



June 2017

Dear Friend,

June is a time for summer vacations, road trips and the beginning of hurricane season. It's important to keep safety in mind while traveling or staying at home. In this issue you'll find information to help you better prepare for hurricane season, important tax deadlines and tips on how to register your emergency contact information. Be prepared and stay safe this summer.

## Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is here once again. Last October, Hurricane Matthew reminded us of how threatening these natural disasters can be. Preparation is key in keeping our neighborhoods, communities and families safe. Follow these tips to be prepared in the event of a hurricane. Before the storm:

- Purchase supplies for your Family Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Do all major cutting / tree removal from December through April.
- Create an evacuation plan for you and your family.
- Request our free Hurricane Preparedness Guide.

Our guide contains practical information to help you plan, prepare and protect yourself, others and your property. Use this tool to get started on preparing for the unexpected. To request your copy email, [ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com](mailto:ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com).

## Summer Road Trip Safety

Going on a road trip this summer? Does law enforcement have your Emergency Contact Information (ECI)? You can register up to two emergency contacts with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. This allows law enforcement to quickly contact your loved ones, in case of an emergency situation, in Florida or out of state. Currently about 65 percent of Palm Beach County residents are registered, leaving 35 percent unregistered. Please share this important information with your friends and family today. Register your ECI now. <http://services.flhsmv.gov/eci/>

## Installment Payment Due

Are you participating in our 2017 Property Tax Installment Payment Plan? Watch your mailbox for your first quarterly bill. You must make this first payment by June 30. If you miss the deadline, you will automatically be removed from the plan. View or pay your installment bill at <https://www.pbctax.com/pay-online>.



## Annual Publications, Get Yours Today

Our annual publications are great informational and educational resources. The *2017 Tax Planner & Services Guide* is a comprehensive guide to services, as well as a calendar of important tax dates and deadlines. It also includes information about office locations, payment options, ways to connect with us and frequently asked questions.

The 2016 Fiscal Year Annual Report, *Report To Our Citizens*, is the perfect opportunity for residents to review our agency's activities and operations. This year's report shows how tax collections were disbursed, agency achievements and our future plans. This report, is published as part of our commitment to transparency. If your community or association would like free copies, contact [ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com](mailto:ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpbc.com).

## 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. Avoid crowded offices, renew your Local Business Tax Receipt on our website 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.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne".

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