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WEEKLY RUNDOWN

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Dear Fellow Floridians:

My office is charged with holding unclaimed property accounts mostly from dormant accounts in financial institutions, insurance and utility companies, securities and trust holdings. But, we also hold property from long-forgotten safety deposit boxes.

So, have you checked www.fltreasurehunt.gov to see if you have any unclaimed property or cash?

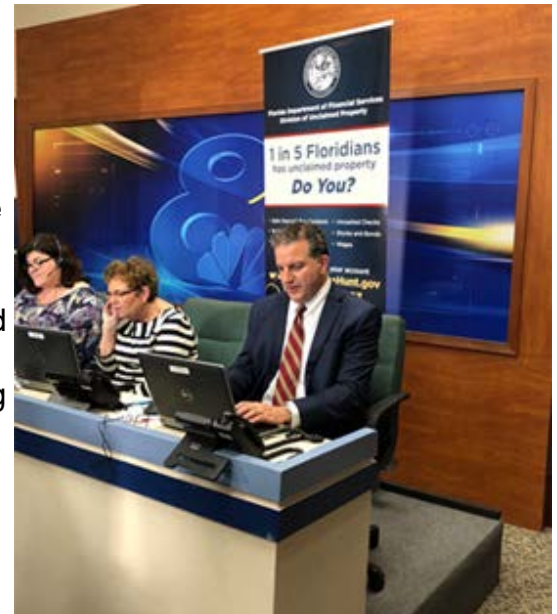
This week we partnered with WFLA in Tampa to host an unclaimed property phone bank where 2,292 accounts were claimed. The dollar amount is still being totaled and I look forward to announcing how much we returned. Phone banks are a great way to reach more people and encourage them to check the website.

So, haven't checked yet? What are you waiting for?

Sincerely,



Jimmy Patronis
Chief Financial Officer
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News of Interest

WWSB ABC 7: [State Fire Marshal advocating increased health benefits for firefighters](#)

Florida Times-Union: [Editorial: First responders deserve more mental health support](#)

WFLA NBC News 8: [Missed our Better Call Behnken phone bank? Claim your cash online](#)

Insurance Journal: [Florida regulator report shows assignment of benefits abuse worsening statewide](#)

Tampa Bay Times: [Evacuations were bad before Hurricane Irma. Here's Florida's plan to fix it.](#)

Florida Trend: [2018 Real Estate Trends: Expect growth in employment, population and visitors](#)

Florida Economic Briefs

Wages Increasing Nationally

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported compensation costs for civilian workers increased 0.6 percent (seasonally adjusted) for the 3-month period ending in December 2017. Wages and salaries (about 70 percent of compensation costs) increased 0.5 percent, and benefits (the remaining 30 percent) increased 0.5 percent.

Source: **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**

U.S. Home Sales Increasing Slightly with Southern States Leading the Way

Pending U.S. home sales ticked up .5 percent in December 2017, which is the third monthly increase in a row. The increase was the highest in the southern region, which grew 2.6 percent in December.

Source: **The National Association of Realtors**