



Tax Matters

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TO: Members of the Chamber of Commerce

FROM: Anne M. Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector

Local businesses contribute a great deal to our county. In addition to thousands of local jobs, the tax dollars businesses contribute helps pay for critical services for Palm Beach County residents.

BY THE NUMBERS 2013

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX

- \$472 million in collections
- \$22,829 average 2013 commercial property tax payment
- \$5,516 median 2013 commercial property tax payment

BUSINESS TAX

- \$4.1 million in collections
- 80,212 local business tax receipts issued

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX

- \$30.5 million in collections
- 6,399 Tourist Development Tax accounts

THE NUMBERS ARE IN!

We collected \$2.77 billion or 91 percent of the \$3.03 billion billed for 2013 property taxes. Read our [Property Tax Season Summary](#) for more information.

DON'T WAIT. PAY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

[Delinquent property tax payments](#) must be received by May 30 to avoid the June 1 [Tax Certificate Sale](#). Delinquent taxes are charged 3 percent interest monthly plus advertising fees. Florida [law](#) requires Tax Collectors hold an annual sale to recover uncollected property taxes.

INTERESTED IN BIDDING?

Anyone interested in bidding in the online Tax Certificate Sale can go to www.palmbeachfl.realtaxlien.com for instructions.

RENEWALS ARE IN THE AIR

If you're a business owner or a professional selling merchandise or services in Palm Beach County remember that [Local Business Tax Receipts](#) are renewable beginning July 1. Save a trip to a busy office by paying [online](#).

Dates & Deadlines

May

7 months left to get a [REAL ID driver license/ID Card](#) if you were born after December 1, 1964

May 20:

[Tourist Development Tax](#) Payment Deadline

May 26

Memorial Day, all offices closed

May 31

Last day to pay [delinquent property taxes](#) before the Tax Certificate Sale

June

6 months left to get a [REAL ID driver license/ID Card](#) if you were born after December 1, 1964

June 1

[Tax Certificate Sale](#)

June 20

[Tourist Development Tax](#) Payment Deadline

June 30

1st Installment [payment](#) due for 2014 property Taxes

June 30

Deadline to renew [Disabled Person Parking Permits](#) held by businesses or organizations

July

5 months left to get your [REAL ID driver license/ID Card](#) if you were born after December 1, 1964

July 1 – September 30

[Local Business Tax Receipts](#) renewable

July 4

Independence Day, all offices closed

July 20

[Tourist Development Tax](#) Payment Deadline

COMPLIANCE IS THE ROAD TO FAIRNESS

We continue our efforts to ensure every business or professional fulfill their legal obligation to have a [Local Business Tax Receipt](#).

Are you operating without a current Local Business Tax Receipt? We added a compliance page to our website to help. Visit www.pbctax.com/compliance.

If you suspect a business or professional is not in compliance, report it anonymously at www.pbctax.com/content/tdt-and-lbtr-complaint-form.

STAY ON TOP OF YOUR COMPETITION!

Sign up and find out who is your latest competition. Subscribe to our daily [new business listings](#). You can view them online or receive printed copies. Fees apply to information and subscription requests.

SAVINGS FOR MOTORISTS

Effective September 1, 2014, motorists will pay \$20 - \$25 less for their vehicle registrations depending on the weight of the vehicle. That's because the Florida legislature voted to a rollback of vehicle-registration fees they increased in 2009. Early projections claim that motorists will save over \$395 million a year. This reduction specifically excludes over 756,000 motor vehicle owners in Florida who renewed their tag for a two year period prior to the effective date of September 1.

DISABLED PERSON PARKING PERMITS DEADLINE APPROACHING

Businesses that transport individuals with disabilities must renew their [Disabled Persons Parking Permit](#)(s) every four years. If your permit(s) is up for renewal you have until June 30. A representative from the company must complete the [Disabled Person Parking Permit Form](#) and return it to us by mail or in person.

The law requires that Disabled Person Parking Permits are hung on the rearview mirror when the vehicle is parked. Inappropriate use of a permit is a second-degree misdemeanor, punishable with a \$1,000 fine, jail time up to one year, or both.