



Our office receives numerous calls every year asking us to confirm property tax exemptions on the recent tax bills. The Property Appraiser's Office does not set your tax rates or collect property taxes. Our office assesses all property for tax purposes and grants tax-saving exemptions to qualified individuals. The property tax bills were mailed by the Broward County Tax Collector's Office this year to more than 459,000 property owners.

All qualified Florida residents are entitled to a Homestead Exemption on their homes, condominiums, co-op apartments, and certain mobile home lots. To qualify for Homestead Exemption, you must own and make the property your permanent residence on January 1 of the year in which you are applying for this valuable exemption. Pursuant to Florida Statute, all assessments and exemptions are based upon the status of the property on January 1. If you purchased and/or made the property your permanent residence in 2017 and have not applied for Homestead Exemption, you can apply for 2018 exemptions at any time – there is no need to wait until 2018. You can easily apply online at www.bcpa.net or at one of our many outreach events.

New Home Purchase in 2017

If you purchased your home in 2017, the tax bill you received from the Broward County Tax Collector was for the 2017 tax year. If the previous owners of your new home were entitled to and received Homestead Exemption or any other exemption on January 1, 2017, you may have inherited their exemptions on your 2017 property tax bill. Florida Statutes require these exemptions be removed for 2018 and the Save Our Homes Value be brought up to the 2018 Just Value. This will often result in an increase in your 2018 property taxes so it is important you apply for 2018 Homestead Exemption and any other exemptions you may qualify for. Your new 2018 Homestead Exemption will be reflected next year on all 2018 property records, notices and tax bills. Should you have any questions regarding your new exemption, please stop by our many outreach events or call me directly. Our Community Outreach events can be found on our website at www.bcpa.net/events.asp.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 954.357.6904 or by email at martykiar@bcpa.net.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Kiar".

Marty Kiar

