



February 2015

Dear Friend,

The weather is magnificent and love is in the air here in Palm Beach County!

If you visit an office, you may notice an employee taking photos of new drivers. That's how we help them celebrate getting their first license. Photos are posted to our Twitter page @TAXPBC. For Valentine's Day, we take photos of newlyweds who come to an office for driver license or state ID card name changes. I invite you to join in on the fun!

Property Tax Payments

save! Apply today!

Catch a Break.
Sign up for the Installment Payment Plan and receive a discount.
Hurry, offer ends April 30.

ANNE M. GANNON
CONSTITUTIONAL TAX COLLECTOR
Serving Palm Beach County
Serving you.

February is your last chance to receive a discount on 2014 property taxes. Payments received in our office by Monday, March 2nd receive a 1% discount. Payments received after March 31st are delinquent. Delinquent taxes include a late fee and interest. Our online payment center is always open at www.pbctax.com.

Application online at www.pbctax.com

Do you want quarterly payments for 2015 property taxes instead of one lump sum? Then our Installment Payment Plan is your chance to catch a break. It's easy. Just complete a brief online application at www.pbctax.com by April 30th. If you are already enrolled, you do not need to reapply.

Homestead Exemption

Speaking of 2015 property taxes, there's another deadline you need to know about if you recently purchased a home. If you want a Homestead Exemption, you must submit the Homestead Exemption Application to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser by 5:00 p.m. on March 1st. You can e-file directly on the Property Appraiser's website at <http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/papa/FileExemption.htm> or download and mail an application.

In the Driver's Seat

Issuing driver licenses is one of our most popular services. We recently updated our free mobile app, "In the Driver's Seat." Features include:

- Quick access to Florida's driving laws and recent changes
- Easy online driver license appointments
- Tools for first time drivers, including updated study materials, the official practice test, and driving logs
- Calendar of important dates and deadlines

Whether you're preparing for your first license or you've been driving for decades, In the Driver's Seat is a helpful tool. It's available for Apple and Android smart devices and can be downloaded in the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Amazon.

Are You Renting?

Whether it's an apartment, a single family home, or even a room in your home, property owners renting or leasing a unit for six months or less must pay Tourist Development Tax. The Palm Beach County Commission has increased this tax rate to 6% beginning this month. Revenue is used to promote tourism, convention centers, and sporting facilities and fund cultural arts and beach restoration.

Knowingly evading taxes is a felony in Florida. If you have been renting and were not aware of this responsibility, contact us as at (561) 355-3547 or bedtax@pbcgov.org. We will work with you to bring your property into compliance.

Want to Learn More?

Did you know that our office is not funded through property tax dollars? Or that we distribute unexpended revenue from collected fees to local taxing authorities like public schools and cities?

If you want to learn more about the services we provide... our community outreach program is a great resource! We can provide a speaker for your civic organization, homeowner's association, or professional organization. Simply email your request to ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com.

Sincerely,

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