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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **County Tax Office Establishes New Partnership**

The Galveston County Tax Office is constantly examining ways to reduce cost while expanding services to its customers – both citizens and governments. Consolidation of services such as property tax assessment and collections has the potential of saving local governments thousands of dollars in collection costs with the basic County fee far less than the price of a single stamp (\$0.21 per property). Property owners benefit from the convenience of a single payment and receiving services at multiple locations.

We are proud to announce the newest GCTO property tax assessment and collection customer is Galveston County Municipal Utility District #44 which encompasses the Village at Tuscan Lakes and Tuscan Lakes. In 2014, after nine years of operation, a resident of the community first joined the Board of Directors. This year, 2020, is the first time that all directors of the District reside within its boundaries.

Since the creation of the District, an independent firm has collected taxes, at a cost of approximately \$12,500 per year. The Board of Directors terminated that contract this spring and joined forces with the Galveston County Tax Office, resulting in savings of more than \$12,000 per year proving that when governments work to consolidate similar services, significant opportunities to reduce cost present themselves.

Having one team handling multiple services for multiple customers is tremendously efficient when well managed. In addition to lowering costs, customers benefit from the conveniences associated with one-stop-shop services as well as from the various payment options available through County Tax Office collections.

The tax collection partnership with Galveston County Municipal Utility District #44 is a great example of governments working together to reduce cost and increase efficiencies that benefit the citizens and businesses of Galveston County.

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