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Registration Fee Reduction

The Florida Legislature has recently passed a bill that will lower the cost of motor vehicle registrations by up to \$25.00 per year. The legislative change is scheduled to take effect September 1, 2014.

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In an effort to save you money, the Marion County Tax Collector recommends renewing your motor vehicle registration for one year versus two years. There is no cost advantage with two-year registrations renewals. Refunds will not be given.

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As we receive more information regarding the upcoming changes, we will update our website for your convenience.

Proof of Identification

As a reminder, when submitting an Application for Title (HSMV 82040) you must enter a Florida drivers license or identification card number on the application. If the customer does not have a valid Florida drivers license or identification card, you must submit a copy of the document that is being used as proof of identification. The following documents are acceptable proofs of identification.

- Valid Florida drivers license/identification card
- Valid drivers license/identification card issued by another state or US territory
- Valid US or foreign passport
- Valid Canadian drivers license/identification card

VI Dealers License Renewal



Your VI dealers license will expire on April 30th. As a reminder, please make sure you turn your renewal application in to the regional DMS office as soon as possible. This will give them ample time to process your application.

Remember, you may also be required to complete continuing education this year. For more information regarding the renewal of your dealers license contact the DMS Regional Office at 352-732-1268, option 5.



Financial Responsibility Changes

Currently the Department is in the process of updating all Financial Responsibility sanctions. Drivers license and registration sanctions are placed on a drivers record if the insurance provided does not verify electronically with the insurance company effective on the date of purchase or on the date that the registration was renewed.

What does that mean for you the dealer? When an individual purchases a vehicle from you, they must add their vehicle to their existing or new policy effective the date of purchase. Most times the customer just signs an insurance affidavit and drives off your lot. Most insurance companies will cover newly acquired vehicles for so many days before requiring the vehicle be added to the policy.



With these new changes, the customer may be suspended if the acquired date of the vehicle is different than the effective date of the insurance.

4th Annual Tax Collector Car Show

Thank you to everyone who supported our 4th Annual Tax Collector Car Show! We were able to present Interfaith Emergency Services with a \$5000 check from the proceeds of the Car Show.



To view more pictures of the 4th Annual Tax Collector Car Show or pictures from past car shows and fundraiser events, go to www.mariontax.com and click on 'Other'. Choose 'Charities' from the drop down menu.

You will also find a list of various organizations that have benefitted from our past fundraisers.

Kids Tag Art

Meet "Marion the Mare", our official mascot for the Marion County Tax Collector Kids Tag Art program. This program inspires fifth grade art students to design their own specialty plate while at the same time learning about the practical application of license plate are and how Florida's 100+ specialty license plates support worthy causes. Each school earns 100% of the proceeds and a share of over \$15,000. Our major sponsor this year again was Jenkins Auto, donating \$10,000. Fine Arts for Ocala, Inc. donated \$1,000 and we received in kind sponsorship from Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida and Woods Printing.

All of the tags on our website are Award of Distinction winners. Purchasing their tag will provide funding to the elementary school each students attends. Please visit our website at www.mariontax.com to view and purchase the available vanity plates.

For more information or to be a sponsor, please call our office at 352-368-8200.



EFS Updates



Over the years EFS has changed quite a bit. The biggest change being the amount of work that is processed in our office on a daily basis. Our office processes approximately 300 EFS transactions per day. Every year we see an increase in the amount of dealers who are signing up to participate in EFS. Currently we have 20 dealers signed up in Marion County. All of you have done a remarkable job keeping up with our requests and complying with procedural changes. Keep up the great job!

Title Transfers Using 82994's

When a customer trades a vehicle in to your dealership, please make sure that you are checking to see if the vehicle has a paper or electronic title. We are seeing an influx of transactions that we need to suspend because it was assumed that the trade-in was electronic. The dealer is using only 82994's, when in fact there should be a paper title submitted.

If you have any questions or are unsure of how to check, please call our office for clarification.

Pamala



Pineapple Orange Spring Layer Cake

- 1 package pineapple, vanilla or yellow cake mix
- 1 package (3.4 oz) JELL-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding
- 1 package (3.4 oz) JELL-O Lemon Flavor Instant Pudding
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 Tbsp orange zest
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip Whipped Topping
- 1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained



Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour two 9-inch cake pans. In large bowl, beat cake mix, vanilla dry pudding mix, sour cream, water, oil, eggs and orange zest with mixer until blended. Pour into greased pans. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool cakes in pans 10 minutes. Invert onto wire racks; gently removing pans. Cool cakes completely. Whisk lemon dry pudding mix and milk together in large bowl. Fold in Cool Whip. Stack cake layers on plate, filling with half each of the Cool Whip mixture and oranges. Consider breaking up half the mandarin oranges and folding into the whipped topping for the middle layer. Frost top with remaining Cool Whip mixture. Garnish with remaining oranges. Keep refrigerated.

Recipe taken from www.kraftrecipes.com.