

# Tax Collector News

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## 2006 PROPERTY TAXES BECOME DELINQUENT APRIL 1, 2007

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 1, 2007** - Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are now delinquent.
- **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Online Payment Service Available until **APRIL 30th** at 11:59 PM EST for 2006 taxes only.
- **REAL ESTATE:** Online Payment Service Available until **MAY 30th** at 11:59 PM EST for 2006 taxes only.
- The Tax Certificate Sale will be held on June 1, 2007. 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 2006 Ad Valorem Property Taxes become delinquent if payment is not received in our office on **April 2, 2007** by 5:00 PM or paid **o n l i n e** a t [www.taxcollector.com](http://www.taxcollector.com) by 11:59 PM. Payments mailed to our office must be post-marked by **March 31, 2007**.

“This is the last opportunity to pay 2006 property taxes before interest, advertising charges and late fees are assessed,” Tax Collector Ken Burton Jr. said. “We expect nearly 13,000 delinquent real estate and tangible personal property parcels this year.”

Nearly 7,500 taxpayers have taken advantage of online payments this year. Fre-



quently asked questions (FAQ's) are provided for guidance when paying taxes **o n l i n e** a t [www.taxcollector.com](http://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 and print receipts back to 1994 by accessing the Tax Collector's website; [www.taxcollector.com](http://www.taxcollector.com), which is updated daily.

Please be aware that certain statuses prevent online payment at this time. Examples of accounts that cannot be paid online are prior year delinquent taxes, accounts with a status of bankruptcy plan, litigation, tax deed, list of lands, good faith or prorated; and accounts where a

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### ❧ NOTICE ❧

Don't wait until the last week of May to pay taxes in one of our offices as tax payments on the counter may be limited to 10 bills per customer since this is one of our busiest times of the year.

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note posted in our tax collection system affects the payment status. You must call our office (750-9566) to obtain a payoff for accounts that cannot be paid online, because the amount on the Internet is only the gross tax that was originally billed; it is not the payoff.

Delinquent Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Notices will be mailed to all property owners with unpaid 2006 property taxes {Section 197.343, Florida Statutes} starting April 16th. Due to the time re-

quired to prepare bills for mailing, property owners who pay their taxes after April 5th will still receive a delinquent notice. Payments made in person or by mail **must be received** by 5:00 PM May 31st to qualify for the May amount due. Postmarks are not honored once taxes become delinquent and partial payments are not permitted under Florida Statutes. April 30th is the cutoff to pay 2006 Personal Property Taxes online; and 2006 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, Delinquent 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.

**Tax  
Certificate  
Sale  
to be held  
June 1,  
2007**

### P E R S O N A L P R O P E R T Y T A X E S

Please verify that there are no personal property taxes due when handling the transfer of real property to a new owner. An example of where this may occur would be a rental property on which real property and personal property taxes have been assessed. You can search personal property tax records by name, property address or account number on our website [www.taxcollector.com](http://www.taxcollector.com) for tax years 1994 thru 2006.

### T A X C O L L E C T O R L O C A T I O N S

#### DeSoto Office

819 301 Boulevard West  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
*(Located adjacent to the  
DeSoto Square Mall)*

#### Palma Sola Office

7411 Manatee Ave W  
Suite 200  
Bradenton, FL 34209  
*(Albertson's Shopping Center)*

#### 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)*

### I N F O R M A T I V E W E B S I T E S

Manatee County Tax Collector <a href="http://www.taxcollector.com">www.taxcollector.com</a>	Manatee County Clerk of Court <a href="http://www.manateeclerk.com">www.manateeclerk.com</a>
Manatee County Property Appraiser <a href="http://www.manateepao.com">www.manateepao.com</a>	Florida Department of Revenue <a href="http://sun6.dms.state.fl.us/dor">sun6.dms.state.fl.us/dor</a>