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Board unanimously votes to reduce the county's millage rate

Millage rate



Homesteaded property owners in Palm Beach County will pay less in county property taxes next year.

At Tuesday's Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board voted unanimously to lower the millage rate from 4.715 to 4.5, a reduction of nearly 5%. Property values have risen substantially, usually resulting in a higher tax bill. But for homesteaded properties, the annual increase in assessed value is capped at 3%, and since the decrease in millage is larger than the increase in value, these homeowners will pay less in property taxes to the county.

Owners of properties that are not homesteaded will also see a reduction in the millage rate. However, depending on the increase in the property's valuation, there may not be an actual tax reduction. Non-homesteaded property value increases are capped at 10%.

Note that depending on where you live, other taxes are levied on your property (by a city, school district, water management district, health care district and other taxing districts).

To get a detailed list of how much you're paying to each of them, go to the property appraiser's (link to: www.pbcgov.com/papa/) website, look up your property and click on the property tax detail button in the lower right corner of your screen.

Mayor Weiss to lead national committee on AI

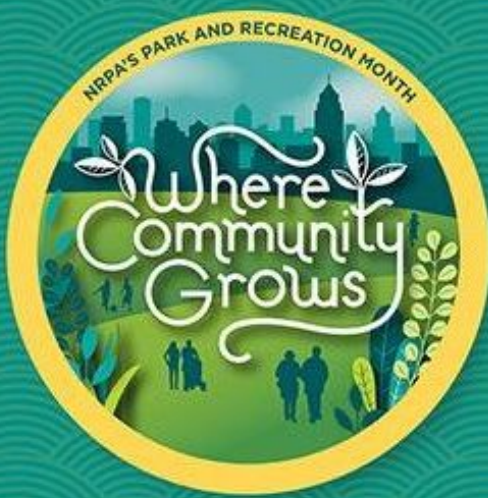
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

The National Association of Counties (NACo) announced the establishment of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Exploratory Committee, aimed at extensively studying the impact of AI on county governance. NACo selected Palm Beach County Mayor Weiss as one of the co-chairs to lead this endeavor.

"I'm honored and excited to serve in this capacity," said Mayor Weiss. "Our commitment is to harness AI to drive innovation, streamline processes and improve public services across all county governments."

You can read more about Mayor Weiss and the NACo Committee on AI [here](#).

July is Park & Recreation Month



It's time to share why local parks and recreation are "Where Community Grows"

This year, Mayor Weiss issued a proclamation declaring July 2023 as Park and Recreation Month to help celebrate the vital role park and recreation professionals play in bringing people together, providing essential services and fostering the growth of our communities.

Activities and programs

There's something fun happening **monthly** for everyone!
Activities promote environmental awareness, conservation and recreation.

Want to share how the county's Parks and Recreation Department has improved the quality of your life or the lives of those in your community?

From sharing your experience participating in a program or event, visiting your local park or getting involved in a beach/park cleanup, PBC Parks wants to hear your story!

Email your stories and photos to pbcparcs@pbcgov.org.

Have you signed up for our What's Happening in PBC Parks email list?

[Sign up](#) to receive this free monthly email right to your inbox! Receive monthly calendar highlights of free and affordable activities in Palm Beach County's parks.



We are deeply saddened by the loss of Jack Hairston, who died from a heart attack on July 7. He was the founder and president of Jack the Bike Man, a non-profit dedicated to providing repaired and refurbished bicycles to those in need in South Florida. Jack made a lasting impact on our community.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to Jack's family, friends, and those touched by his generosity.

Mayor Weiss posed for a picture with Jack and City of Lake Worth Beach Vice Mayor Christopher McVoy at the grand opening of the Guatemalan-Maya Center's new location just a few days before Jack's passing.

See what our summer interns have been up to



Earlier this month, our interns, Natalia and Christine, were able to tour parks in District 2!

These green spaces offer opportunities for physical activity across all ages and play a vital role in safeguarding local ecosystems through innovative green infrastructure.

A big thank you to our dedicated Parks and Recreation Department for being committed to fostering community health, connecting people to nature, and enriching the quality of life for everyone.



Last week, Station 47 hosted a special tour for Christine and Natalia. They looked inside the facility and learned about the different shifts, protective gear, the fire hose, emergency tools in the fire truck, and even basic CPR.

Thank you, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, for all that you do! We are truly grateful for the

selflessness, bravery and commitment of our fire rescue teams, who work tirelessly to keep our county safe.

Commish in the community

Celebrations, anniversaries, meeting with agencies, advocating for health causes, recognizing community leaders, joining neighbors' festivities and going to neighborhood meetings, Mayor Weiss spends a lot of time in the community.

"As an elected official, I want to be part of the community I represent," said Mayor Weiss. "I want to understand the issues in my district and that's why I spend many evenings going out to events to listen and learn."

If you'd like to invite Mayor Weiss to your event, let us know.



BRIGHTLINE ORLANDO RIBBON-CUTTING

All aboard! Last week, Brightline completed the final construction phase at their Orlando station. Mayor Weiss met with other mayors from across Florida to discuss transportation safety.

Once complete, the route will stretch over 200 miles from Miami to Orlando!



COMCAST CHANGEMAKERS AT FAC

In late June, at the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) conference in Orlando, Mayor Weiss had the opportunity to be interviewed by Comcast Changemakers.

The Comcast Changemakers organization seeks partners who share their values and are committed to positive change in communities.

Thank you, Comcast, for this opportunity!



GUATEMALAN-MAYA CENTER GRAND OPENING

It was an exciting Fourth of July weekend celebrating the Guatemalan-Maya Center at 1776 Lake Worth Road.

Mayor Weiss couldn't have been happier attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The community expressed gratitude for his presence, finally feeling heard and valued.



PBC FIRE RESCUE RECRUIT CLASS GRADUATION

Congratulations to the Recruit Class of 88! Mayor Weiss and other county commissioners attended a graduation ceremony for our newest Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Firefighters.

We are proud and welcome them into the PBC firefighting family!



CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on July 11, 2023, Mayor Weiss presented a certificate of congratulations to Mounts Botanical Garden, Discover The Palm Beaches and the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County for receiving the 2023 Dorothy E. Hansell Marketing Award from the American Public Gardens Association. The award was presented for outstanding marketing, advertising, communications and public relations work.

The nomination highlighted the successful “The Palm Beaches in Bloom” campaign that featured an intricate, large-scale floral installation in New York City in December 2022 that drew attention to our community’s great outdoors and art experiences. This collaboration between Discover The Palm Beaches, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County and Mounts Botanical Garden is a shining example of what our community can accomplish through creative collaboration.

Visit [Mayor Weiss' Facebook page](#) for more photos and stories. Make sure to follow him!



**Ideas, suggestions, concerns?
Contact us!**

We are here to help you!

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