

*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](mailto:kcalvin@co.hinds.ms.us)*

## Taxes

We are accepting payments for Real, Personal, and Mobile Home taxes. Installment payments may be made on current year taxes only. Beginning Feb. 2nd a 1% penalty will be added (per month) to all remaining unpaid balances. Payments may be made online at [www.co.hinds.ms.us](http://www.co.hinds.ms.us).

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:

- For a great source of fiber, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and phytochemicals opt for fresh vegetables. Since during the winter a lot of us have relied mostly on the vegetables we have conserved in the fridge since last fall, now it is the best moment for going to the nearest market and buying fresh salad, spinach, dandelion greens and nettles.
- I'm sure that winter did not quite tempt you to go out for any activity, and now your body is lusting for some jogging, rollerblading or even a relaxing walk. Take advantage of the wonderful time you find in the sunny days and go in the park with your family or with a friend or two. This will definitely wake you up from your winter sleep.
- Watch out for the seasonal cold. You might believe that winter is the best season to catch a cold, but you are quite wrong. Especially during the spring most of the people with a weak immune system catch a cold or even flu. So the best thing to do will be to avoid for a few more weeks the crowded places that can expose you more intensely to viruses.
- Even if some might be happy that spring is finally here, not all of us can live this wonderful feeling due to spring allergies. If you know that you are allergic to pollen it is best to use air filters indoors during these few weeks, buy antihistamines and special eye drops, so that the spring does not take you by surprise with a tiny allergy.
- Don't forget about sunblock lotions. As I'm sure you will be spending more and more time outdoors I want to remind you about using special creams that block the UVA and UVB from affecting your skin. Protect your nose, lips and ears as they tend to get burned a lot more easily.
- Organize your time so that you can finish your daily chores at work or at school and still be able to go in the park for relaxation. Seeing how warm it can get and how lovely the sunlight dances on our skin we might get a little bit more dreamy and lazy and this might lead us to neglecting our daily chores. The idea is to make a plan of how you are going to spend your day and stick to it. In this way you will not have any problems with your boss and you will be able to enjoy every moment of this spring.

## Health Observances

- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- National Nutrition Month
- National Endometriosis Awareness Month

## Departments:

Tax Collector  
E-Mail Address:  
[Efair@co.hinds.ms.us](mailto: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](http://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.**

**Dates to Remember**  
**Feb. 20, 2012- all State offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day**

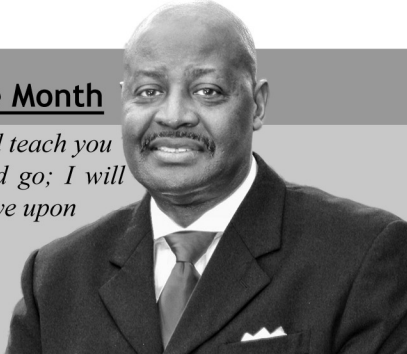
## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

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

## Scripture of the Month

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.*

**Psalm 32:8**



## 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](http://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

*"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole stair case."*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

## 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.

## Easy and Tasty Barbecue Chicken Sandwiches in the Crock Pot



### Ingredients

- 1 -2 lb boneless skinless chicken breast
- 1 (18 ounce) jar of your favorite barbecue sauce
- 1 medium sweet onion, sliced
- 4 -6 hamburger buns

### Directions

- Remove all visible fat from the chicken and toss it in the crock pot.
- Place the onion slices on top of the chicken.
- Pour the barbecue sauce over top.
- You may not need the entire jar, just enough to cover the chicken.
- Cook it on LOW for 8 hours or until the chicken is nice and tender.
- Shred the chicken with a fork and knife; scoop the mixture onto the bottom buns and top it with the top buns.
- Or, if you're like my dad, you might prefer leaving the breasts whole and eating it that way.
- Voila!
- An easy weeknight meal that doesn't heat up your kitchen in the summer time!
- I love this with potato chips and a carrot and raisin salad.

## 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.**