

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

March 2020 Newsletter



Dear Taxpayers:

The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office continues to monitor COVID-19 (coronavirus) closely. In an effort to further minimize COVID-19's spread, **beginning Monday, March 23, 2020**, our office including our five Service Centers located throughout Palm Beach County, will be closed to public walk-in traffic.

Our office operations will be fully staffed and will continue to provide services via phone (561.355.3230), email (myexemption@pbcgov.org) and the Property Appraiser Public Access (PAPA) website: www.pbcgov.org/PAPA

In the best interest of our staff, taxpayers, and the entire Palm Beach County community, I encourage the public to utilize our online services. We offer a range of online options: filing for a homestead exemption, tangible personal property tax returns, portability, and more.

The tax roll for 2020 will continue to move forward as it is vitally important that the Palm Beach County taxing authorities receive their revenue later this year.

As the situation develops with any potential changes to our office operations, including the 2020 tax roll, filing deadlines and important notifications, we will keep the public informed and maintain communication via the PAPA website and our social media channels.

All contact information for departments within the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office may be found on the PAPA website at www.pbcgov.org/PAPA.

In this month's newsletter, a reminder to all business owners in Palm Beach County about filing for a Tangible Personal Property Tax Return for 2020 and about my office's annual college scholarship application filing deadline. Hoping all of you remain healthy and safe.

Respectfully,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser

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Business Tangible Personal Property

Florida allows an exemption up to \$25,000 in value for tangible personal property assets used by a business. You must file an initial Tangible Personal Property Tax Return (DR-405) to receive the exemption. Thereafter you need not file an annual return unless the value of your tangible personal property exceeds \$25,000 on January 1. Tangible Personal Property used in a business includes furniture, fixtures, machinery, tools, equipment, appliances, signs, leasehold improvements, supplies, leased equipment and any other assets used by the business.

The filing deadline is April 1. Failure to file will result in the loss of the exemption and the assessment of penalties per Florida Statutes, Sections 193.072 and 193.073.

Save time, paper, and postage by filing online using the [E File link](#) on our website www.pbcgov.org/papa. If you need a paper form (DR-405) you can download it from our website using the [Forms link](#). If you have any questions about reporting personal property, tangible E Filing or the \$25,000 tangible exemption, please call our office at **561.355.2896** or email us at patangible@pbcgov.org

Property Appraiser's Office Annual Scholarship Awards Program



The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office (PAO) is accepting applications for the 27th Annual Scholarship Awards Program. This year, my office is offering six college scholarship awards, \$1,500 each to graduating (Palm Beach County) high school seniors, who will attend accredited higher education institutions. The deadline to submit is **March 31, 2020**.

(Property Appraiser Dorothy Jacks with 2019 Scholarship Recipients)

To be eligible for a scholarship award, a student must be a resident of Palm Beach County, have a minimum of 3.0 GPA, and plan to attend an accredited higher-education institution (college or junior college).

In addition to receiving a scholarship, each recipient will be offered an opportunity for a paid summer internship in the Property Appraiser's Office.

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

For more information, call 561.355.3230 or go to our website, www.pbcgov.org/PAPA and click on the 'Learn More' tab and click on 'About Our Office'. You will find the application online.