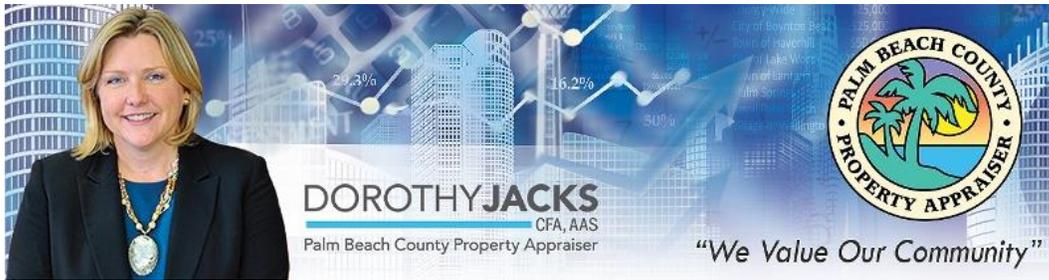


Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

Homeowner Association Newsletter – December 2017



Dear Taxpayers:

The past twelve months in Palm Beach County have been exciting, as we have seen County-wide property values increase 7.34% from 2016 to 2017. All municipalities increased in value, including West Palm Beach, Delray Beach, Greenacres, Lake Worth, and North Palm Beach. Some cities to watch in 2018 due to the completion of projects, affordability, and a new community are Boca Raton, Mid-County Cities, and Westlake.

Throughout the year, we saw trends in residential properties show growth in high-end condominiums and “all inclusive” community developments. Commercial trends revealed an uptick in activity with industrial and warehouse properties.

In my office, we improved techniques to define values by investing in software systems that allow my staff to research for better sales data and industry costs. These enhanced web-based applications provide real-time access to important information for our appraisers, clerks, and administrators.

We streamlined some of our customer service protocols, including the petitioning process for taxpayers, adding a new online filing option to submit evidence.

In addition, education and training have been vital to the development of my staff and to date, I am proud that my office has the highest number of staff professional designations (in the state of Florida) for a Property Appraiser's Office.

With the New Year fast approaching I anticipate there will be new challenges and trends, but the goal(s) of my office will always remain the same - to produce a fair and equitable tax roll, administer the homestead exemption and additional tax savings, and provide exceptional customer service to you, the taxpayers of Palm Beach County.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Property Appraiser. I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser



Homestead Exemption Receipt Cards to be mailed at the end of December

On the last business day in the month of December, the Property Appraiser's Office mails a "pink and white" **Homestead Exemption** receipt card to every homestead exempt property owner in Palm Beach County. If there are no changes to the use and/or ownership of the property, simply keep the card as your receipt that you have been automatically renewed for another year. However, if there is a change to ownership due to a sale, marriage, divorce, death, or you rented the property, call our office at 561.355.2866 or email us at myexemption@pbcgov.org

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|  DOROTHY JACKS, CFA, AAS PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER 301 N. OLIVE AVENUE, 1 ST FLOOR WEST PALM BEACH FL 33401 (561) 355-2866 | | <small>PRESORTED FIRST-CLASS MAIL AUTO U.S. POSTAGE PAID WEST PALM BCH, FL PERMIT NO. 214</small> | |
| 2017 HOMESTEAD RECEIPT KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION | | RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED | |
| PROPERTY CONTROL NUMBER 00 00 00 00 14 005 0100 | | EXEMPTIONS RENEWED FOR THIS PROPERTY: | |
| Legal Description Patriot Estates ADD 1 LT 12 BLK 5 | | HOMESTEAD | |
| DOE JOHN 1580 FOXBORO WAY WEST PALM BEACH FL 33401 | | | |

If this is your first year filing for Homestead Exemption, the Property Appraiser's Office recommends using our easy online E-file system. It's simple, efficient, and a secure website. Log onto www.pbcgov.org/PAPA and click the E-file button on the homepage.

You may also file by mail or in person at one of our five Service Centers conveniently located throughout Palm Beach County. The deadline to file a homestead exemption application is March 1 of the year you're applying for and you may pre-file anytime after you take ownership of the property and become a permanent resident of Florida. You and/or your spouse must not be receiving a residency-based exemption on any other property in Florida or in another state.

Community Outreach Events

Visit us at one of our public Community Outreach events. We will be taking homestead exemption applications, answering questions about property valuations and more. [Click here](#) for our events calendar. For details, contact **Mike Pratt**, Director of Education Services and Community Outreach at 561.355.4021 or mpratt@pbcgov.org

Office closed due to upcoming holidays

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office (including all of our Service Centers) will be closed the following days during the upcoming holiday season:

- **Monday, December 25, 2017**
- **Tuesday, December 26, 2017**
- **Monday, January 1, 2018**