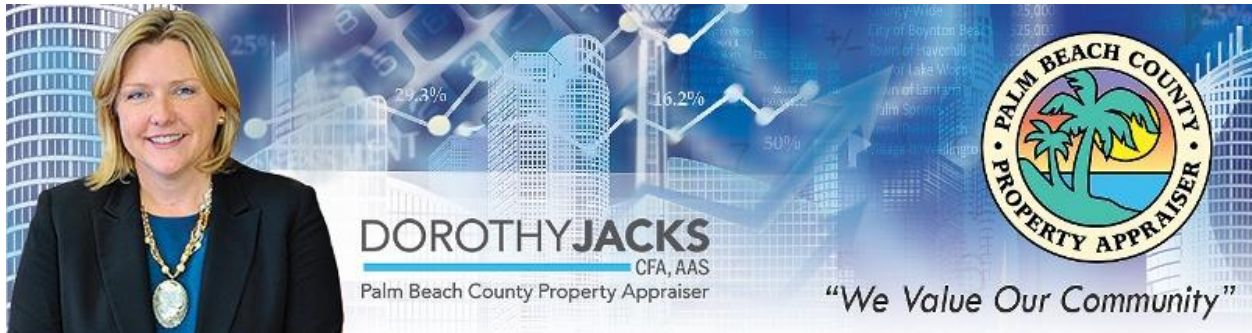


**Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office
Homeowner Association Newsletter – March 2017**



Dear Taxpayers:

I recently returned from the Newly Elected Official Orientation in Tallahassee sponsored by Florida's Department of Revenue. The educational workshops were a great success and provided information on fundamental issues to help with understanding our governing agencies. In addition, it allowed me the opportunity to meet the other 18 newly elected property appraisers from across the state.

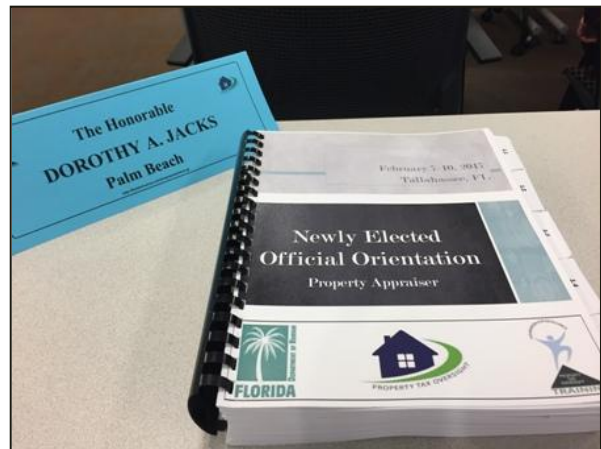
We exchanged ideas, shared experiences, and left the conference with a clearer and broader picture of the work that lies ahead for each one of us.

As we move into spring, filing deadlines pertaining to homestead exemptions and additional property tax exemptions apply in certain instances. This month's newsletter highlights those tax savings initiatives, along with welcoming two new professionals to my administration.

Enjoy reading, as our goal is always to bring you the most up-to-date information about our office.

Respectfully,

**Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser**



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Homestead Exemption and Additional Property Tax Exemptions

The filing period for homestead exemption applications and additional property tax exemptions is **March 1**, however, if you have missed the deadline, please contact our office to discuss options at **561.355.2866** or stop by one of our Service Centers in Palm Beach County, for locations [click here](#).

Once you have qualified for a homestead exemption on your property, you may be eligible for additional property tax exemptions depending on certain requirements:

- **3% "Save Our Homes" (SOH) assessment limitation**
- **Florida grants a standard \$25,000 exemption on the assessed value of qualified residential property. An additional exemption up to \$25,000 also may apply to your property.**
- **Active Duty Military and Disabled Veterans Exemptions**
- **Civilian Disability Exemptions**
- **Granny Flat Exemption**
- **Institutional Exemptions** (qualified institutional or non-profit organizations that own and use their property for religious, charitable, literary, educational or scientific purposes.)
- **Legally Blind Exemption**
- **Portability**
- **Quadriplegic Exemption**
- **Low Income Senior Citizen Exemption for Persons 65 and Older**
- **Surviving Spouses of First Responders who died in the line of duty**

- **Tangible Personal Property (businesses) Exemptions**
- **Widow/Widower Exemption**

As of January 1, 2017, a new tax exemption for firefighters, law enforcement and correctional officers disabled after being injured in the line of duty is currently being implemented by the Florida legislature. (This was Amendment 3 on the November 2016 ballot which was passed by the voters) Once the legislature enacts rules and procedures, it will become effective July 1, 2017 and the deadline to submit an application is August 1, 2017.

For all details and forms on Palm Beach County property tax exemptions, visit our website at: <http://www.pbcgov.com/papa/ExemptionServices.htm>

Updated Instructional Map Videos on Property Appraiser's Website

Check out the updated instructional map videos on the Property Appraiser's Office website. You can measure distances, find sales and mailing reports, email maps, and more. Just click on the wrench tool in the upper left hand corner and selections will be offered. View [here](#).



New faces in the Property Appraiser's Office – Administration



Chief Appraiser

Tim Wilmath recently joined our office as Chief Appraiser. He will be based in our Downtown Service Center in West Palm Beach. As the former Director of Valuation for the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser's Office (Tampa, FL), he brings 30 years of appraisal experience to Palm Beach County. Among his responsibilities are planning and supervising our staff in the appraisal of residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural properties. His duties involve advising and directing appraisals, performing field

reviews of appraisal work, and insuring uniformity between assessments. He will also be responsible for compliance with all statutes and administrative rules relating to appraisal functions. Tim holds the MAI and SRA designations from the Appraisal Institute and the CFE designation from the Florida Department of Revenue. He is a Florida native and a veteran of the

United States Navy. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of South Florida.



Finance Director

Brenda Hockman recently joined our office as Finance Director. She will be based in our Downtown Service Center in West Palm Beach. Among her responsibilities are overseeing operations of the accounting department, assisting with budget preparations, complying with audit procedures, and managing financial policies for practicality and efficiency. She is a Florida native and received a bachelor's degree in finance from Florida Atlantic University in 1998.

23rd Annual Scholarship Awards Program for Palm Beach County area high school seniors.

Each year, the Property Appraiser's Office (PAO) awards **five** college scholarships in the amount of **\$1,000 each** to college-bound students. Applications are now being accepted and the deadline to submit is **March 31, 2017**. Visit <http://bit.ly/2iTORiU> for more information or call our office at 561.355.3230.

To be eligible for a scholarship award, a student must be a resident of Palm Beach County, have a minimum of 3.0 GPA, and plan to attend an accredited higher-education institution (college or junior college).



Since 1994, the PAO has awarded \$130,000 in college scholarships. The program is particularly special to the PAO because the money raised for the scholarships is 100% funded by our employees who participate in, "Friday Casual Dress Day", a volunteer donation program.

The Scholarship Awards Employee Committee typically reviews more than 100 applications - all from exceptional high school seniors throughout Palm Beach County. Most of the students have impressive portfolios, ranging from proficient test scores to high GPA's to meaningful community service projects. It's always a very challenging selection process for the committee, as they choose five winners. The scholarships are awarded in May of each year.