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DEAR FRIENDS:

Did you know that there are more than sixty special observance days in March, such as National Black Forest Cake Day (March 28) and Working Moms Day (March 12)? One of these observances that I am especially fond of is Employee Appreciation Day on March 1. While my leadership team and I certainly appreciate the hard work our employees do each and every day, this special day gives me and our leadership team the opportunity to thank our more than 330 employees in a special way for their hard work, dedication, and for providing exceptional service to you, our clients. So, if you are fortunate enough to have an amazing team of employees, like me, I encourage you to recognize them on Employee Appreciation Day on March 1.

Don't forget, if you have not yet paid your 2023 property taxes, you have until March 31 to do so to avoid your taxes being delinquent. You can pay online by visiting <u>https://pbctax.publicaccessnow.com/</u>.

Anne M. Gannon Constitutional Tax Collector, Serving Palm Beach County

NEW! MOVE OVER LAW



Did you know that on January 1, 2024, expansions were added to Florida's Move Over Law?

You might be wondering what the Move Over Law is. Well in Florida drivers are required to move over a lane for stopped law enforcement, emergency, sanitation, utility service vehicles, tow trucks or wreckers, maintenance, or construction vehicles with displaying warning lights. However, there are times when that isn't always possible, as a vehicle could be in the lane next to you and it is unsafe to move over, or you could be on a two-lane road. In those scenarios you should slow to a speed that is 20 mph less than the posted speed limit, or slow down to 5 mph when the posted speed limit is 20 mph or less.

The expansion of the Move Over Law that took effect on January 1, now includes <u>any</u> disabled vehicles on the side of the road, to help protect

motorists that are stopped on the side of the road.

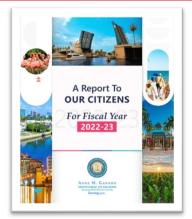
In 2022, there were 170 crashes and more than 14,000 citations issued for motorists failing to move over in Florida. For more information on how you can protect yourself and others on the road, visit <u>www.flhsmv.gov/safety-center/.</u>

A REPORT TO OUR CITIZENS

I am pleased to announce that the 2022-23 Report To Our Citizens, which highlights our agency's results and continued growth, is now available.

In fiscal year 2022-23, more than \$5 billion in property tax revenues were collected and distributed to the individual taxing authorities throughout the county, in support of critical local public resources. This resulted in our agency returning \$51,617,938 of unexpended revenue back to the local taxing authorities.

In this latest report, we've included data regarding our client satisfaction scores that we are extremely proud of! Our goal is always to provide exceptional service to our clients and our client satisfaction scores tell us that we are delivering on that commitment!



I encourage you to review our results in this "Report To Our Citizens For Fiscal Year 2022-23" by visiting <u>www.pbctax.com/annual-report</u> where you can review the report online or request a copy be mailed to you.

GREAT DAY AT THE JUBILEE!



A picture-perfect day brought out the crowd for the Town of Jupiter's largest hometown celebration, the Jupiter Jubilee. TCO employees were available to answer questions and distribute informational materials. This event is always a great opportunity to visit with our neighbors in the north Palm Beach County area.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth for information about the services we provide and to share their positive interactions with our offices!

We look forward to taking part in these community events and visiting with our clients. If you missed us at the Jubilee, look for our booth at these upcoming community events:

✓ Palm Beach Pride, March 23 & 24 at Bryant Park in Downtown Lake Worth Beach



✓ Black Gold Jubilee, April 13 at Torrey Island Campground in Belle Glade.

MARCH

IMPORTANT DATES & HOLIDAYS

| 1 | Tourist Development Tax Due |
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| 10 | Daylight Saving Time Begins |
| 29 | Good Friday |
| 31 | Easter |



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