Santa Rosa County Property Appraiser

> NAVARRE AREA BOARD OF REALTORS MARCH 8, 2023



# **Property Appraiser Duties**



- This office must perform the duties as prescribed by State Statutes.
- Over 114,162 real and mineral properties must be reevaluated each year, along with 7,928 Tangible Personal Property accounts. A physical inspection of each real property every 5 years is also required by statute.
- The values provided by this office are overseen and approved by the State of Florida's Department of Revenue.



### Leading with Technology...



#### New 2022 Aerial Map

Added zoning map layer in addition to sales, MLS listings, flood maps, soil types, elevations, and building elevations (when available) among others.

New website domain to .gov to enhance information security.

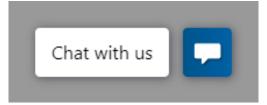
Utilizing data analytics to proactively contact existing homeowners who may be eligible for Homestead Exemption.

### Website Chat Features



Real-time response from Property Appraiser's Staff during normal business hours

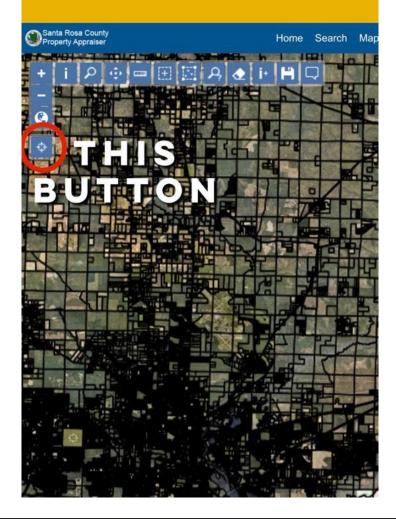
After hours and weekend assistance from an Artificial Intelligence Chatbot powered by IBM's Watson & Google, with preloaded assistance from our office.



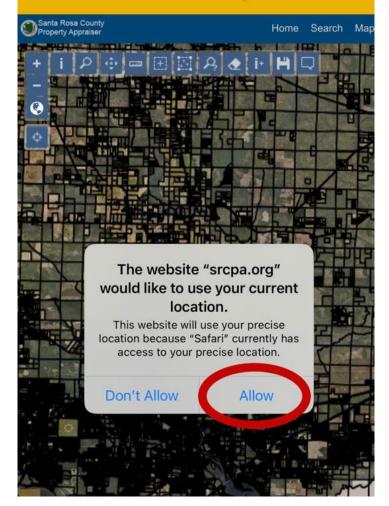




#### Did you know...



#### ...you can see your location on our map...



#### ...in real-time, to help you identify a parcel?



### Property Owner Protection Alert





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#### **\*\*\*Property Owner Protection Alert\*\*\***

#### Dear Property Owner,

You may have received a \*solicitation letter from one or all of these businesses, **Property Records** Office, Local Records Office, Record Transfer Services, Registered Property Services and/or The Office of Housing & Deed Retrieval Service. These "businesses" offer you a copy of your deed and property assessment profiles for an exorbitant price. Most of these so-called "businesses" operate from UPS stores or Post Office Boxes in various cities. These forms may appear to be official, but they are NOT!

- These businesses have NO official governmental or legal capacity with your recent real estate transaction!
- These solicitations are not associated with any Santa Rosa County governmental office!

Many of these businesses gather **public information** to provide you with a copy of your deed and property information. They will reformat the information and print it on their form and charge you nearly **\$100!** You can print a free copy of your deed from the Santa Rosa County Clerk, online at www.santarosaclerk.com or a copy may be acquired from their office for **\$1** per page. While none of these businesses can certify any officially recorded document, the Clerk's office can certify the entire document as an "Official Certified Copy" of your deed from the public records for an additional \$2 per document. Additionally, you may visit my official website at <u>www.srcpa.gov</u> and link directly to the deed from your parcel information page.

Please do not pay an exorbitant fee for a copy of your deed or property information that you can receive for free on our websites or for a few dollars at a county office. My office will provide you with a copy of your current property record card, which is the same information you can get online for free. My office will continue to work to provide access to public information. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

\*I have included in this letter an example of solicitations from these businesses.

Sincere

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# Exemptions Update



### Homestead Exemption

Under the Florida Constitution, Florida residents who own and occupy a home, and have the intention of making the property their permanent residence as of January 1, may receive an exemption that reduces the taxable value of their property up to \$50,000. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes, including school district taxes. The additional exemption of up to \$25,000 applies to the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000 and only to non-school taxes.

The first year Homestead Exemption is approved is the base year, and all subsequent years are 'capped' at 3% or the CPI (whichever is lower). This is called the Save Our Homes (SOH) benefit and creates a 'differential' between Market Value and Assessed Value.

### Portability

The ability to transfer or the "Portability" of Save Our Homes (SOH) benefits comes into play when a homeowner with Homestead Exemption sells their home and buys a new home and applies for Homestead Exemption within <u>three</u> years of leaving the former homesteaded property. The 'differential', or a pro-rated portion thereof, can be 'ported', or transferred to the new Homestead. If you 'upsize' to a home of equal or greater value, you may transfer 100% of the SOH benefit up to \$500,000, but if you 'downsize' to a home with lower just value, the amount of SOH benefit is prorated.

## Portability

#### **Original Home**

Market Value: \$250,000Assessed Value: \$200,000Port \$ Amount: \$50,000Port % Amount: 20%

#### <u>New Home > Original Home</u>

Market Value:\$400,000Port \$ Amount:\$50,000New Assessed:\$350,000

#### <u>New Home < Original Home</u>

Market Value: \$200,000 Port % Amount: 20% or \$40,000 New Assessed: \$160,000

### Previous Owner Benefits

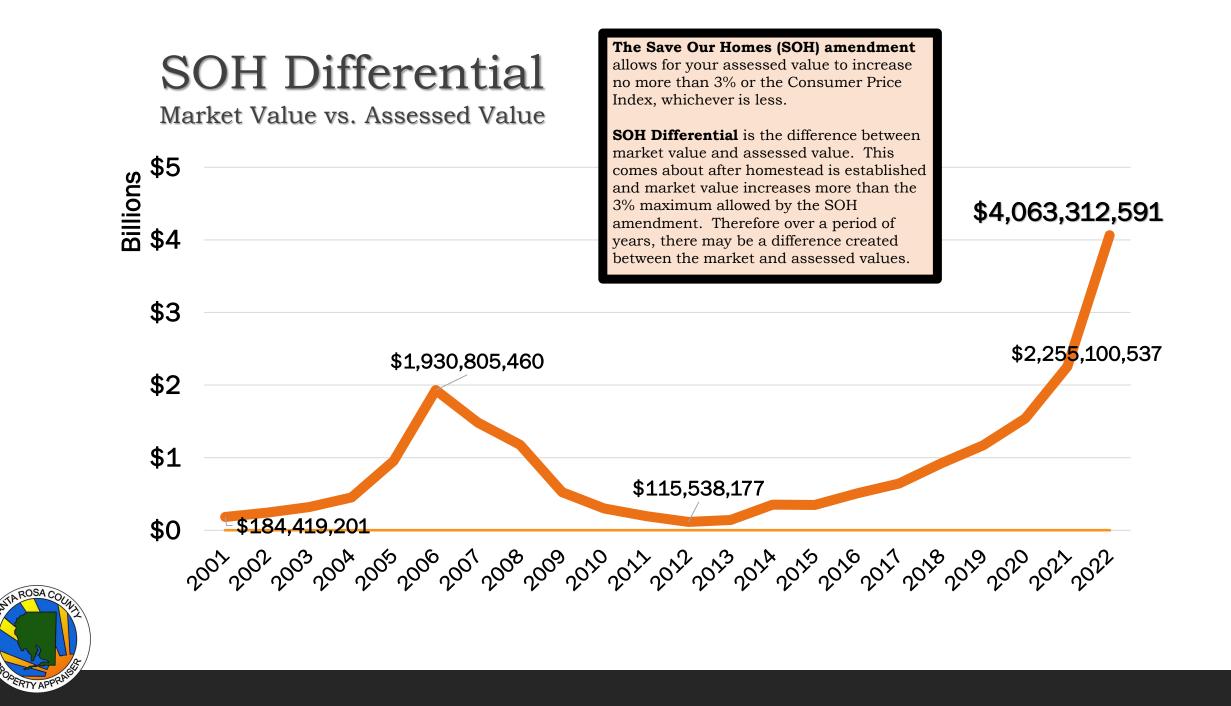






Market Value v. Assessed Value after 15+ years of Homestead Capping (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>) Previous Owners' "Save Our Homes" Benefits (Sale)

Market Value v. Assessed Value in year 16 after a change in ownership. (Cap Reset)

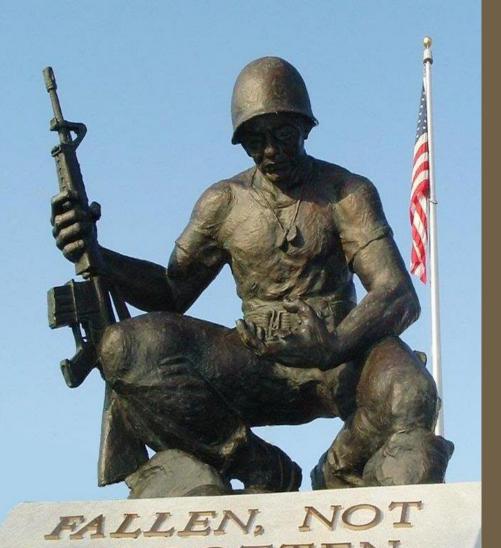




### Additional Homestead Exemption for Seniors

The Senior Exemption is another \$50,000 exemption for homeowners over the age of 65 with Homestead Exemption, <u>who make less than the income limit prescribed by the Florida</u> <u>Statutes</u>. The 2023 income limit is \$35,167, per household, adjusted gross income.

Seniors who have enjoyed the same Homestead for 25 years, <u>and meet the income requirements</u>, may also be eligible for a Senior with Long-Term Residency Exemption which is an exemption equal to the Assessed Value up to \$250,000.



### Veteran's Exemptions

Veteran's Exemption amounts range from a Veteran's Disability Exemption of \$5000 of assessed value to a Total & Permanent Disability that is a 100% exemption from ad valorem taxes.

#### Deployed Military Exemption

The Deployed Military Exemption is for military personnel who currently receive Homestead Exemption and are deployed outside the US in support of designated operations as provided for in Florida Statute 196.173. The exemption amount is a percentage based on the number of qualifying days deployed.





# Online Exemption Application Powered by DocuSign



Greg Brown sent you a document to review and sign.

REVIEW DOCUMENT

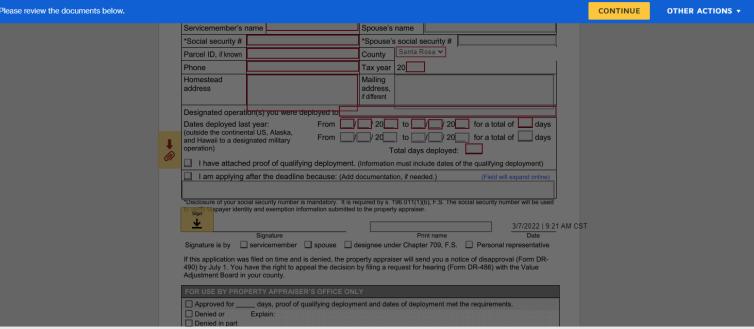




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The Santa Rosa County Property Appraiser's Office is excited to be the first in the state to allow for electronic completion and signature of the Deployed Military Exemption Application. Before you get started, please make sure you have all supporting documentation, including proof of qualifying deployment to attach with your completed application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at exemptions@srcpa.gov or (850) 983-1880.

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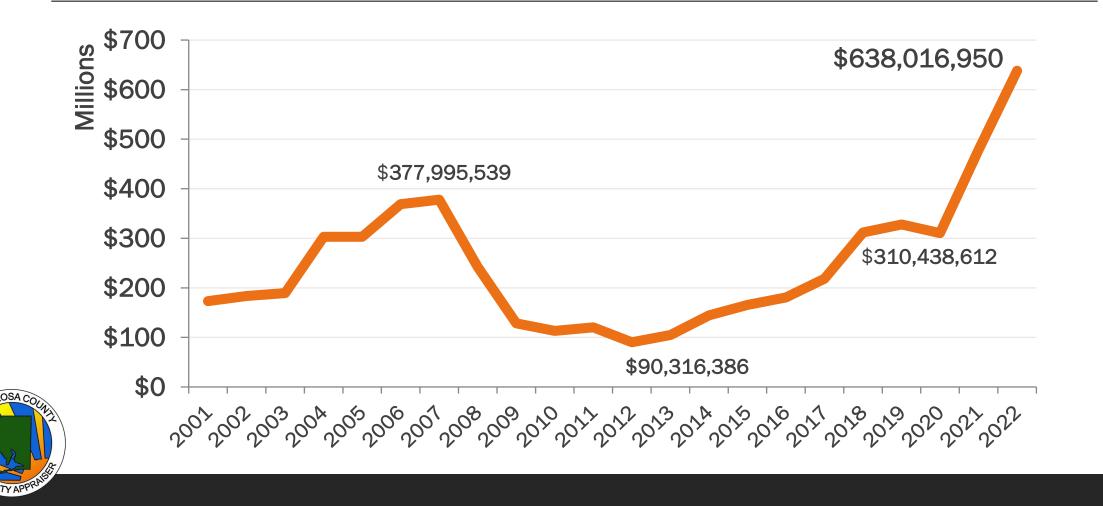




### Housing -Growth

- 25 new final-platted subdivisions in Santa Rosa in 2021 with a total of 1372 lots, 15 new subdivisions in 2022 with 953 lots.
- 63 Units Bluffs Townhomes, 332 Units - Elevate Navarre Apartments, 222 Units - Azalea Bay Apartments (Gulf Breeze),
- Build-to-Rent (BTR) increased popularity - 140 lot Indigo Townhomes
- New Single-Family Permits and Sales have continued to slow in the early 2023.

# New Construction Value





### Retail

- Year of the Grocery new Publix anchors (Wynnhaven OPEN TODAY! and Milton), Piggly Wiggly (Chumuckla), Aldi (Navarre & Pace), Proposed Grocery Anchor (East Milton)
- Restaurants/Quick Service <u>Navarre</u>: Dunkin, Slim Chickens, Elevate Navarre (Starbucks, ABC Liquor, Buffalo Wild Wings); <u>Gulf Breeze</u>: Chipotle, First Watch, <u>multi-</u> <u>location</u>: Wendy's, Scooters Coffee
- Others Auto Zone (Aldi outparcel) Tractor Supply (Navarre & Pace), Navarre Town Center, CEFCO (Gulf Breeze & Pace)





### Industrial

- Santa Rosa Industrial Parks Amazon Distribution Facility (81,000 sf), Element Outdoors (20,000 sf), Gulf Cable (161,000 sf), \$7.8 million PSC truck driving training facility
- NW Florida Industrial Park <u>Buffalo Rock (350+ jobs)</u>, Damian's Ice Cream distribution & Hersey distribution centers
- Whiting Aviation Park 239 acres with 6000 ft runway access including future home of Leonardo Helicopter
- Milton Interchange Park 192 acres, \$37 million acquisition and development costs including \$16 million Triumph grant

# Drones & Mapping



# Drone Technology

Aerial photography is already an important part of property appraising

Drone technology will supplement aerial photography in certain situations such as:

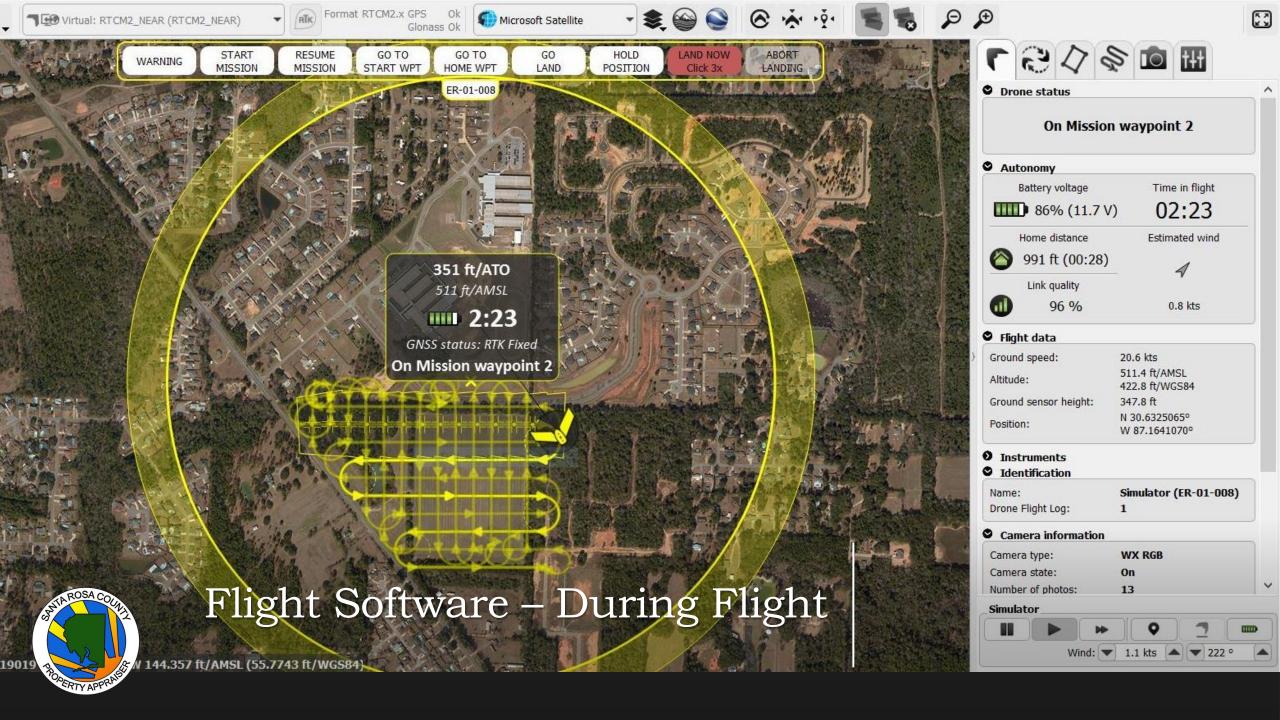
- GIS Mapping
- Storm assessment
- Auditing new subdivisions, and
- Ensuring all real property is on the tax roll.



#### Newest Addition: WINGTRA 42mp Fixed Wing - Vertical Take Off













# Efficient Updates to Website Mapping

Forest Bay Estates





# Disaster Response

Hurricane Sally



# Questions

#### THANK YOU!!!



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