

*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

If your 2012 Real Estate taxes remain unpaid, you must contact the Chancery Clerk's office at 601-968-6508 to make payments.

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

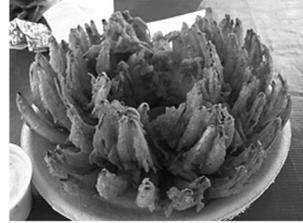
We accept cash, money orders, checks, debit and credit cards. When paying by check, tags/decals will be mailed out after 10 business days, however; you will be given a copy of your updated registration and tag receipt at the time of purchase. There will be a \$3.95 convenience fee on visa debit card transactions and a 3% convenience fee of all other card payments. 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.

## Mobile Home Information:

Mobile homes that are registered as personal property will be entered in the Hinds County Tax Collector's billing file. Mobile home taxes are due the 1st year, 90 days after the date of registration. Taxes for the 1st year are prorated from registration date to the end of the calendar year. Thereafter, taxes are due and payable annually. A civil suit may be filed to collect unpaid mobile home taxes that are 90 days overdue.

If, at any time, you sell or move this mobile home from its current location, please notify the Hinds County Tax Collector's office. You will be asked for proof of sale of the mobile home before it will be removed from the tax roll.

## BLOOMING ONION



### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large onion
- 1 1/2 cups Gold Medal flour
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon dried/ground thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix all dry ingredients together in one bowl, and wet ingredients together in another.
2. Peel the onion, keeping the hairy root intact. Cut about 1 inch off the other side.
3. Place the onion on a chopping board, hairy side facing up. Make your first cut about an inch from the top of the root, and slice downward all the way to the bottom, without cutting all the way through. Rotate the onion 90° and repeat. Keep going until you have 4 evenly spaced cuts.
4. Now make equally spaced cuts in between these 4 cuts. You are probably looking at making at least 2 more cuts per quarter, meaning 12 sections to your onion by the time you are finished. The professional ones have more like 24+ sections, but don't feel pressured! If you can fit in more than 12 sections, then obviously the finished results will be all the more striking, but this depends on the size of the onion, the sharpness of your knife, and your steady hand.
5. Turn the onion on its hairy back, and begin to peel open the sections-unfurling from the outside, and working toward the center. It can get tricky toward the middle, so stop when you've done as much as you can. If a section breaks off, don't worry - no one will ever notice.
6. Put the blooming onion onto a plate and sprinkle over your dry ingredients, making sure all the layers are covered. Turn it upside down and snip off any excess root hair (grooming is necessary, even for an onion), and shake to get rid of any excess mix. There will still be plenty of dry mix left.
7. Submerge the onion into your bowl of wet ingredients, and turn it over to make sure every part of the onion is covered. Take it out, and coat with your dry mix again, this time just shaking it over to cover all areas.
8. Place the onion, flower side up, into a deep fryer or deep pan, making sure the veggie oil is around 350°F (175°C). 7-10 minutes will make sure you are left with a crispy, golden beauty, but keep your eye on it. When you retrieve the onion, the petals will have unfurled even more, so that you have a truly blooming onion. Give it a shake, then put it on some paper towels to drain off the excess oil.

### 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)

Health Observances  
**National Sickle Cell  
Month**  
**Ovarian Cancer Aware-  
ness Month**  
**Prostate Cancer Aware-  
ness Month**

### NEW DISABLED PARKING APPLICATIONS

We now have new disabled parking applications that may be completed by Physicians, Physician's Assistants or Nurse Practitioners.

### MAILING LIST

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send request to [kcalvin@co.hinds.ms.us](mailto:kcalvin@co.hinds.ms.us)

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

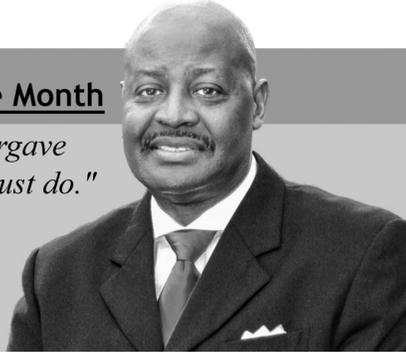
Offices will be closed  
September 2, 2013, in  
observance of Labor  
Day

### 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.

## Scripture of the Month

*"Even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do."*  
**Colossian 3:13**



## 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 on the toolbar and make your selection. **YOU MUST CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS, IT CAN NOT BE CHANGED ONLINE.**

## 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 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**)

## Ordering Personalized tags:

Checks may not be written for the first issuance of a personalized tag.

## Wellness Tips:

### \*Get a leg up on varicose veins.

You can battle bulging blue veins by eating dark leafy greens such as kale. The vitamin K in these veggies activates a protein called matrix GLA that supports vascular health, a recent study shows.

### \*Rest up before hitting the road.

Labor Day weekend is one of the deadliest for drivers. Since 60 percent of people admit to driving while drowsy – a major cause of accidents – stay safe by catching some z's (and, of course, skipping the booze) before you get behind the wheel.

### \*Take a load off.

You know the shooting pain that comes from schlepping a heavy purse? Here's why it happens: "Straps compress the auxiliary vein, causing high blood pressure, numbness, tingling, pain, and weakness in the arm," says Tim Neuschwander, M.D. In a study he conducted, adults who wore a 28-pound backpack for 10 minutes experienced an almost 50 percent decrease in blood flow through the blood vessels in their arms. Carrying a 13-pound purse for 10 minutes may have a similar effect, since it's resting only on one shoulder. Try lightening your load a little, or distribute weight more evenly with an ergonomic purse.

## ★ ★ ★ NEW LAW ★ ★ ★

**With the passing of Senate Bill 2631, proof of auto insurance is now required before registering or renewing license plates in the state of Mississippi.**

## Quote of the Month

***"Sometimes "sorry" is not enough. Sometimes you actually have to change."***

- Claire London

## Helpful County Numbers

### Board of Supervisors

Robert Graham  
(District 1)  
601-968-6689

District 2  
Interim Supervisor  
Alphonso Hunter  
601-968-6690

Peggy Calhoun  
(District 3)  
601-968-6768

District 4  
Interim Supervisor  
Robert Walker  
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  
Tyron Lewis  
601-974-2901

Tax Assessor  
Charles Stokes  
601-968-6626

Board Attorney  
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.**