

Tax Collector News

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2005 PROPERTY TAXES BECOME DELINQUENT APRIL 1, 2006

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 1, 2006** - Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are now delinquent.
- **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Online Payment Service Available until **APRIL 30th** at 11:59 PM EST for 2005 taxes only.
- **REAL ESTATE:** Online Payment Service Available until **MAY 30th** at 11:59 PM EST for 2005 taxes only.
- The Tax Certificate Sale will be held on June 1, 2006. To avoid the sale of a tax certificate, payments must be **RECEIVED** and posted in one of our offices by 5:00 PM MAY 31st or paid online by 11:59 PM EST MAY 30th.

The 2005 Ad Valorem Property Taxes become delinquent if payment is not post-marked or received by the Manatee County Tax Collector on or before March 31, 2006. Payments may be made by mail, online at www.taxcollector.com or at any Tax Collector's Office.

"This is the last opportunity to pay 2005 property taxes before interest, advertising charges and late fees are assessed," Tax Collector Ken Burton Jr. said. "There were nearly 8,000 delinquent real estate and tangible personal property parcels last year."

Nearly 5,000 taxpayers have taken advantage of online



payments this year. Frequently asked questions (FAQ's) are provided for guidance when paying taxes online at www.taxcollector.com. There is no fee for e-check payments (online electronic debit to a checking account); however, online credit card payments carry a

convenience fee (credit cards are not accepted when paying by mail or in person). Taxpayers may verify that their payment has been received by accessing the Tax Collector's website, which is updated daily.

Delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Notices will be mailed to all property owners with unpaid 2005 property taxes {Section 197.343, Florida Statutes} starting April 17th. Due to the time required to prepare bills for mailing, property owners who pay their taxes after April 5th

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TAX CERTIFICATE / TAX DEED SEMINAR

A Tax Certificate/Tax Deed Seminar will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from 6:00 PM—8:30 PM in the DeSoto Branch Conference room of the Manatee County Tax Collector's Office. The Seminar is being

facilitated by the Delinquent Collections Department of the Tax Collector, the Manatee County Property Appraiser's Office, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Gilbert A. Smith, Jr, Esquire. If you are inter-

ested in attending this seminar, reservations can be made by calling (941) 741-4832 or (941) 741-4835. Limited seating is available.

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will still receive a delinquent notice. Payments made in person or by mail must be received by May 31st to qualify for the May amount due. April 30th is the cutoff to pay 2005 Personal Property Taxes online; and 2005 Real Estate Taxes may be paid online until 11:59 PM EST May 30th. Prior years delinquent taxes cannot be paid online.

Per Florida Statutes, Delin-

quent Personal Property Taxes will be advertised once and Real Estate Taxes will be advertised three times. If real estate taxes remain unpaid, tax certificates will be sold at the annual tax sale June 1st. At the tax sale, bidders have the opportunity to pay the taxes at an interest rate determined by the auction and are issued a certificate. If the taxes remain delinquent after two years, those holding a two-year-old

certificate can apply for a tax deed. If a tax deed is applied for by the certificate holder, and not redeemed by the date of the tax deed sale, the property could be sold on the courthouse steps to the highest bidder.



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TAX COLLECTOR LOCATIONS

DeSoto Office

819 301 Boulevard West
Bradenton, FL 34205

*(Located adjacent to the
DeSoto Square Mall)*

Downtown Office

415 10th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34205

Lakewood Ranch Office

6007 111th Street East
Bradenton, FL 34202

(Off State Road 70)

Palmetto Office

1341 10th Street East
Palmetto, FL 34221

(US 301)

Coming Soon

Palma Sola Office

7411 Manatee Ave W Suite 200

INFORMATIVE WEBSITES

Manatee County Tax Collector	www.taxcollector.com
Manatee County Property Appraiser	www.manateepao.com/
Manatee County Clerk of Court	www.manateeclerk.com
Florida Access to Government	www.myflorida.com
Florida Department of Highway Safety Index	www.hsmv.state.fl.us/html/web_index.html
Florida DMV Forms Available Online	www.hsmv.state.fl.us/html/forms.html
Florida Department of Revenue	sun6.dms.state.fl.us/dor/
Florida Tax Law Library	taxlaw.state.fl.us/taxlawmenu.asp
Florida Legislature	www.leg.state.fl.us/
Gateway to Manatee County	www.bradentonflorida.com/default.asp