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This year feels like it is flying by! Our office has been very busy the past couple of months. We made it through our statutory March 1st deadline for all exemptions and agriculture classifications to be applied for. Don't worry though, If you missed the deadline, please contact our office immediately, either in person or with a phone call, so we can best assist you with your request and application.

Now, let me tell you all about the new and exciting concepts being implemented in our organization and throughout our amazing community. Community outreach is something I have been very involved with and passionate about since taking office a couple of years ago. We want our community to know that we are not the type of government office that will hide or keep things from the public. We want to be as *transparent and open* as possible.

So let's dive into the topic of being transparent. When I took office we started a new program where either myself or a member of our staff participated in presentations at a few of our local community civic clubs. These presentations were such a huge success throughout the first year we expanded the program. Now, we have presented at multiple Rotary clubs, veteran chapters, Leadership Citrus, Realtors Association of Citrus County Leadership Academy, BOCC Constitutional days, Citrus County Agricultural Alliance, youth leadership groups, and a few others.

One of our goals has been to offer an educational opportunity to the realtors so they can be prepared for any questions that buyers and sellers might be asked of them pertaining to our office and its functions. We have been very fortunate to have had over 100+ Citrus County realtors attend our training. During these realtor sessions we touch on topics such as: homestead exemption, portability, property values, agriculture, mapping, navigating our website, tangible personal property, parcel records and an office overview. We have had amazing feedback from our local realtors who have attended our training. Since we had such positive feedback, we now offer the training out to other local businesses that may want to learn some more about what we do.

You might have seen our ad recently in the Chronicle over the last couple of weeks. In the future, we plan on holding informational sessions for the public to join in as well. We want to make sure that all of our Citrus County residents and property owners know who we are, what we do, and how we can assist them.

In addition to our informational training that we have in place, we have formed partnerships with Citrus County Habitat for Humanity and UF IFAS Extension Citrus County who are hosting first time home buyers classes. Both offer outstanding programs that will better the citizens' knowledge when purchasing their first home. The information we are able to share with first time home buyers will allow them to make informed decisions when purchasing their home.

Another way we have extended our informational reach is to improve and increase our presence on social media. Growing our social media presence over the last couple of years has been impactful. We know that so many of our property owners from around the world are on social media and also may use social media as their main source of Citrus County news. We want to make sure we provide posts that are getting as much informative information out there as possible. We post Monday-Friday on different social media platforms that include information about our office, what we are doing, approaching deadlines, legislative changes, etc. If you aren't following us already and would like to, make sure to give us a follow or like on

Facebook and Instagram at @CitrusCountyFLPropertyAppr.

Please be sure to check out our "*Brochures & E-newsletter*" sections on the website (citruspa.org). We have a lot of printable brochures pertaining to homestead exemption, hurricanes, tangibles, buying and selling a home, agriculture, and a few others. To use our printable handout section, click on the "Brochures" box on our website. In addition to the brochures section, we now have included an e-newsletter sign up section. Each month we will email our subscribers this amazing e-newsletter that is full of important information about our office, approaching deadlines or who we have met with for community events. To sign up for our e-newsletter, click on the "E-Newsletter" box on our website.

We look forward to providing Citrus County residents and property owners with continued information in the coming months. Our Customer Service Department is always available to answer questions in both offices. Please call (352) 341-6600 or visit our website at www.citruspa.org. Our social media pages are also available via Facebook or Instagram at @CitrusCountyFLPropertyAppr.

Sincerely, Cregg E. Dalton, CFA Citrus County Property Appraiser

Homestead E-File TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR 2023

If you already applied for the 2023 tax year, no need to resubmit an application. If you purchased your home after January 1, 2023 then don't rush to file today. Your deadline is March 1, 2024.



We are currently accepting homestead applications for 2023.

The e-filing service is currently available for homestead exemption only. You may qualify for additional exemptions. Select from the list of available exemptions while filling out the homestead exemption application.

A customer service representative will contact you if additional documentation is required. For more information, please contact our office: <u>Email</u> or (352) 341-6600.

Before proceeding, please read the following:

- To be eligible for homestead exemption, you must be a permanent resident of Florida, who owns and occupies real property as of January 1 of the year in which you are applying.
- If you have recently closed on your property, please allow our office 30 to 60 days from your closing date to process the deed and ownership change. Click this link to check the ownership status of your property.
- If your property is secured from public record per **Chapter 119**, **Florida Statutes**, you will need to file homestead exemption by mail or in person.

Please have the following information available for all applicants:

- Florida Driver's License or ID card reflecting homestead address
- Florida vehicle tag number and/or voter registration reflecting homestead address
- Social Security number, date of birth, date of occupancy, marital status, and phone number
- If married, you will also need the above information for your spouse
- Your previous address

Community Outreach

We were invited to attend the Habitat for Humanity of Citrus County wall blessings event on February 10th. What an amazing experience it was to write our best wishes for the three future home owners. We are excited to partner with Habitat for Humanity on future events. (Pictured, Dan Robbins, Assistant Property Appraiser)

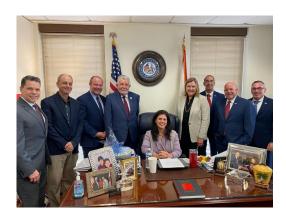






Committed to Serving the Citizens

Property Appraiser & Florida Association of Property Appraisers President, Cregg Dalton made his way up to the capitol last week with other Property Appraiser's who are also FAPA members from around the State of Florida. They had meetings with legislators and discussed Property Appraiser issues to better serve our citizens.









Speaking Engagements

We had the privilege to speak with an amazing group of students who are in this year's Citrus County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Citrus class. Property Appraiser, Cregg Dalton was asked to speak about leadership as well as some background history and how he got to where he is now in life.



CCPA Field Visits





Commercial & Agriculture Staff

All field staff will be in a Property Appraiser logoed vehicle, wearing a gray logoed fishing shirt, and have a badge with their name and photo on it.



Orange tag on your door?

If a Citrus County
Property Appraiser staff
member has visited your
property when you are
not present, you will find
a bright orange tag
referencing why we
visited your property
and if we need
anything further from
you.

Visit Reason

- Sale
- Permit Pulled
- 5 Year Review



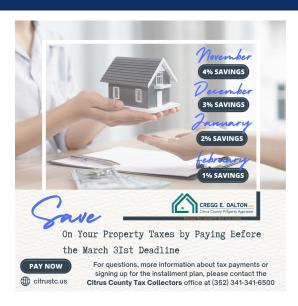


Staff Donations

On Wednesday, 02/22/2023 it was General George Washington's 291st birthday! So it was only appropriate for our staff to come together representing the combat wounded veterans who have sacrificed their lives for our country and freedom by wearing purple. Our staff members made a donation towards the Military Order of the Purple Heart - Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776. We are honored to be the only Property Appraiser's office in the country to be a Purple Heart entity. February 22nd & August 7th are officially designated as the day's that the Property Appraiser's office will honor veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart medal.



Important Information



Property Taxes Due

If you haven't paid your property taxes to the Citrus County Tax Collector's office yet, you still have time to pay them in the month of March. After March 31st, all taxes not paid will be delinquent.

Visit <u>citrustc.us</u> to pay them today.

Online Printable Brochures

Did you know that we have several printable brochures on our website? They are packed with valuable information about the different exemptions we offer, hurricane preparation, buying/selling a home, etc.

Title companies / realtors - feel free to use these brochures with your closing documents!

Printable Brochures



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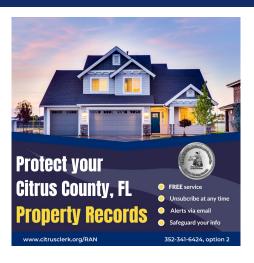


Exemption Applicant's

The increase is effective
January 1, 2023 for the 2023 tax
year. Nothing additional is
required from those already
receiving the exemption.

Exemption increase from \$500 to \$5000 off your <u>assessed value</u>.

FREE Property Fraud Alert Service



The Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Office offers a free monitoring service to help detect fraudulent documents, such as a deed, that may be recorded in Official Records with your or your business' name on it.

The free Alert Service will send you the Official Records document number and link via email for you to review the document on the Clerk's website and take action, if necessary.

Sign Up Here

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