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Dear Taxpayer:

Welcome fall!

The end of the 2023 tax year is fast approaching! This month, my office will certify the ad valorem tax roll to the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's Office. The Tax Collector will mail the 2023 tax bills on November 1.

Hearings are also beginning for property owners who filed a petition because they disagree with their property assessment or denied exemption. They are led by the Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Value Adjustment Board (VAB). On average, the number of petitions filed in Palm Beach County is low, typically less than 1% of the total parcels in the County.

As we move into the final months of the year, I'd like to remind all property owners to review their homestead exemption status to determine whether they might qualify for additional property tax saving benefits. There are several other exemptions such as those for seniors, the



PAO staff at the South Florida GIS Expo; L to R: Ketan Doshi, CFE, GIS Developer; John Enck, CMS, CFE, Director of GIS/Ownership Services; Padmi Gunarathna, CFE, Spatial/ Data Analyst; and Roger Michaud, CFE, Data Quality Specialist

disabled, and members of the armed forces. You can research them all on our Do You Qualify page at pbcgov.org/PAPA.

This month's newsletter also highlights a personal achievement for me. The IAAO, a prestigious professional organization in the appraisal industry, has recognized me as an IAAO Fellow for dedicating my career to the advancement of the assessment field. It is an incredible honor and one I am proud to bring home to Palm Beach County.

Respectfully,

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Additional Exemptions

A property owner may be eligible for additional exemptions. In order to qualify for the following additional exemptions, you must have a homestead exemption on your property.

Limited Income Senior Exemption

A \$25,000 exemption is available to those 65 or older with an adjusted gross income below \$35,167, not including tax-exempt bond interest or non-taxable social security income. You will be asked to provide a copy of your Federal 1040 Tax Form or your Social Security 1099 Form. The county's senior exemption does not apply to other taxing authorities, such as the school district and other municipalities.

In addition to the county-wide exemption, some municipalities offer additional tax savings.

- Boynton Beach - \$25,000
- Greenacres - \$5,000
- Haverhill - \$50,000
- Juno Beach - \$50,000
- Jupiter - \$50,000
- Jupiter Inlet Colony - \$50,000
- Lake Park - \$10,000
- Lantana - \$25,000
- Loxahatchee Groves - \$50,000

- Lake Worth Beach - \$25,000
- North Palm Beach - \$25,000
- Palm Beach Gardens - \$25,000
- Palm Springs - \$25,000
- Royal Palm Beach - \$5,000
- South Palm Beach - \$25,000
- Tequesta - \$25,000
- Wellington - \$50,000
- West Palm Beach - \$25,000

The city of Boynton Beach also offers a Super Senior exemption for those who meet the qualifications of the limited income senior citizen exemption and who have:

- Maintained the ownership and have been a permanent resident of the property for at least 25 years.
- A property with a market value of less than \$250,000 at the time of application.

Widow/Widower Exemption

Florida grants an additional \$5,000 exemption to widows and widowers. You will be asked to submit a copy of the deceased spouse's death certificate. If the surviving spouse remarries, they are no longer eligible to receive the additional exemption.

Living Quarters of Parents or Grandparents Exemption

(also known as the Granny Flat Exemption)

Homesteaded property owners who add living quarters for a parent or grandparent can apply to have all or part of the value of this new construction deducted from the assessment.

Civilian Disability Exemptions

Full or partial exemptions are available for individuals with the following disabilities:

- Quadriplegic
- Paraplegic
- Hemiplegic
- Legally Blind
- Total and Permanent Disability, Requires Wheelchair for Mobility
- Total and Permanent Disability, Does Not Require Wheelchair for Mobility

Some of these exemptions have income limitations.

Visit pbcgov.org/PAPA for more information on these exemptions or to download and print forms. You can always call us at 561.355.2866 or email us at myexemption@pbcgov.org.

Dorothy Jacks Named IAAO Fellow

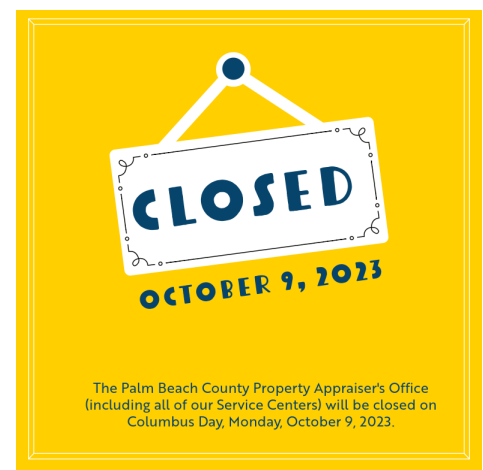
At their conference in August, the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) recognized Dorothy Jacks as an IAAO Fellow, an honor that acknowledges a career dedicated to appraisal excellence.

IAAO Fellowships are bestowed

on those who spend their careers developing the appraisal profession. Dorothy Jacks was recognized for her contributions toward educational programs, her service as a mentor to others in the appraisal industry, and her leadership at a national level, among other accomplishments.



Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS, FIAAO with IAAO President Patrick Alesandrini, CAE, RES



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