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DEAR FRIENDS:

Most of you already know two of my passions – my cats, Biden and Bader, and my garden. Those two things help me unwind and disconnect from the day’s events. Whether it’s watching the crazy things my cats get into, or spending time tending to my beautiful garden, creating “me-time” to relax and unwind is crucial for maintaining overall well-being. It is important to carve out some time for the things that bring you joy. Find your “sanctuary” and activities that you love to unplug and disconnect and most importantly, make time and schedule it. Always pay attention to your physical needs during your “me-time” by nourishing your body with healthy foods, exercise, staying hydrated with beverages, and getting plenty of sleep.

Remember that "me-time" is not selfish; it's an essential aspect of self-care that allows you to recharge and show up as your best self in other areas of your life. By prioritizing relaxation and unwinding, you are investing in your health, happiness, and resilience.

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MURAL, MURAL, ON THE WALL!

“Step into a world of energy and radiant hues.” These may not be the first words that come to mind when visiting the tax collector’s office.



However, this is what you can expect to experience the next time you visit our North County Service Center, with the addition of a new vibrant outdoor mural, entitled, “**Piece By Piece**” displayed on the south side of the service center. The mural was skillfully crafted by Connecticut born artist, **Benjamin Heller**. Benjamin has created several murals throughout South Florida. His style of art uses color and shapes masterfully to create captivating imagery that bring life to an otherwise ordinary space. When asked about the mural, he had this to say, “The use of this imagery and various colors reflect both the ‘Gardens’ and positively interact with the existing landscaping at that location, both under natural sunlight and artificial lighting at night.”

So, when visiting our North County Service Center, snap a selfie with our new mural in the background and tag us on social media (@taxpbc on Instagram and @pbctax on Facebook)!

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

I'm proud to share that our agency has recently been honored with two awards.

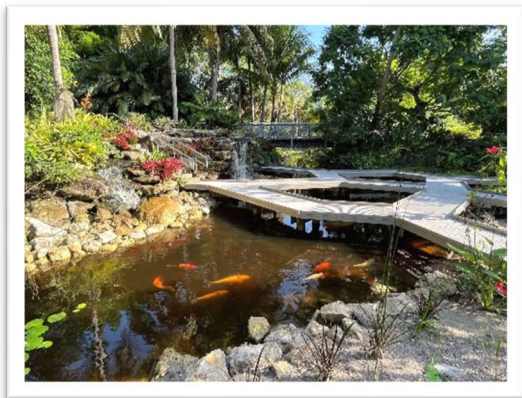
On May 20 at our Westlake Service Center, I accepted an award from the Wellington Garden Club, in conjunction with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District X. The Westlake Service Center was the winner of an **"Unsolicited Landscape Design Award"** in the Public Facility category. As an avid gardener myself, I am proud that our service center received this recognition. A beautiful facility and outdoor landscaping are part of the experience we want to create for our clients.



I am equally proud that on May 2, [Florida Weekly](https://palmbeach.floridaweekly.com/articles/best-waiting-room/) (<https://palmbeach.floridaweekly.com/articles/best-waiting-room/>) recognized our new North County Service Center in Palm Beach Gardens, which opened in March, as having the **"Best Waiting Room"** in the county, as part of its Best of 2024 Flamingo Awards.

We are honored to be recognized for this award, as we worked diligently to create a comfortable, welcoming space for our clients when visiting our service centers.

MOUNTS OVER THE SUMMER



If you're planning a day out to soak up some sun this summer, now is the time to visit Mounts Botanical Garden. This 20-acre tropical oasis is offering discounted admission rates of \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, college students and military with ID's; \$7 for ages 6 – 17; and free for children under 6. Palm Beach County Residents receive **FREE** admission the first Wednesday of every month (proof of residency required) as part of **Palm Beach County Residents Days**.

Dogs' Days in the Garden will continue this summer, giving your four-legged friend an opportunity to visit Mounts too! On the second Sunday of each month (except during events and plant sales) dogs are free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Mounts summer hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm, with last entry at 2 pm. For more information visit www.mounts.org.

JULY

IMPORTANT DATES & HOLIDAYS

- 1 IPP: 1st Installment Payment Due to receive discount
- 1 Local Business Tax Receipt Renewal Period Begins
- 1 Tourist Development Tax Due
- 4 Independence Day - Tax Collector Offices Closed
- 31 IPP: 1st Installment Payment Due

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