

# NEWS YOU CAN USE!

## SPECIAL SATURDAY HOURS

Our office will be open from 7:00am to 2:30pm on Saturday, February 23, 2019 and September 14, 2019.

## MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES

If your mailing address is incorrect or if the name of an owner is misspelled, please notify our Data Entry Section by mail, or email at address@bcpa.net, or fax to 954.357.6894 in order for us to keep our records up to date. Be sure to let us know if your mailing address changes in the future.

## DEATH OF THE HOMESTEAD RECIPIENT

If anyone named on this Homestead Exemption renewal receipt has died, please notify our office to avoid potential penalties. The Homestead Exemption claimed by a deceased person must be removed for the year immediately following the death of the exemption recipient. Homestead Exemption does not transfer to family

members and does not remain with the property after a Homesteaded owner dies. If you are a surviving spouse or otherwise believe you are entitled to an exemption, you must file your own application to receive the benefit. Failure to report the death of a Homesteaded owner or Homesteaded trust beneficiary can result in a costly back tax lien, plus penalties and interest. Contact us at 954.357.6830 if you have any questions.

## DISASTER RELIEF CREDIT FOR HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES

Owners of homestead property, damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Hermine, Matthew, or Irma, may be eligible to receive a tax credit on a portion of their 2019 property taxes.

To qualify, the homestead property must have been uninhabitable for at least 30 days and affected owners must file a sworn application for Abatement of Taxes for Homestead Residential

Improvements (DR-463) along with supporting documentation to the Property Appraiser. If approved, the Property Appraiser will issue an official written statement to the Tax Collector, who will calculate and issue the credit. Applications are available on our website at www.bcpa.net and may be submitted via mail, fax, email or in-person. The filing deadline is March 1, 2019. For more information, see Section 197.318, Florida Statutes.

## LOW-INCOME SENIOR EXEMPTION RENEWAL

If you received the Low-Income Senior Exemption for tax year 2018, it will not be listed among your 2019 exemptions on the attached renewal card. Florida law requires you to renew your Senior Exemption annually. Your 2019 renewal application postcard for the Low-Income Senior Exemption will be mailed in early February. You must sign and return the senior renewal postcard in order to renew your Low-Income Senior Exemption for tax year 2019.

*Please cut along dotted line and mail in an envelope to our office*

## OFFICIAL RECORDS CHANGE ORDER - 2019

**IMPORTANT:** Pursuant to Sec. 196.011(9)(a), Fla. Stat., you are required to report changes in ownership or use of a Homesteaded property, or eligibility for exemptions. Failure to do so may subject you to up to 10 years of back taxes, plus a 50% penalty and 15% interest per year.

- Homesteaded resident no longer maintains permanent residency at the subject property as of January 1, 2019. Date moved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide new mailing address.)
- Homesteaded resident died. Name of deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please enclose copy of death certificate.)
- Check this box if ANY portion of this property was rented out as of January 1, 2019. Date first rented out: \_\_\_\_\_
- I no longer qualify for the Widow/Widower Exemption or Disabled Veteran's Surviving Spouse Exemption, as I remarried. Date remarried: \_\_\_\_\_
- I now qualify for the Widow's/Widower's Exemption (please enclose copy of death certificate or obituary).
- I no longer qualify for the Disability Exemption.
- Homesteaded resident/spouse is Active Duty US Military (please provide documentation).
- Homesteaded co-owners are now divorced and ex-spouse \_\_\_\_\_ no longer permanently resides at this property.
- I demolished the subject residence with the intent to rebuild a new permanent residence on the property. Date of demolition: \_\_\_\_\_
- I and/or my spouse are claiming the benefits of a permanent residency based property tax exemption or tax credit on another property elsewhere. (Examples: Homestead Exemption, NY STAR, Veteran's Exemption, Senior/Disability Exemption, etc.)

If you checked any of the above boxes, please sign below and return this card to us by March 1, 2019.

**If you did NOT check any boxes above, DO NOT RETURN THIS CARD as your exemption will be automatically renewed without further action.** Thank you.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Dear Homeowners:

Our annual Homestead Exemption renewal notice gives property owners the key information they need to know about their Homestead Exemption.

First: We ONLY printed the name(s) below of those individuals who are protected by a Homestead Exemption at this property. **IF YOUR NAME IS NOT PRINTED ON THIS CARD, IT MEANS YOU ARE NOT PROTECTED BY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AT THIS PROPERTY.** If you are a co-owner, surviving spouse, or trust beneficiary residing on the property and are not listed below, you should visit our website at [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net) to file online for Homestead. If you believe our information is incorrect or if you have any questions, please contact us at [kbrown@bcpa.net](mailto:kbrown@bcpa.net), or 954.357.6830, or visit our office.

Second: The Homestead Exemption of anyone named below will be **AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED** for 2019 provided there was no change in the ownership or eligible use of the property. By law, you **MUST** notify us if any portion of the property has been rented, or if a Homesteaded owner listed below died or moved, or if you are claiming a Homestead (or other residency-based) Exemption on any other property, etc. Please use the card on the back of this form to notify us of any changes.

Third: If you recently moved to this property, the exemption from your previous residence does NOT automatically transfer to your new home. If this applies to you, then you must apply for a new exemption. If you received this card at your home address, but the name printed below is the former owner, you must apply for a new exemption in your own name to receive tax savings.

Finally, the renewal application postcard for the Low-Income Senior's Exemption will be mailed in early February. Please contact us at 954.357.6830 if you had this exemption last year but do not receive a renewal notice by February 27, 2019.

Sincerely,



Marty Kiar  
Broward County Property Appraiser  
[martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net)

Property Address:

Parcel ID#:

*Please cut along dotted line and mail in an envelope to our office*



**IF YOU ARE COMPLETING A CHANGE ORDER, PLEASE RETURN TO US AT...**

YOUR EXEMPTIONS:

PARCEL ID#:

**HOMESTEADED** OWNER(S):

**MAIL TO:**

Marty Kiar  
Broward County Property Appraiser  
Attn: Customer Service  
115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 111  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1801

or **FAX TO:** 954.357.8474

or **E-MAIL TO:** [kcardone@bcpa.net](mailto:kcardone@bcpa.net)