

## FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER WHO WANTS TO KNOW...

By state law it is the responsibility of the county Property Appraiser's office to locate, identify and appraise annually (at market value considering costs of sale) all property subject to property taxes and process allowable exemptions among other duties.

### **My Open Door Policy**

- *Fairly appraise all properties, so you pay only your required share of taxes.*
- *Treat everyone with courtesy, honesty and respect.*
- *Our books are always open for inspection and we will give you the time necessary to explain our methods and procedures.*
- *The Property Appraiser's office belongs to the people of Martin County.*
- *My door is always open for questions, comments and concerns.*



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Homestead exemption is one way to reduce the amount of real estate taxes you will have to pay on your residential property. In the State of Florida, if you own property, reside on that property and are a permanent resident of the State, all as of January 1st of the tax year, you may qualify for a \$25,000 homestead exemption. An additional \$25,000 homestead exemption is applied to the **assessed value above \$50,000**. **This additional exemption does not apply to school taxes.** Homestead exemption can result in substantial savings on your tax bill. By law, a homestead exemption is not transferable. If you move, your homestead exemption does not automatically follow you to your new residence. You must file a new application for your new residence. For information on how to file for your homestead exemption, please call our office at (772) 288-5608 or visit our website at [www.pa.martin.fl.us](http://www.pa.martin.fl.us).

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