



ANNE M. GANNON CONSTITUTIONAL TAX COLLECTOR

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Property Matters

December 2016

Dear Friend,

What a wild year! In 2016, we temporarily obsessed over Pokémon, mourned the loss of 49 innocent lives in an Orlando nightclub and narrowly escaped a major hurricane. We also endured a contentious campaign season.

No matter what you celebrate – Christmas, Hanukkah, or none of the above -- now is the time to appreciate our families and friends acknowledging we have come through a challenging election season. Once again the people have spoken and so we move forward as a Nation.

Payment Perks

Are you shopping for deals this holiday season? Treat yourself to a property tax discount! Save 3% when you pay in December. The discount drops to 2% in January and 1% in February. There is no discount for property tax bills paid in March. 2016 Property Taxes are delinquent April 1, 2017.

The easiest way to pay property taxes is online at www.pbctax.com. There is no fee for eCheck payments. Online payments are processed in one to three business days. Plus, you can view and print a copy of your tax bill on our site.

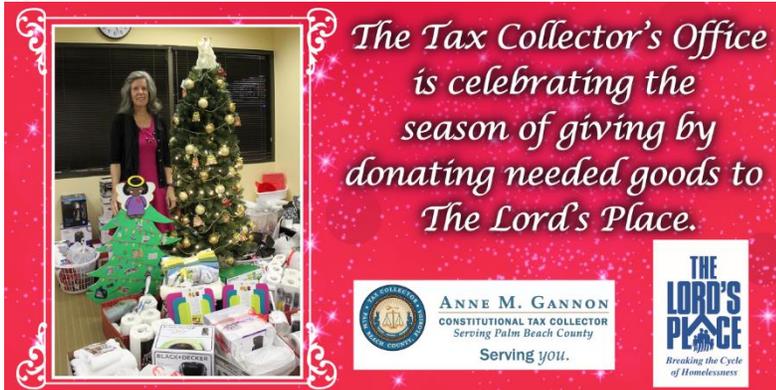
Skip the Line

Winter is an especially busy time in our offices. Here are our top tips for hassle-free transactions.

1. **Go online.** Click over to www.pbctax.com to pay 2016 property taxes and renew motor vehicle, boat and mobile home registrations. You can also print forms, including the Disabled Persons Parking Permit application, or apply for our 2017 property tax installment payment plan.
2. **Bring the right stuff.** If you must visit an office, make sure you have the correct documents handy. We posted a REAL ID checklist at www.pbctax.com/real-id to help you prepare.
3. **Plan ahead.** November through March is our busiest season. Lines form as early as 7 a.m. Please note that our offices are especially busy during the public school winter break. This year, winter break is Friday, December 23 through Friday, January 6.

Making a Difference

Our agency collects and distributes over \$3 billion annually, but Tax Collector employees also enjoy giving back. For the past two years, we have supported three local non-profits: Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, The Lord's Place and the Sickie Cell Foundation of Palm Beach County & Treasure Coast.



Together, we raised donations and supplies through bake sales and holiday drives. Currently, 258 employees donate \$1 weekly from their paychecks – a small gift that adds up to thousands of dollars.

Our employees recently voted to support Little Smiles and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League in

2017 and 2018. We are excited to make a difference!

Skip the Champagne

January 1 is the second deadliest day of the year for drivers, passengers and pedestrians according to the National Transportation Safety Board. New Year's Day is second only to July 4 for traffic deaths. Some tips to prevent drowsy driving:

- Get enough sleep. Most adults need seven to nine hours per day.
- If you feel tired, drink a caffeinated beverage. It takes 30 minutes to kick in.
- If all else fails, pull over to a lighted rest area and take a short nap.

Our offices are closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. Wishing you and your family a healthy, happy and safe New Year!

Best regards,



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