



TAX TALK

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Dear Friends:

Of the more than 612,000 tax bills that were sent out in November, as of this writing, 86% have been paid. With property taxes due soon, time is running out before the March 31 deadline. To help remind those property owners who have yet to pay their taxes, we have sent out 63,025 reminder notices to encourage them to pay their taxes before the deadline. Hopefully, you have already paid your taxes, but if not, I encourage you to visit www.pbctax.com and make your payment online. If you are one of the hundreds of thousands who have already paid, thank you!

Regards,

Anne M. Gannon
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JUPITER JUBILEE



Mother Nature couldn't dampen the spirit at this year's Jupiter Jubilee. The TCO Outreach Team attended Jupiter's largest hometown celebration featuring a Civic Fair, kid's activities, K-9 demonstrations and police and fire displays. Our team was on hand to answer a variety of questions from vehicle registrations to preparing first time drivers along with distributing educational materials about agency services. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth to ask questions, get materials, and share your feedback on your positive experiences in our service centers.

Our team is always excited to attend

community events and have the opportunity to interact with our clients. If you missed us at the Jubilee, visit us at these upcoming community events:

- ✓ **Palm Beach Pride, March 25 & 26 at Bryant Park in Downtown Lake Worth Beach**
- ✓ **Black Gold Jubilee, April 15 at Torrey Island Campground in Belle Glade.**



DIAMONDS ARE A DRIVER'S BEST FRIEND



You might be wondering what a precious stone has to do with driving, and the answer is, nothing; however, the shape of the stone does, allow me to elaborate. A Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) is a form of vehicle traffic interchange that allows the two directions of traffic on the crossroad to temporarily divide and cross to the opposite side of the road, creating a diamond like shape. The DDI was first introduced in France in the 1970's and has since grown in popularity across the United States, due to the safety and cost effectiveness of the design.

How does it work?

If you are thinking 'crossing to the opposite side of the road? how does that work?' you are not alone; instead of trying to explain it in words why not hand it over to the experts, Florida Department of Transportation, put together an informational video that shows how it works and what it looks like from the drivers' perspective. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9UlegdqNog> to watch the video.

Now Open!

The new DDI is now officially open at I-95 and Glades Road in Boca Raton, with more on the way: I-95 at 45th Street, I-95 at Lantana Rd, and I-95 at Hypoluxo Rd. It is another example of Palm Beach County leading the way in innovation and design.

IS IT HOV OR IS IT EXPRESS LANE?

Driving can be relaxing, stressful, exciting, scary, and overwhelming at the same time. That is why it's important to know the rules of the road. For example, do you know the difference between HOV and Express lanes? While both lanes may be located on an interstate and are intended to decrease traffic, they do have some differences.

Express lanes are pay-per-use lanes for drivers that want a more expected travel time. These lanes have restricted entrances and exits to accommodate drivers on longer commutes. Vehicles in the express lane must use a SunPass to pay the associated fee. For more information on purchasing a SunPass, visit www.sunpass.com.

HOV is an acronym for "high occupancy vehicle." The HOV decal, issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, allows Low Emission Vehicles, Hybrid vehicles certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and vehicles with two or more occupants to drive in a High Occupancy Vehicle Lane. The purpose of an HOV lane is to encourage carpooling and minimize traffic for the hours in which the lane is designated as an HOV lane. However, no matter which lane you are occupying, it's essential to follow the rules behind the wheel, to ensure that you and others reach your destinations safely.

 **MARCH**

IMPORTANT DATES & HOLIDAYS

1	Tourist Development Taxes Due
12	Daylight Saving Time Begins
31	2022 Property Tax Payments Due
31	Final 2022 IPP Payment Due

**TAXES
DUE**

**MARCH 31
PAY NOW**