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Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! On behalf of our entire agency, I wish you and your family a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

In this issue of Property Matters, we share details about our Installment Payment Plan, Tourist Development Tax requirements and how to request a copy of our *2017 Tax Planner & Services Guide*. Remember to follow us on Twitter and Instagram @TAXPBC for up-to-date information.

Please note that our offices are closed Monday, January 2 for the New Year's Day Holiday and Monday January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We're always open for online payments.

Lump Sum Got You Down?

Paying property taxes in one lump sum can be difficult. Thousands of property owners have opted to enroll in the Installment Payment Plan for 2017 property taxes. This plan gives property owners the option to pay their taxes in 4 quarterly payments instead of one lump sum. The plan offers a discount of slightly under 4 percent. Quarterly payments are due by the last day of June, September, December and March.

Enrollment is easy. Property owners can complete a short application online. <https://www.pbctax.com/installment-payment-plan> Deadline to enroll is April 30, 2017.

Snowbird Renting Requirements

Winter in South Florida means we are in the peak tourist season. Are you renting your home for less than 6 months? Don't forget to collect and pay Tourist Development Tax.

Formerly known as "bed tax," the Tourist Development Tax is vital to our community. This tax strengthens our local economy because it supports our county's tourism industry which provides more than 63,000 local jobs. The tax funds county tourism marketing and promotion, which keeps us competitive in the global contest for tourists. It also funds beach restoration, art and cultural events and professional sports facilities throughout our beautiful county. Visit our website to register, collect and pay tourist development tax. <http://www.pbctax.com>.

Every Second Counts

In the event of an emergency, every second counts. 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 gives law enforcement the ability to contact your loved ones for you quickly in case of an emergency situation. If you travel out of state, law enforcement can still see your ECI and contact your loved ones. Register your ECI now.

<http://services.flhsmv.gov/eci/>

65 percent of Palm Beach County residents have registered. That leaves 35 percent unregistered. Pass this information along to your friends and family today.

Hot off the Press!

Our *2017 Tax Planner & Services Guide* is the perfect way to keep up to date on all of our services and never miss a deadline. Pick up your complimentary copy at any of our office locations or download a copy at www.pbctax.com. If you would like extra guides for your community or organization, email your request to ClientAdvocate@taxcollectorpb.com. Be sure to include the name of your organization, contact information and number of Tax Planners requested.

Best regards,



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