

Eddie Fair is currently scheduling appointments to meet with area residents and organizations to discuss concerns or offer beneficial information to tax payers about the Tax Collector's Office. To schedule an appointment, please contact Kenisha Calvin at 601.968.6586 or kcalvin@co.hinds.ms.us

Taxes

Payments are now being accepted on all property taxes. After Feb. 1st interest will begin incurring at 1% per month. When calling or sending in payment please make reference to parcel or account number.

The Tax Collector's Office is responsible for the collection of taxes in Hinds County and is not responsible for the increase or decrease in real/personal property taxes. If you have any questions and/or concerns about the decrease or increase in your property taxes, you should call the **Tax Assessor's Office at (601) 968-6616. (Charles Stokes) (The Tax Assessors office assess all property tax.)**

Forms of Payment

We accept cash, money orders, checks, debit and credit cards. When paying by check, tags/decals will be mailed out after 10 business days, however; you will be given a copy of your updated registration and tag receipt and the time of purchase. There will be a convenience fee of 3% of your total for credit card transactions and a \$3.95 convenience fee on debit cards transactions. The convenience fees are charged by the vendor, not the Hinds County Tax Collector's Office. We will accept payments from Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express cards.

Penalty Fee for Late Tag Renewal

The penalty for late renewal of your license plate is 5% after the first 15 days the tag is over due. There is an additional penalty of 5% for each additional 30 days that the tag is overdue. The maximum penalty is 25%. Once you reach the 25% penalty, you will not be allowed any Legislative Tag Credit.

If your decal and/or license plate was lost or stolen you will need to get a lost or stolen form (76-903) from the Tax Collector's office and have local law enforcement complete the form. The cost of the replacement decal is \$2.50 and the plate is \$10.00.

If you have recently moved into the state of Mississippi, you have 30 days to register your vehicle. If not registered within 30 days a \$250.00 fee is added to your registration. When **changing counties**, your tag is not due until the anniversary year. (**Tag Expiration date**)

The three-step plan to fight the flu

1. Take the time to get a flu vaccine

The best way to keep from getting the flu is to get your flu vaccine. A vaccine is a medical preparation that helps you fight off an illness by building up your body's defenses against it. You can have the flu any time, but people usually get flu from October through May. In recent seasons, the greatest number of infections has occurred in January and February.

All people six months of age and older should get flu vaccine. Vaccination is especially important for people in high risk groups such as those with chronic conditions, those who are immune compromised, and contacts of small children.

Recent studies show that it can be good for just about everyone. And if you are around people who are at high risk, or if you care for babies too young to be vaccinated, getting the vaccine will help make sure you don't pass the flu on to them. As the CDC says, "The flu ends with U."

The flu vaccine comes in two forms: a shot and a nasal spray. Most people get the flu shot, and for this article, we will talk about the vaccine as a flu shot. But the nasal spray, called FluMist, can be given to healthy people ages two to 49 years who are not pregnant. One of the key differences between the shot and the nasal mist is that the shot contains inactivated influenza - in other words, a dead virus - while the nasal spray contains live flu virus. Ask your doctor which is right for you or your child.

If you have any questions about whether you should have a flu shot, be sure to talk with your doctor. You shouldn't get it if you have had a bad reaction to the vaccine in the past, are allergic to chicken eggs, or have a fever the day you plan to get the shot.

You may remember that people needed two shots in past years: one to protect them from the regular seasonal flu and one to prevent the H1N1 flu. Only one single shot is needed for the 2011-2012 flu season. It will protect against the types of flu that are expected to be most common - plus the H1N1 flu that caused so much illness in 2009.

However, you should know that children 6 months through 8 years of age may need two doses of the flu vaccine with one month in between shots, but not two different types of vaccines.

It takes about two weeks after you get your shot to build your protection from the flu, so get the shot as soon as you can.

Finally, when you get your flu vaccination, be sure to make note of the date. Also, it's a good idea to tell your doctor if you get vaccinated at a health fair or through an employer. It's important to keep your medical records up to date.

2. Take everyday steps to stop the spread of germs

The flu is caused by a germ called the influenza virus. It gets into the body through the mouth, nose, or eyes. And it can spread quickly on tiny droplets that get into the air when a person with the flu coughs or sneezes.

The CDC says these steps can help stop the flu from spreading:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Try to keep from touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That could let germs on your hands get into your body.
- Try not to get too close to people who are sick.
- If you have a flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or other necessary things. Your fever should be gone without the use of medicine that lowers your temperature.
- Stay away from others as much as you can when you are sick.

3. Take flu antiviral medicine if your doctor prescribes it.

If you come down with signs of the flu, you should call your doctor right away. There are medicines that can make your illness milder and help shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent flu complications. For the flu medicine to work, you need to start taking it within the first two days you have symptoms.

Departments:

Tax Collector
E-Mail Address:
Efair@co.hinds.ms.us

Tax Collector
phone number:
(601) 714-6258

Tag Division:
(601) 968-6588

Real Estate
Property Division:
(601) 968-6591 or
(601)-968-6608

Website:
www.co.hinds.ms.us

NEW DISABLED PARKING APPLICATIONS

New applications will be available October 1, 2012. They will replace all old applications and must be completed by Physician, Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner.

MAILING LIST

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send request to kcalvin@co.hinds.ms.us

DATES TO REMEMBER:

State offices will be closed on:
January 1st in observance of New Year's Day
January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert E. Lee's birthday

Tag Renewal Facts

If you live outside the city of Jackson you will need 2 proofs of residence in order to receive an initial tag or renew an existing tag. This information is also needed if you are renewing your tag by mail to process timely.

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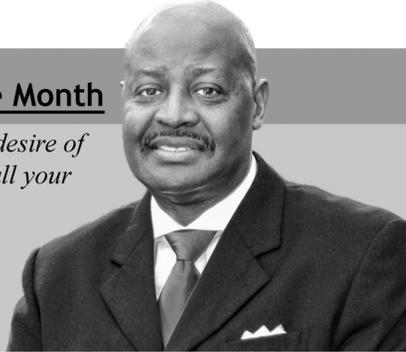
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Scripture of the Month

"May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."

Psalm 20:4



Information about Tag renewal online:

The vendor charges a non refundable convenience fee to process payments. The fee for this service is \$3.95 to use a Debit Card and 3% of your tax bill to use a Credit Card or E-Check. There is a \$10,000 limit when using the online services (www.co.hinds.ms.us). Click on the online services tab located on the toolbar and make your selection.

YOU MUST CONTACT OFFICE TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS, IT CAN NOT BE CHANGED ONLINE.

Salvage Title

ITEMS NEEDED

1. Form 65-104 (Application for Inspection of a salvage vehicle).
2. Bill of sale of parts that has been replaced.
3. Invoice from repair shop.
4. If an individual repaired the vehicle, a notarized statement from that person stating he or she repaired the vehicle.
5. An inspection from the Mississippi Highway Patrol Department (Form 65-103)
6. 4 Color photos of the rebuilt vehicle.

Quote of the Month

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.

-Hal Borland

Helpful County Numbers

Board of Supervisors

Robert Graham
(District 1)
601-968-6689

Douglas Anderson
(District 2)
601-968-6690

Peggy Calhoun
(District 3)
601-968-6768

Phil Fisher
(District 4)
601-948-1501

Kenneth Stokes
(District 5)
601-968-6699

Chancery Clerk
Eddie Jean Carr
601-968-6507

Circuit Clerk
Barbara Dunn
601-968-6628

Sheriff Department
Tyrone Lewis
601-974-2901

Tax Assessor
Charles Stokes
601-968-6626

Board Attorney
Crystal Martin
601-968-6797

County Administrator
Carmen Y. Davis
601-968-6501

BACON, CHEDDAR & JALAPENO CORNBREAD



Directions:

Begin by preheating your oven to 425. Whisk together your dry ingredients. Add buttermilk and egg and stir to combine. Add cheese, bacon and jalapenos, mixing gently so as not to overwork the batter. Add the hot grease from the bacon and stir gently to combine. Pour entire mixture into the iron skillet you used to cook the bacon (I used an 8-9 inch skillet) and place on a rack in the center of the oven. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cornbread comes out clean

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- 3 strips bacon, cooked crispy reserved grease from cooking bacon
- 3 oz. cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 jalapeno peppers, finely diced

Ordering Personalized tags:

Personalized tags can only be delivered to physical mailing addresses, not p.o. boxes. If a p.o. box is the only way you receive your mail, your tag will be sent to our office for you to pick up.

New License Plates

With the issuing of the new license plates that began October 1, 2012, there will be some duplicate tag numbers with different images. This process should be completed by October 1, 2013 at that time all Lighthouse license plates will be replaced with the new BB King guitar license plates.



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THE MS LEGISLATOR HAS PASSED SENATE BILL 2631; WHICH WILL REQUIRE PROOF OF INSURANCE. THE MS ASSESSORS AND COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION HAVE FOUGHT AGAINST THIS FOR MANY YEARS; HOWEVER WE LOST THE FIGHT FOR THE CITIZENS OF MS. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013, ALL PERSONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE CURRENT INSURANCE ON THEIR AUTOMOBILE BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO REGISTER OR RENEW LICENSE PLATES.

The Tax Collector has an open door policy, if you have any concerns please feel free to stop by.

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