



Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

December 2020 Newsletter

## DEAR TAXPAYERS:

As a reminder, my office continues to implement measures to ensure the health and safety of our staff, while also maintaining the highest level of safe service to the taxpayers of Palm Beach County during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our office is open to the public. However, we encourage you to contact us via phone: 561.355.3230, email: PAO@pbcgov.org or utilize our online services at our website: pbcgov.org/PAPA.

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 2020, Palm Beach County property values continued to experience steady growth, increasing 5.5% from 2019. Westlake, South Palm Beach, and Village of Golf showed the largest percentage of growth from 2019 to 2020. The biggest

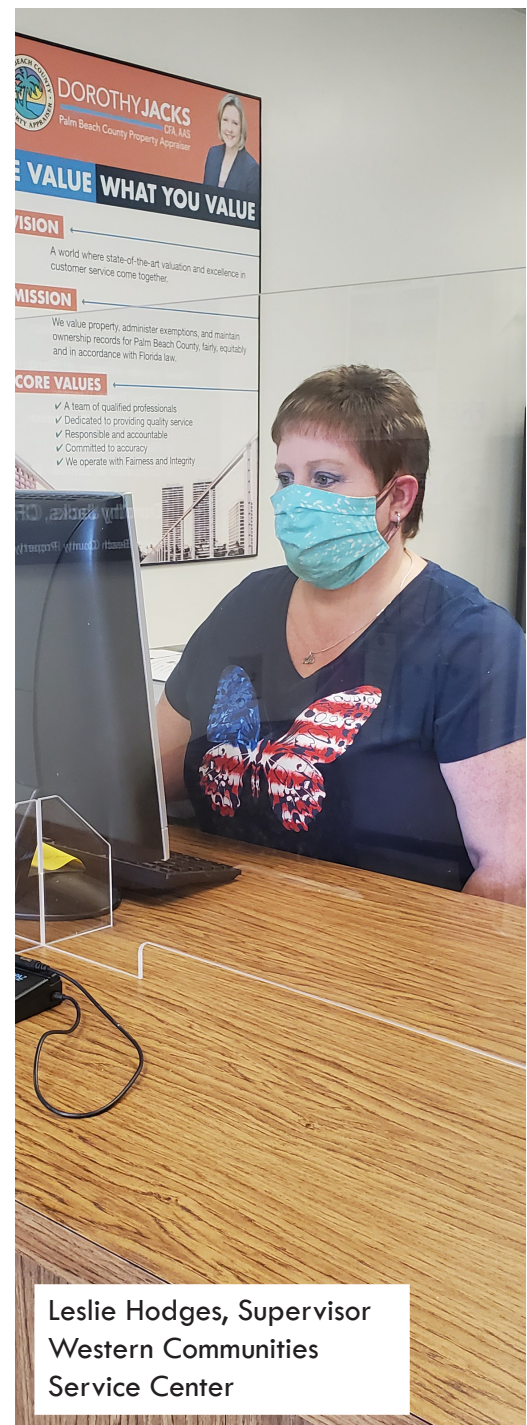
trends in new construction were apartment complexes, industrial and retail properties. Overall, the market value for new construction was at \$3 billion. The impact of COVID-19 on property values will be reflected in the 2021 assessments. Florida law requires our office to value property based on the status of the real estate market and the property as of Jan. 1 each year.

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 2021, 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.

**Respectfully,**

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




Leslie Hodges, Supervisor  
 Western Communities  
 Service Center



## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION RECEIPT CARDS 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 change in property use, call our office at 561.355.2866 or email us at [MyExemption@pbcgov.org](mailto:MyExemption@pbcgov.org).

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2021 HOMESTEAD RECEIPT KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION		RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
<b>PROPERTY CONTROL NUMBER</b> 00 00 00 00 00 000 0000		<b>EXEMPTIONS RENEWED FOR THIS PROPERTY:</b> HOMESTEAD WIDOW/WIDOWER
<b>Legal Description</b> PALM LAKE NO 5 COND UNIT 401-S		

If this is your first year filing for Homestead Exemption, the Property Appraiser's Office recommends using our easy online E-file system. It's simple, efficient, and secure. Log onto [pbcgov.org/PAPA](http://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:

- Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020
- Friday, Dec. 25, 2020
- Friday, Jan. 1, 2020



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 Palm Beach County Property Appraiser

