

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

Final installment payments on Real property taxes are due by June 29, 2012. Judgements are filed June 1, 2012 on all unpaid personal property taxes.

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**)

Abandonment Vehicle (other business, licensed tow truck, or mechanic shop owner can apply)

ITEMS NEEDED

If a wrecker company pulls in a vehicle, and has repairs done to the vehicle you will need the following items :

1. Affidavit of Abandonment (notarized) form 65-023.
2. Need to run advertisement in the local paper for 3 weeks and keep a copy to submit to Tax Collector's Office.
3. Need to send one registered letter to owner and/or lien holder.
4. Need a copy of the letter sent to owner and/or lien holder.

If the vehicle is just pulled into the shop for towing fee or storage fee, you will need the following items.

1. Affidavit of Abandonment (notarized) form 65-023.
2. Need to run advertisement in the local paper for 3 weeks and keep a copy to submit to Tax Collector's Office.
3. Need to send two registered letters to owner and/or lien holder.
4. Need a copy of the letter sent to owner and/or lien holder.

Health and Wellness Tips:

Beating the Heat!

Is it a good idea to apply wet rags over your forehead, thereby reducing the heat entering your brain?

Not necessarily. Neither is it a good idea to wet your head down entirely, especially for kids who have just finished playing a sport. You have to make the heat move outwards. Too much water on the skin's surface inhibits sweat evaporation that helps cool the body down.

Avoid extreme cold foods and drinks - most of us normally pick these and they are actually known to interfere with digestion and sweating, thereby interfering with the body's natural cooling mechanisms. So, however tempting it may be to sit on your porch licking an ice cream cone or sipping a cool glass of tea, try a wedge of watermelon instead. As the mercury rises, the last thing on one's mind is food - but if you eat smart, small & light meals and accompany it with plenty of fluids you will be a cool winner.

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

Tune in to 90.1 FM WMPR every Tuesday from 5:15pm to 6:00pm for the Eddie and Eddie show for vital tips for Hinds County Residents.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

If you have any questions or concerns about home-stead exemption, please contact the Tax Assessor's office at 601-968-6626.

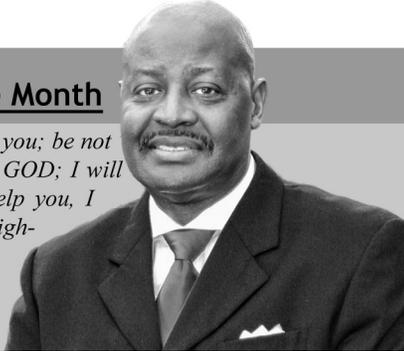
Health Observances

- June 3- National Cancer Survivors Day
- June 27- National HIV Testing Day
- National Safety Month
- National Cataract Awareness Month

Scripture of the Month

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your GOD; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10



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.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Every U.S. citizen who possesses the following qualifications is entitled to register to vote in Mississippi:

- 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the next general election) & living in Mississippi;
- A resident of the state, county, and supervisor's district for 30 days;
- Has never been CONVICTED of any crime listed in Section 241 of the Mississippi Constitution (murder, rape, theft and etc.).
- Once you are registered, you generally remain registered indefinitely, unless you move or no longer meet one of the qualifications to vote.

You may register to vote either by mail or by visiting your county Circuit Clerk (usually in the county courthouse) or Municipal Clerk (usually in City Hall).

You also may register to vote when applying for or renewing your driver's license, or when applying for services at numerous state and federal government agencies.

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 or online to process timely.

Quote of the Month

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

-Albert Einstein

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.

June Bug



Makes: 4 servings
Start to Finish: 5 mins

Ingredients

- 3 cups ginger ale
- 4 tablespoons grenadine
- 4 tablespoons orange juice
- 3 scoops orange sherbet

Directions

Blend together ginger ale, grenadine, orange juice, and sherbet. Pour into ice-filled cocktail glasses.

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

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