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Dear Friends,

Over the past few months, my team and I have participated in several community events where we had the opportunity to meet and speak with residents around the county. From the Jupiter Jubilee and Palm Beach Pride to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Delray Beach, it is so rewarding to take the time to volunteer for these community events. Volunteering not only benefits those being served but also provides volunteers with opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and a sense of fulfillment. It fosters a sense of belonging and strengthens social ties within communities, contributing to the overall well-being and resilience of society.

I encourage you to find your passion and volunteer for a community organization or event. You can start by visiting the Palm Beach County's Volunteer Opportunities website at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/pages/volunteer.aspx> to perhaps find a way that you too can support our community...you'll be glad you did!

Wishing all our mothers a very happy Mother's Day!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne'.

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Celebrating Palm Beach Pride

Palm Beach Pride persevered through rain and shine, a soggy Saturday didn't drown out my team's enthusiasm at this year's shortened event. Thank you to everyone who came out to the event to wave and cheer on the TCO float in Sunday's Pride parade.

Following the parade, we engaged with Palm Beach County residents who stopped by our booth. We answered their questions about our services and demonstrated the values that make our agency exceptional.

I am proud of our continued support of and participation in this annual community event.



Top Bicycle Safety Tips for Riders and motorists

May in South Florida is a great time of year to spend time outside before the summer heat arrives. This time of year also brings an important focus on safety—Bicycle Safety Month. Did you know that Florida is home to fourteen of the top twenty counties in the U.S. for the most cyclist deaths per 100,000 people? These numbers are a sad reality that highlight the emphasis that needs to be placed on safety for both cyclists and motorists.

For cyclists

- Always wear a helmet
- Ride in a group, motorists are more likely to see a group of cyclists as opposed to an individual
- Add reflectors and lights to your bike
- Wear retroreflective and bright clothing

For motorists

- Be aware of your surroundings and on the lookout for cyclists
- Slow down – high speeds increase the likelihood of serious injury or death

For more information about Bicycle Safety Month, please visit <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/safety-topics/bicycle-safety>.



Understanding Credit Card Descriptors

Paying online is the fast, convenient option to pay your bill at the Palm Beach Tax Collector's Office. When you pay by credit card, be aware of the credit card descriptor for your transaction. Wondering what a credit card descriptor is? It is the merchant information that appears on your statement when you make a charge. It is always a good idea to check your transactions to make sure there have been no fraudulent charges made with your card. Transactions with our office will appear as the following on your statement:

- **B2P*TAX COLL DMV PALM BCH** – motor vehicle transaction, including vehicle registration and driver license renewals
- **B2P*TAX COLLECT PALM BCH** – property tax, business tax receipt, and tourist development tax payments
- **LN PALMBEACH DMV KIOSK** – registration renewals at an MV Express kiosk



Important Dates & Holidays

May 1	Tourist Development Tax Due
May 12	Mother's Day
May 27	Memorial Day – Tax Collector Of