work times and establishing a period between those shifts for staff to disinfect workspaces and exit before the next group of employees enters the office.

It is important for us to resume office operations, continue the work of the 2020 tax roll and provide assistance to the taxpayers of Palm Beach County in a secure and prudent fashion.

The Property Appraiser Public Access (PAPA) website has always been known for its user friendly, online tools and resources. Our office encourages the public to conduct their business online rather than an in-person visit, by utilizing our services on the PAPA website: [www.pbcgov.org/PAPA](http://www.pbcgov.org/PAPA) or contact us by phone at 561.355.3230, or email at [PAO@pbcgov.org](mailto:PAO@pbcgov.org)

In this month's newsletter, an update on the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) hearings for the final certification of the 2019 tax roll and a reminder about the deadline extension for filing a Tangible Personal Property tax return for Palm Beach County business owners. Stay safe.

**Respectfully,**



**Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS**  
**Palm Beach County Property Appraiser**



## **Value Adjustment Board Hearings for Final Certification of 2019 Tax Roll**

Each tax roll year, the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office works in conjunction with the Value Adjustment Board (VAB), (administered by the Clerk & Comptroller's Office), providing property owners the opportunity to appeal an assessed value or denied exemption, listed on their Notice of Proposed Property Taxes (or TRIM Notice). There are two options available for property owners – contact our office for an informal review of the matter or file a petition for adjustment with the VAB, or both.

On average, the number of petitions filed in Palm Beach County is low, typically less than 1% of the total parcels in the county.

Once all VAB hearings have been conducted, the final tax roll is then certified which includes all changes approved by the VAB. The final tax roll for 2019 was certified on March 31, 2020.

It has been a priority of this administration to tighten the petition hearing schedule year to year, which then allows our staff to focus all their efforts on the next tax roll.

For more information on the VAB, go to [www.mypalmbeachclerk.com](http://www.mypalmbeachclerk.com)

## **Tangible Personal Property Tax Return Filing Deadline Extended to May 18, 2020**

To help Palm Beach County businesses who may be on a reduced work schedule, our office has granted an automatic 45-day extension to Palm Beach County business owners who file a Tangible Personal Property (TPP) tax return. The new deadline to file is **Monday, May 18, 2020**. TPP consists of assets used in a business such as furniture and equipment, and are valued at more than \$25,000. These are subject to ad valorem taxes.

Please note that while you are not required to submit a request for the extension, all TPP tax returns and supporting documentation must be submitted to our office by Monday, May 18, 2020.

You have three options to file your TPP tax return and submit supporting documents:

- E file at [www.pbcgov.org/PAPA](http://www.pbcgov.org/PAPA)
- Complete the TPP tax return form online and email to [mytpp@pbcgov.org](mailto:mytpp@pbcgov.org)
- Complete the TPP tax return form online, print it out and mail to:

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, Tangible Personal Property Department, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Floor, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401

## **Office Closed in Honor of Memorial Day**

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office (including all of our Service Centers) will be closed in honor of Memorial Day on **Monday, May 25, 2020**. This Memorial Day, we honor those who died in military service for our country with distinction and courage. Let us remember their sacrifice for our freedom and prosperity, we so gratefully enjoy.