

It has been one year since I was sworn into office as your Broward County Property Appraiser. It is a true honor to serve Broward's 1.9 million residents and all nonresident Broward property owners.

## What we do

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect your property taxes, but determines the value of all residential properties, commercial properties and tangible personal property in Broward County. This is important because the amount of property taxes you pay is determined by your local tax rates and the taxable value of your property.

Among other important functions, our office grants property tax-saving exemptions such as Homestead Exemption, Veteran Exemptions, Disability Exemptions, and Additional Low Income Senior Exemption to qualified individuals, as well as apply an Agricultural Classification for land meeting the specific requirements.

If you qualify for any of these valuable exemptions, we are going to make sure you receive everything you are entitled to under the law. Should you have questions regarding any of these exemptions, please contact our Customer Service Department at (954)357-6830

## Does my Homestead Exemption automatically renew?

After your initial application for Homestead Exemption has been made and the exemption approved by our office, it automatically renews each year unless there is a change of ownership or eligible use of the property. Each January our office mails a Homestead Renewal Notice and "Change-Card" to all Homesteaded property owners. This card allows property owners to verify that the status, use,

and ownership of the property has not changed. Florida law requires the property owner to notify the Property Appraiser of any change of property use or ownership status.

Deadline to file an application for any 2018 exemption is

ARCH 1, 2018

Late filing deadline is September 18, 2018 If there are NO changes to the use and/or ownership of the property, simply keep the card as your receipt verifying you were automatically renewed for another year. However, if there are changes, please mark the Change Card accordingly and return it to our office. Here is the link to the Homestead Exemption Renewal/Change Card: http://www.bcpa.net/forms/changecard.pdf

Included along with the renewal card is our BCPA newsletter highlighting the Homestead Exemption requirements for new property owners as well as other available tax-saving exemptions for qualified individuals. Here is the link to the newsletter outlining these exemptions: http://www.bcpa.net/Forms/Newsletter.pdf

If you have any questions relating to your Homestead or other tax-saving exemptions, please visit our website at www.bcpa.net or contact our Customer Service Department at (954)357-6830 or email me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net

Take care,

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