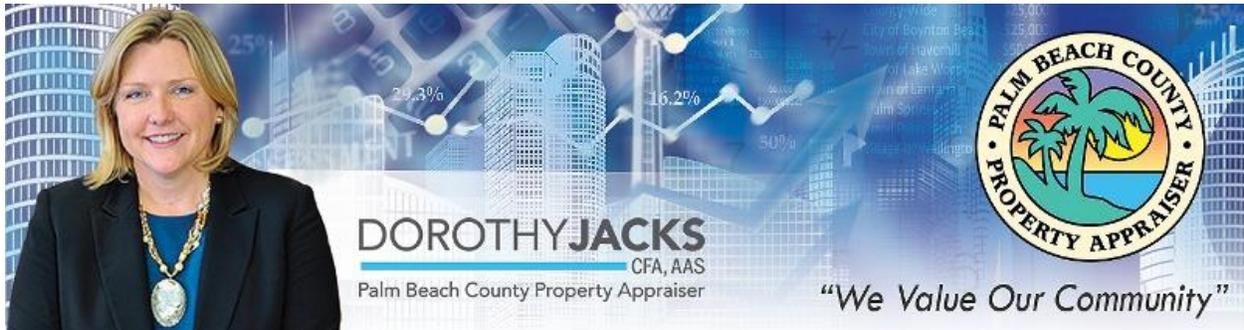


Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office Homeowner Association Newsletter – October 2017



Dear Taxpayers:

We hope you safely made it through Hurricane Irma. If your property sustained any damage due to the storm, please contact us at 561.355.3230.

The end of the tax year is fast approaching and October is a busy month in the Property Appraiser's Office. Over the next couple of weeks, values and millage rates are certified by my office to the Tax Collector's Office.

As we move into the final months of 2017, my office continually reminds property owners to review your homestead exemption status to determine whether you might qualify for additional property tax saving benefits. If you do not have a homestead exemption on your property, we encourage you to apply [online](#) or visit one of our [service centers](#) in the County.

Applying for a homestead exemption could save you money. A \$25,000 exemption is applied to the first \$50,000 of your property's assessed value if your property is your permanent residence and you owned the property on January 1 of the tax year. An additional exemption of up to \$25,000 will be applied if your property's assessed value is between at least \$50,000 and \$75,000. (The deadline to apply for a homestead exemption is March 1 of each tax year.)

Part of my duties as your Property Appraiser is to administer property tax exemptions which may reduce the assessed value of your property, thereby reducing the amount of property tax you pay in the future. In this month's newsletter, we will review the Senior Citizen, Widow/Widower, Granny Flat, and Civilian Disability exemptions. I hope you will find this information beneficial.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser



Additional Exemptions:

A property owner may be eligible for the following additional exemptions, if you have a homestead exemption on your property.

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

To qualify, you must be 65 or older and your adjusted gross income must meet a maximum level that is adjusted annually by Florida's Department of Revenue. The income limitation amount is available from my office in mid-January of each year. The current income limit is \$28,841. This does not include 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 additional benefit for qualified seniors applies only to taxes levied by the following authorities. The county's senior exemption does not apply to other taxing authorities, such as the school district and municipalities.

\$50,000

Town of Haverhill

Town of Loxahatchee Groves

Village of Wellington

\$25,000

Palm Beach County

City of Boynton Beach

City of Lake Worth

Town of Lantana

City of Palm Beach Gardens

Village of Palm Springs

\$5,000

Village of Royal Palm Beach

WIDOW/WIDOWER EXEMPTION

Florida grants an additional \$500 exemption to widows and widowers. You may submit a copy of the deceased spouse's death certificate. If the surviving spouse remarries, he/she is no longer eligible to receive the additional exemption.

LIVING QUARTERS OF PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS EXEMPTION *(also known as the Granny Flat Exemption)*

An assessment reduction may be granted to qualified residential property owners who build an addition to their house to accommodate their parents or grandparents, age 62 or older.

CIVILIAN DISABILITY EXEMPTION

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

- **Quadriplegic**
- **Paraplegic**
- **Hemiplegic**
- **Legally Blind**
- **Total and Permanent Disability, Confined to Wheelchair**
- **Total and Permanent Disability, Not Confined to Wheelchair**

Some of these exemptions have income limitations.

For more information on these exemptions or to download and print forms, [click here](#). You can always call us at **561.355.2866** or email us at myexemption@pbcgov.org

Community Outreach Events

Visit us at one of our public Community Outreach events this fall. We'll 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