



Marion County Tax Collector Newsletter



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Emergency Contact Information

Have you ever asked yourself, what if you were in a crash or other emergency situation and you couldn't talk, your cell phone was locked or you didn't have access to it? How would your friends and family be notified?

If you register your emergency contact information (ECI) into the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles system, Law Enforcement can contact your loved ones for you quickly and even across state lines.

ECI is a secure system that Law Enforcement nationwide can access in order to contact your designated family or friends in response to an emergency situation. Only Law Enforcement has access to your emergency contact information and this information is only used to notify the contacts that you designate in the event of an emergency.

The ECI system was first developed in Florida because there was no emergency contact program in place to quickly notify loved ones in the event of an emergency. ECI was initiated by Christine Olson in loving memory of her daughter Tiffiany because she was involved in a fatal crash and it was over 6 hours before Christine was notified. Please visit www.toinformfamiliesfirst.org which details the beginning of ECI.

Your contact information can be updated during any registration or driver license transaction, by visiting www.flhsmv.gov/eci, or by visiting our website at www.mariontax.com and clicking on the ECI icon on the main page.



Concealed Weapon License Hours & Fees

During the last year applicants have been able to apply for their statewide concealed weapon license at the office of Honorable George J. Albright III, Tax Collector by appointment only. The Marion County Tax Collector’s Office is now accepting new concealed weapon license and renewal applications on a **walk-in basis** at the McPherson Government office from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Florida concealed weapon licenses are processed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Due to rising demand, Tax Collector offices have been given authority to take applications, fingerprint the applicants and send the information securely to the department for final determination. The actual issuance of the permits will be from Department of Agriculture in Tallahassee.

New License	Total	Renewal	Total
Concealed Weapon or Firearm: Florida Resident	\$124	Concealed Weapon or Firearm: Florida Resident	\$62
Concealed Weapon or Firearm: Out of State Resident	\$124	Concealed Weapon or Firearm: Out of State Resident	\$104
Florida Law Enforcement Officer: Active	\$82	Florida Law Enforcement Officer: Active	\$62
Florida Law Enforcement Officer: Retired 0-1 year	\$22	Florida Law Enforcement Officer: Retired 0-1 year	\$32
Florida Law Enforcement Officer: Retired 1+ year(s)	\$84	Florida Law Enforcement Officer: Retired 1+ year(s)	\$32
Consular Security Official	\$322	Consular Security Official	\$312
Judge: Active	\$22	Judge: Active	\$12

Don’t waste time mailing your application in! Stop by the Marion County Tax Collector’s Office and submit it in person at the Main Tax Collector Branch only, located at 503 SE 25th Ave. **For more information or for a list of documents that must accompany your application, please contact our office at 352-368-8200 or go to www.mariontax.com/other/cwl.**



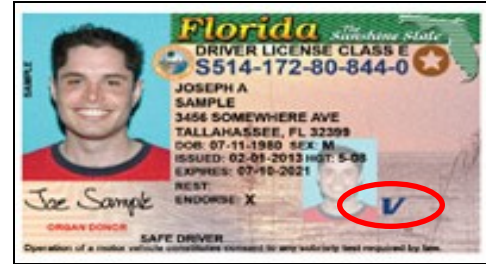
The Marion County Tax Collector Offices are very proud to provide a multitude of services. Listed below are the services we provide:

- ◆ Payment of Property Taxes (Marion County only)
- ◆ Online Payments (Property Taxes and Motor Vehicles)
- ◆ Florida Hunting and Fishing Licenses (Online Also)
- ◆ Florida Driver License and Identification Cards (Statewide)
- ◆ Florida Title and Registration (Statewide)
- ◆ Issuance of Florida Birth Certificates (Select Locations)
- ◆ Florida Concealed Weapon Permit Applications — Originals and Renewals
- ◆ Marion County Utilities Payments (Current Only)
- ◆ Marion County Park Passes
- ◆ Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (Except Ocala Annex)

For any information about services provided, please contact us at 352-368-8200 or visit our website at www.mariontax.com.

Veteran Designation on Driver License

Any US veteran discharged or released as “Honorable” or “Under Honorable Conditions” may have a Veteran Designation placed on his or her driver license. The veteran will need to provide a copy of their DD-214 or other approved discharge document at the time of issuance. The designation currently appears on the license as a “V”.



To place the Veteran designation on your current driver license is \$8.25 if we are not making any name or address changes. To place the Veteran designation on your driver license while making address or name changes is only an additional \$1. To add the Veteran designation during the time of renewal is only an additional \$2.

Veterans who need to obtain a copy of their DD-214, may request it through the National Archives, which provides information on how to make the request online at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.

Please contact our office at 352-368-8200 for more information or to verify if the documentation that you have will be sufficient to add the Veteran designation.

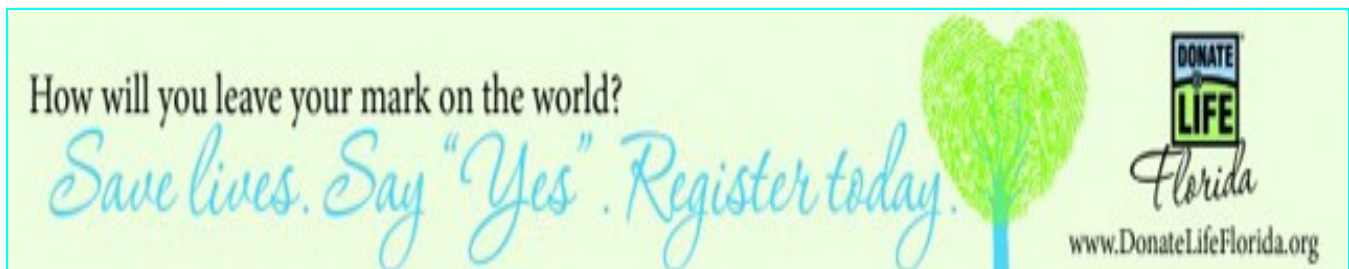
Florida Birth Certificates

Do you need a Florida birth certificate to enroll your child into school? Do you need your Florida birth certificate to renew your driver license? Did you know that the Marion County Tax Collector's Office began issuing Florida birth certificates in 2013?

We now offer the birth certificate services at 6 of our locations. You may visit our Main Office located at 503 SE 25th Ave in Ocala, the Belleview branch located in the Winn-Dixie shopping plaza, the Summerfield branch located in the Spruce Creek shopping plaza, the North branch located in the Winn-Dixie shopping plaza, the Dunnellon branch located at 19995 SW 86th St in Dunnellon and our Forest branch located in the Winn-Dixie shopping plaza in Silver Springs.

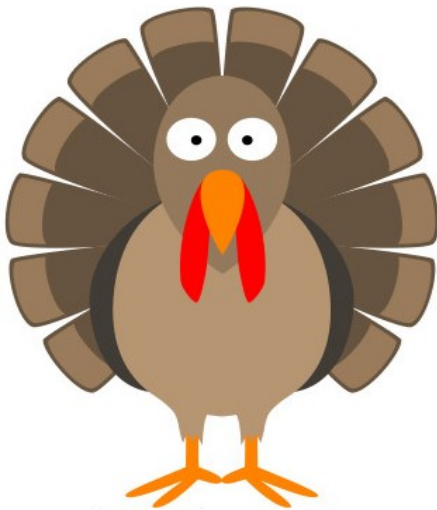
The cost to apply for a birth certificate in our office is \$18.00, plus \$7.00 for any additional certificates issued for the same person at the same time.

Please contact our Call Center at 352-368-8200 with questions regarding application requirements and office locations.





October



As of October 1st, our offices will begin collecting \$5 donations to purchase frozen turkeys that will be donated to Interfaith Emergency Services. The turkeys will be donated to families in need who may otherwise not be able to afford the cost of a holiday meal. All of us have been affected by the economic downturn in recent years and there are still plenty of families who are struggling to recover. Make your donation today in honor of a loved one—what a great way to preserve their memory!

Last year our office donated 738 turkeys. Our goal this year is to surpass that amount and with your help, we can and will!

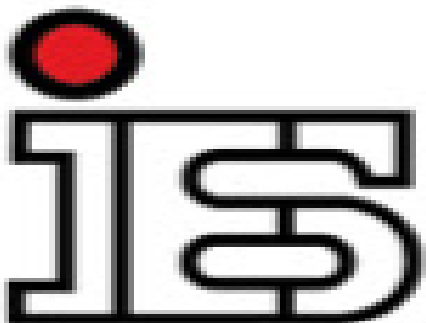
November

For the past several years, our office has been very proud to participate in Wreaths Across America. With the help of donations collected in our offices, we have had the pleasure of purchasing wreaths to honor our local veterans.



As of November 1st, our offices will begin collecting \$5 donations to purchase wreaths this year. All wreaths will be placed in Highland Memorial Park to honor our local veterans on National Remembrance Day, December 17, 2016.

We continue to collect food, personal hygiene items and donations for Interfaith Emergency Services year round.



Interfaith provides emergency assistance to individuals and families in crisis. During 2014, Interfaith touched the lives of more than 30,000 people in Marion County, providing food, clothing, hygiene and other services. To learn more about their services, please visit their website at www.iesmarion.org or contact them via telephone at 352-629-8868.