

Dealer BUZZ



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Full Service Office Opening



Marion County Tax Collector George Albright announced plans to open a full-service office in Summerfield. The office will be located in The Terrace Shoppes at Spruce Creek across from the Summerfield Wal-Mart.

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“We are happy about becoming a part of the Summerfield/Villages area,” said Albright. “This convenient location can provide all DMV and limited driver license services, as well as hunting and fishing licenses to Marion, Lake and Sumter county residents.” Albright noted that Marion County residents can also make property tax payments at this location.



“We are opening this branch to meet the needs of the growing area.” The opening is scheduled for January 2011.

Title Only Transactions

Tax collector offices are not authorized to process a title only transaction when a dealer has issued a temporary license plate. If a dealer issues a temporary license plate to the consumer, the dealer must apply for a permanent license plate or transfer an existing license plate for the consumer at the same time the dealer submits the title application to the tax collector office.

Dealers should not issue a temporary license plate to any vehicle for which a title only transaction is requested. Checking the non-use affidavit on the application, which indicates the vehicle will not be operated on the streets of this state, while at the same time processing a temporary license plate so the vehicle can be operated on the streets of this state, is considered fraud. Dealers who participate in this activity may be subject to fines, suspension, or revocation of their license.

Under Florida law, the dealer is required to apply for a registration for the consumer at the same time the dealer makes application for title. The only exception is if the vehicle will not be operated on state roads. Then a non-use affidavit is appropriate.

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T.O.P. Requirements

Effective January 1, 2011 we will require the US DOT number and TIN (taxpayer identification number) of the carrier responsible for safety. If the carrier responsible for safety has a safety suspension or does not have a current MCS150 form on file, the TOP will be denied.



Effective January 1, 2011 we can only accept the newly revised application for Temporary Operational Permit, HSMV form 85043, revision date 12/10. You can access this form by going to www.flhsmv.gov and click on Vehicle Tags & Titles. Click on Motor Vehicle Forms and search by form number.

If you have any further questions about the MCS150 form or the US DOT number, please contact DOT at 352-732-1325.

Insurance Codes

Proof of insurance is required to be provided at the time of registration of any motor vehicle. You must submit either a signed insurance affidavit, HSMV form 83330, or a copy of the insurance card showing the newly acquired vehicle information.

When submitting an insurance affidavit, verify that the VIN number is correct and that the policy number and 5-digit company code are correct. If you are having difficulty locating the company code, you can go to the following link and search by the insurance company. This will allow you to verify the validity of the insurance company also.

www.flfds.com/data/companysearch/index.asp

Food 4 Kids

2010 has been an especially hard year for the residents of Marion County. With unemployment growing statewide and employment opportunities being scarce, families continue to struggle to be able to provide for themselves.

Programs such as Food 4 Kids have been established by Interfaith Emergency Services to help needy families in Marion County. The purpose of the Food 4 Kids program is to provide food each weekend during the school year to hungry school aged children. They provide 3 meals and 2 snacks for each school aged child in the qualifying household. These meals are sent home weekly in backpacks. Currently there are close to 1500 children, in 29 schools, enrolled in the Food 4 Kids program.

What can you do to help? You can make a financial contribution or donate food. Acceptable foods are: canned meats, canned pasta, canned soup, juice boxes, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, pudding cups, fruit cups, cereal, snack bars, pop tarts, crackers filled with peanut butter or cheese, snacks and non-refrigerated milk. All items must be individual servings.

Any little bit helps in this time of need. Food 4 Kids depends solely on the generosity of our community. All donations stay in Marion County.



Tax Collector In-Service Days

Beginning in 2011 the Tax Collector's offices will be closed to the public on February 21st and October 10th for employee training. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



Tax Collector on Facebook

Visit the Marion County Tax Collector on Facebook! Go to www.mariontax.com and click on the link to the facebook page. Become our facebook friend, look for updates and share your opinions, comments with us.



General Newsletter

Mr. Albright is pleased to announce that we will begin sending out a general newsletter via e-mail to the residents of Marion County informing them of any changes. All it takes is a click of the button to subscribe and its completely free of charge!



Go to www.mariontax.com and enter your e-mail address under the E-News direct link in the upper right hand corner and click on subscribe!

All of your information will be kept confidential and it will not be passed on to other sources.

EFS Updates

We would like to take this time to thank all of you for your hard work, keeping up with all the changes, and working very hard at being compliant. 2010 was an outstanding year and we are looking forward to an even better 2011! With that said, please take note of the following reminders.

- Please remember that the same rules apply to processing work through EFS as processing work as a walk through. If you enter a transaction into EFS, all work must be finalized within 30 days. You can not leave it pending for more than 30 days. Tallahassee is monitoring the pending reports and is contacting dealers who are not finalizing transactions within 30 days. We will suspend your transaction if you finalize it and are missing paperwork or something needs to be corrected. If we suspend your transaction, you must submit all required paperwork within 7 days. If you are unable to submit your work within that time frame, we will void and refund your transaction.



- VIN verifications are required on all out-of-state vehicles, motor homes and trailers weighing 2000 lbs or more. If the unit is coming from Canada, a DMV compliance examiner is the only person authorized to complete a VIN verification. In order to schedule an appointment for a VIN verification with DMV, please call 352-732-1268. Once completed, you will need to submit an accurately completed Vehicle Identification Number and Odometer Verification, HSMV form 82042, with your title work.