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# Property Matters

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Dear Friend,

July is here and it's time to celebrate Independence Day and enjoy the many wonderful outdoor festivities Florida has to offer. Whether you are participating in this summer's lobster mini season or helping your teen driver obtain their first driver's license, we can help!

## New Neighbors?

Does your HOA conduct New Resident Orientation meetings? Moving can be a stressful time. Many local HOAs provide our New Neighbor Kits to incoming residents. These kits guide new neighbors through several transactions they must complete with our agency. These transactions include paying property taxes, updating driver licenses, and registering and titling cars and boats. To request copies of our New Neighbor Kits for your HOA, please email [ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com](mailto:ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com).

## This Summer Help Your Teen Driver Pass the Written Exam

Did you know that nearly one half of all first time drivers fail the written exam? In response to this high failure rate, our agency developed a free app called "In The Driver's Seat." This easy to use app provides study materials, driving laws, safety tips and a practice test to help new drivers prepare for the written exam. Encourage your teen to download "In The Driver's Seat" from the App store (iOS devices) or Google Play (Android devices). For more information, please visit [www.pbctax.com](http://www.pbctax.com).

## Lobster Mini Season Is Almost Here!

This year lobster mini season runs from Wednesday, July 26 through Thursday, July 27. Boat density can be up to 900 times that of the regular season. Stay safe and follow these tips to make your lobster mini season a success.

- Make sure you have a lobster permit and a saltwater fishing license. You can obtain these documents online at <https://www.pbctax.com/hunting-fishing>.
- Never dive alone. Review hand signals prior to descending.
- Plan your dive and dive your plan.

- Don't let the hunt for lobster distract you from staying safe. Always be aware of your surroundings above and below the water.
- Know your limits:
  - Bag limit of six lobsters per person per day for Monroe County and Biscayne National Park. 12 lobsters per person per day for the rest of Florida.
  - Carapace must be larger than 3" when measured in the water. Bring a gauge for easy measurement.
  - Night diving is prohibited in Monroe County.

For more information about lobster mini season, please visit <http://www.pbctax.com/content/lobster-mini-season>.

## Business Tax Renewals Due

Our office mails Local Business Tax Renewal Notices in late June. Business owners can renew Local Business Tax Receipts from July 1 through September 30. You can avoid long wait times by renewing your Local Business Tax Receipt online at [www.pbctax.com](http://www.pbctax.com).

If you sold your business, you can transfer your Local Business Tax Receipt to the new owner, with a bill of sale. A transfer fee of 10 percent of the annual business tax applies. Businesses that have changed names or moved location, must submit a new application. New business owners must complete an "Application for Business Tax Receipt" and return it to any of our service locations or by mail:

Constitutional Tax Collector serving Palm Beach County  
P.O. Box 3715  
West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3715

## Let's Build a Partnership to Help Your HOA

All across Palm Beach County, our civic engagement managers are building partnerships with local homeowner associations (HOAs). These partnerships give us the opportunity to share important information and gather direct feedback from you and your community.

We welcome the opportunity to actively participate at your next HOA event or expo. Our staff is available to deliver short presentations on our services and important legislation that may impact you and your community. We can also set up a table at an expo event to hand out agency materials and answer questions.

If you are interested in inviting us to your next meeting or event, please email your request to [ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com](mailto:ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com).

Best regards,



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