



August 2026 Tax Talk
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A NOTE FROM ANNE M. GANNON

Dear Friends:

August has arrived, and with it brings the official start of the 2026 election cycle here in Florida. This is an incredibly important time for our community, as the decisions made at the ballot box shape the future of Palm Beach County and our state.

Mark your calendars for two critical dates: the **Florida Primary Election on Tuesday, August 18**, followed by the **General Election on Tuesday, November 3**.

Your voice matters, and we want to ensure every eligible citizen has the opportunity to make it heard safely and conveniently. If you prefer to vote from the comfort of your home, I highly encourage you to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot today. As a reminder, Florida law requires voters to submit a new request for every two-year election cycle, so even if you voted by mail in 2024, you must renew your request for 2026.

The deadline to request a mail-in ballot for the Primary is **Thursday, August 6 at 5:00 p.m.** You can easily submit your request online or check your status by visiting the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections website at VotePalmBeach.gov.

Thank you for being an active, engaged member of our community. Let's make our voices count this election season!

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250 YEARS IN THE MAKING...



If you have made a visit to our administrative offices on the third floor of the Palm Beach County Governmental Center in Downtown West Palm Beach, you may have noticed a striking new addition. As part of our ongoing commitment to Art in Public Spaces and to celebrate America's 250th, "**Libertad**," which is Liberty in Spanish, is a collaborative art piece from artists Rolando Chang Barrio and Gary Kroman. This captivating, multimedia piece brings a wave of energy, color, and thought-provoking imagery to our lobby. "**Libertad**" features a powerful blend of mixed-media elements layered over a stylized backdrop of the American flag.

Our organization is committed to bringing Art to Public Spaces in our service centers. While visiting our service centers, you may see:

- "Piece by Piece" mural on the south side and in the lobby of our North County Service Center.
- "Adam and Eve" sculpture outside our Westlake Service Center.

- Volcanic basalt fountains in the lobbies of our Central, North County and Westlake Service Centers.
- Art Stands featuring artwork from Gulfstream Goodwill Adult Day Training participants in our service centers.

Bringing these pieces into our service centers is about more than just filling space. Art in Public Spaces:

- **Fosters Connections:** Art acts as a natural conversation starter.
- **Enhances Well-being:** Visual art has been shown to reduce stress, elevate mood, and make everyday settings feel warm, welcoming, and alive.
- **Celebrates Diverse Voices:** When displaying art that incorporates multicultural symbols and history, we reflect the rich, diverse fabric of our own community.

We invite you to take another look at these pieces on your next visit.



WORKING AT THE POLLS



If you are looking for a good way to give back to our community, have you considered becoming a paid poll worker?

Each countywide election in Palm Beach County requires more than 5,000 dedicated poll workers. The Supervisor of Elections' office is now accepting applications for this critical role.

Poll workers help ensure that our elections are administered accurately and in accordance with the law, and they also help voters have a smooth voting experience. To sign up:

- Visit the Supervisor of Elections [Election Worker Portal](#) to apply
- Complete training
- Work the Aug. 18 Primary Election and/or the Nov. 3 General Election

To learn more, [view the requirements](#) for becoming a paid poll worker.

TAX FREE HOLIDAYS



Mark your calendars, Florida families! Two major sales tax holidays are just around the corner. Whether you are prepping the kids for the classroom or gearing up for the great outdoors, you will want to take advantage of the upcoming Back-to-School and Hunting, Fishing, and Camping tax-free windows.

The Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday is back with a brand-new timeline to better align with school start dates. The month-long event has shifted earlier, running from **July 20 through August 20**. This gives families plenty of time to shop before school is back in session. You can stock up on essential clothing, footwear, and backpacks (\$100 or less per item), school supplies (\$50 or less), and learning aids (\$30 or less). Personal computers and tablets up to \$1,500 also qualify.

The savings are just getting started. In honor of America's 250th anniversary, a massive four-month Hunting, Fishing, and Camping Sales Tax Holiday kicks off this fall, running from **September 1 through December 31**. It covers outdoor essentials, including tents,

sleeping bags, and fishing gear.

Lastly, there is a permanent sales tax exemption now in place for propane tanks (20 lbs. or less) along with a three-year tax freeze on hurricane-resistant windows and doors. For more information visit Florida Dept of Revenue, at www.floridarevenue.com/Pages/SalesTaxHolidays.aspx.

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One of the most important ways our organization fulfills its commitment to exceptional service is through our team -- the employees who assist you in our service centers, who speak with you over the phone, and who work behind the scenes to keep us running efficiently.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our award-winning team, visit the Culture and Careers page on our website, www.pbctax.gov/resources/culture-and-careers/.

We offer:

- Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. schedule
- On-the-job training
- Recognition for a job well-done
- Opportunity for advancement
- A career that makes a difference in the community we serve.

We offer a generous benefits package that includes medical, dental, vision and disability insurance as well as participation in the state's retirement system.

If you are ready to do the work you love alongside a team that delivers exceptional service, check out our current openings and find your perfect fit.



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