



"Ask Lori"

**Helpful Tax Saving Advice and Tips from
Broward County Property Appraiser Lori Parrish**

Dear Lori:

I just bought a new home in Broward County. When does the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office mail out the 2014 proposed tax notices?

T.P., Coral Springs, FL (via email)

Beginning, August 11, the Broward County Property Appraiser will begin mailing the 2014 "Truth-in-Millage" (TRIM) Notices to property owners on behalf of the various Broward County taxing authorities. The over 760,000 "TRIM" Notices will be sent, providing property owners with their 2014 property assessment information, exemptions, proposed tax amount and proposed tax rates. These notices also inform property owners of their right to both appeal their property assessment and to attend their various taxing authority budget hearings regarding the proposed tax rates.

The Property Appraiser's Office does not set tax rates or collect taxes. If you wish to discuss the proposed tax rate or any new fees or fee increase on your TRIM Notice, you should contact the County Commission, School Board, City Commission and other taxing authorities. The TRIM Notice will include phone numbers for each taxing authority, as well as the schedule of public budget hearings.

The Property Appraiser's Office determines the property's market value as of January 1 and grants exemptions to qualified applicants. If you believe the market value of your property is not what a buyer would have reasonably paid for your property on January 1, 2014, you must contact our office or file a value petition with the Value Adjustment Board by the **September 17, 2014 deadline**. You can call, email or visit our office to discuss your property assessment. For residential properties, please call 954.357.6831 or email Scott Lewis at slewis@bcpa.net. For condo, co-op and timeshare properties, please call 954.357.6832 or email Maureen Morrison at mmorrison@bcpa.net. For commercial properties, please call 954.357.6835 or email John McKean at jmckean@bcpa.net. For exemption questions and assistance, please call 954.357.6830 or email Kelly Brown at kbrown@bcpa.net. You may also visit our office located in Room 111 of the Broward County Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue (just south of Broward Boulevard) in Fort Lauderdale. Our office is open weekdays from 7:00AM to 6:00PM. To better accommodate the schedules of working families, our office will be open on Saturday, September 6 and Saturday, September 13 from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If after speaking to one of our appraisers, you still disagree with our determination of market value, we will help you file an appeal petition directly with the Value Adjustment Board (VAB). All valuations petitions must be received by the VAB (115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 120, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301) by close of business September 17, 2014. You may also file a petition online with the VAB <https://bcvab.broward.org/axiaweb2014>. Should you have any questions regarding the VAB, please contact their office directly at 954.357.7205.

For additional information on property assessments, exemptions, and the TRIM Notice, please visit www.bcpa.net or call 954.357.6830.

Sincerely,

If you have a question for the Property Appraiser, please email Lori at lori@bcpa.net or write to her at the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 111, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. (8/14)