



Tax Talk

with Anne M. Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector
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Dear Friends,

Summer is officially here bringing outdoor fun and adventure. I hope everyone enjoyed their Independence Day holiday. There were numerous local celebrations to remember and honor our nation's patriots and express appreciation for the freedom and liberties we enjoy.

Exciting summer outing and adventures can be a cause for distractions from other priorities. In this edition of Tax Talk you will find helpful tips on what not to forget from your summer "To Do" list. Like registering to vote, renewing local businesses taxes and obtaining your mini lobster permit to heading out on the road.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Gannon
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ELECTION READY?

Are you registered to vote in the August 30 primary elections? The right to vote is guaranteed by our nation's Constitution. This is a Presidential Election year; so let your voice be heard. Primary Election Voter registration ends August 1. Judges, Constitutional Offices, County Commissioners, School Board members, Congressional and Florida Legislative primary races are on the August 30 Primary ballot.

Visit the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections at www.pbcelections.org for all of your voting registration needs:

- Register to vote
- Request "Vote by Mail"
- Check your voter/vote-by-mail (absentee) ballot status
- Verify that your name and address are correct
- Confirm or change your party affiliation
- Update your signature

The Supervisor of Elections website is also a great source for all county election information.



DON'T FORGET, "PICTURE IT!"



Who's riding with you this summer? As you hit the road to your next destination, don't forget to "Picture It." There are only a few days left to enter our contest. Share your picture on Twitter and/or Instagram, @TAXPBC #pbcdive. Who knows? Your picture could make you the winner of an awesome car safety kit! Remember to have fun, be creative, the best pic wins! Learn more about how to enter, rules and prizes at www.pbctax.com/contest.



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RENEWAL LOOKOUT

Business owners should keep a lookout for their 2017 Local Business Tax Receipt Renewal Notices. Business tax renewals may be paid from July 1 to September 30. The tax is delinquent October 1. We know business owners want to save time and avoid the service lines. Renewing the Local Business Tax Receipt online at <http://pbctax.manatron.com/Tabs/BusinessTax.aspx> is fast, easy and saves you time!

Opening a new business in Palm Beach County? All businesses and professionals who provide services and/or merchandise to the public are required to pay local business taxes in order to operate a business in Palm Beach County. Remember to submit the following information:

- A completed Application for Palm Beach County Local Business Tax Receipt
- Payment
- Proof of state/county certification (if applicable)

Information on Local Business Tax Receipts is always available at www.pbctax.com.

ARE YOU A SUMMER ROAD HAZARD?

Busy summer months mean more cars on the road. More cars on the road mean road hazards and distractions. Driving distracted endangers the lives of everyone sharing the road. We all know texting is by far the most frightening distraction but not the only distraction.

While driving to you:

- Text
- Use a cell phone
- Eat/drink
- Talk to passengers
- Read
- Apply makeup/ groom yourself
- Use a navigation system
- Search radio stations



If you answered yes to any of the above, you're a distracted driver and a hazard on the road. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reported a total of 2194 Distracted Driving Crashes in Palm Beach County for 2015. 1656 of these total crashed resulted in injuries. Don't drive distracted. Don't be a statistic.

SERVING YOU BY THE NUMBERS

	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Clients Served	75,524	73,707	69,916	69,588
Average Wait Time	50 minutes	46 minutes	34 minutes	50 minutes
Average Help Call Hold Time	4 minutes	4 minutes	1 minute	1 minute

WHAT A CATCH!

It's the perfect time of year for the outdoors. This month we celebrate National Parks & Recreation. There are plenty of parks and recreational activities to choose from in Palm Beach County. And fishing is always a popular choice.

Fresh/Saltwater fishing and hunting licenses are available for purchase; visit us online at www.pbctax.com/content/lobster-mini-season for a location nearest to you. With Lobster mini season quickly approaching make sure you have:



1. A Saltwater Fishing License
2. A Spiny Lobster Permit

Note: Spiny Lobster mini season is July 27-28 and the regular season begins August 6.

IMPORTANT DATES

- July 1** Local Business Tax Receipts open for collection
- July 4** Independence Day – OFFICES CLOSED
- July 20** Last day to enter "Picture It" contest @TAXPBC #pbcdrive
- July 27 & 28** Lobster Mini Season

REMINDERS

- Privately owned vehicle registrations expire at midnight of the first owner's birthday.
- ePay Local Business Tax Receipts online.
- Saltwater fishing license & crawfish permit required for Lobster Mini Season.
- Missing the June 30 Installment Payment Plan (IPP) property tax payment means you are no longer on IPP and will receive a property tax bill in November.