



## DECEMBER 2016 | [Port St. Lucie Business Tax Office](#)

### TODAY'S BUZZ



#### **The Holidays are upon us!**

City offices will be closed on  
Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26,  
Friday, December 30, 2016 and Monday January 2, 2017

**The Business Tax Division will be closed on December 16, 2016 from 11:00am - 2:00 pm.**

### COMING SOON

#### **2017 Free Business Workshop Schedule**

Attend one or all of these fundamental workshops if you want to gain a better understanding of what it takes to succeed in business. These class presentations touch on most of the basics you need to know if you want to start a business and are a good review for those already in business. Check your email or [www.cityofpsl.com](http://www.cityofpsl.com) for more details.

October 15 to January 2, commercially located businesses are permitted a temporary banner during the holiday season, contact [SpecialEventpermits@cityofpsl.com](mailto:SpecialEventpermits@cityofpsl.com) or call (772) 871-5010 for requirements and/or questions. Said banners for the period of shall not count as part of the aforementioned twenty-one (21) day limit.

Business Tax Receipt payments received (or postmarked) on or after December 1st will have a 20% late fee added. If you haven't renewed yet, please add 20% to the tax due amount. The late fee will increase on January 1.

Automotive repair businesses are required to perform all work fully inside a commercial location and not in parking lots, streets or on vacant lots. No automotive repair business is permitted in a residential neighborhood.

#### **Small Business Holiday Checklist**

- Offer Promotions and Incentives
- Stock Up on Inventory
- Get your Website Holiday Ready
- Offer Free or Discounted Shipping
- Extend Business Hours

#### **From Public Works Storm Water Division Know Your Storm Water Flow**

If you operate a business, chances are that you're contributing to storm water runoff pollution and not even know it. Any item that is spilled or dumped on the ground, whether it is litter, oil, soapy water, yard waste, food products or paint will be washed downstream in the next rain event. This runoff pollution is not treated, and will eventually drain into our river, estuary and ocean. These pollutants can cause

damage and even death to plant and aquatic life, and contaminant ground and surface waters. For tips to prevent this pointless personal pollution go to the following link: <http://www.cityofpsl.com/npdes/resources.html>.

We are continuing to work on ways to promote our business community. We have a few new ideas in the planning stages right now. You will be the first to hear it in the "Buzz". If you have questions, suggestions, or comments, please send them to me at [ywhite@cityofpsl.com](mailto:ywhite@cityofpsl.com).

Reminder that the Business Tax Division Business lobby hours are Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm.

Want to expand your business or add another location? Contact us first. We can help by bringing together our staff to help guide you on how to expand your business. This is a free service, contact Yvonne at 772-344-4356 to set up an appointment.

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