

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

July 2020 Newsletter



Taxpayers:

Happy Independence Day!

As my office monitors the evolving impact of COVID-19, we continue to implement ongoing measures to ensure the health and safety of our staff, while also maintaining the highest level of safe service to the taxpayers of Palm Beach County.

We are following CDC guidelines and are open to the public, however we still encourage you to contact us via phone: 561.355.3230, email: PAO@pbcgov.org or utilize our online services at our website: www.pbcgov.org/PAPA. Be sure to follow us on social media for the most up-to-date information.

Recently, my office held its 27th annual College Scholarship Awards ceremony virtually, and presented six outstanding high school seniors (from Palm Beach County) with college scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each.

In addition to receiving a scholarship award, each recipient was offered a paid summer internship in my office. These six high-achieving, exceptional students demonstrated excellence in academic ability, persistence, leadership, and service to others.

Since 1994, the PAO has awarded more than \$140,000 in college scholarships. The event is particularly special to the PAO, because the money raised for the scholarships is 100% funded by our staff who participate in, "Friday Dress Casual Day", a volunteer donation program.

Also in this month's newsletter, an update on the 2020 tax roll process and the status of applications for property tax exemptions, portability and agricultural classifications. I hope you find this information beneficial and wish you a safe and happy Independence Day.

We Value What You Value.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser



2020 Tax Roll Update

July is an important month as my office submits the 2020 preliminary tax roll to Florida's Department of Revenue (DOR) and the local taxing authorities. The preliminary tax roll is a systematic listing of information pertaining to the market valuation of all real property within Palm Beach County, for purposes of ad valorem taxation. These values assist taxing authorities in preparation for their upcoming budgets and setting their proposed millage (tax) rates.

This year is unprecedented for our county as we continue to manage the COVID-19 crisis. Florida law requires my office to value property based on the status of the real estate market and the property, as of January 1. Any adjustments that were due to market conditions caused by the crisis will be reflected in the 2021 assessments.

Palm Beach County-wide taxable property values have increased **5.92%** from 2019 to 2020.

Highlights include:

- **Total Market value: \$288,618,967,306**
- **Total Taxable value: \$210,322,482,246**
- **Total Net New Construction Taxable: \$3,068,713,246**
- **Total Parcel Count: 645,034**
- **Total Tangible Accounts: 59,450**

Once the tax roll receives approval from Florida's DOR (usually in late July), my office will prepare the Notices of Proposed Property Taxes and Non Ad Valorem Assessments for Palm Beach County residents, which are mailed in mid-August.

Status of Applications for Property Tax Exemptions, Portability and Agricultural Classifications

If you submitted an application on or before March 1, 2020 for a **Property Tax Exemption** or **Portability** for Palm Beach County to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser for tax year 2020 and your application was denied, a Notice of Denial will be mailed out to you on July 1, 2020.

You have 30 days to file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) to appeal the denial of your exemption. The deadline to file a petition is 5:00 p.m., July 31, 2020.

The deadline to file a petition for the denial of a portability benefit is 5:00 p.m., September 14, 2020.

If you submitted an application for an **Agricultural Classification**, you will be notified of the status of your application for the agricultural classification by regular mail. These notifications will be mailed out on July 1, 2020.

If your Agricultural Classification application is denied, you have 30 days to file a petition with the VAB. The deadline to file a petition is 5:00 p.m. July 31, 2020.

For questions, call Exemption Services (including portability) at 561.355.2866, Agriculture Department at 561.355.4577, or the VAB at 561.355.6289.

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office Names 2020 Scholarship Recipients

- **Gema Cervantes** of Glades Central High School, will be attending Florida Atlantic University.
- **Sebastian Fernandez** of A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, will be attending Dartmouth College.
- **Fabio Louis** of Glades Central High School, will be attending the University of South Florida.
- **Beatrice Mattison-Santos** of Palm Beach Gardens High School, will be attending Palm Beach State College.
- **Charlene Mbaeri** of A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, will be attending Pomona College.
- **Jaylen Sanders** of the American Heritage School, will be attending the University of Miami.

Offices Closed Due to Holiday

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office including our five Service Centers, will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020, in observance of Independence Day.