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More Collegiate Plates Coming Soon

Laurel Swim

Many Florida college alumni will be pleased to learn they can purchase a new license plate commemorating their alma mater. HSMV is currently in the process of producing plates for the following colleges and universities:

- ☛ Clearwater Christian College
- ☛ Eckerd College
- ☛ Edward Waters College
- ☛ Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- ☛ Flagler College
- ☛ Florida College
- ☛ Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences
- ☛ Florida Institute of Technology
- ☛ Florida Southern College
- ☛ Jacksonville University
- ☛ Lynn University
- ☛ Nova Southeastern University
- ☛ Palm Beach Atlantic University
- ☛ Ringling School of Art and Design
- ☛ Rollins College
- ☛ Saint Leo University
- ☛ Saint Thomas University
- ☛ Southeastern College
- ☛ Stetson University
- ☛ University of Tampa
- ☛ Warner Southern College

Most of these plates will be available by the time you receive this newsletter. ☛

New Forms on Taxcollect.com

Cherice Bravieri

“Faster, more Efficient”

As we continue to make every effort to provide “world class service, anytime, any place,” we have expanded our forms website. To view this site go to www.taxcollect.com, click on Vehicle and Vessel Registrations, then on Forms. We have added several new fillable DMV, Vessel, Driver License and Miscellaneous forms to make your jobs easier! If there is a form you would like to see added to our website, please e-mail Cherice Bravieri at Cbravieri@taxcollect.com or call 727.464.8635. We will try to do everything possible to accommodate your needs. ☛

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Changes in Rebuilt and ASPT Procedures

Clyde Schmitz
DMV Bureau of Field Operations

The Division of Motor Vehicles, in trying to streamline its programs and improve overall customer service, has decided to implement changes in the assembled from parts and rebuilt program. Currently, the Bureau of Field Operations has the responsibility of doing the actual inspection of both the vehicles and the paperwork involved in the ASPT and rebuilt process. The goal is for each regional office of the Bureau of Field Operations to become a complete processing center for this program. The idea is to move the program from being administered in the field to one central location in each region. This move will make more efficient use of the compliance officer's time and make the program more uniformly applied.

Once this program is fully implemented, the paperwork for the rebuilt or ASPT will come directly to the regional office. When the paperwork is approved, appointment times will be assigned, and the vehicle will be brought to the office and inspected and a title will be issued on the spot. This assures the state that the title work is done in a timely manner. Our office will also be able to do title transfers at the same time, if needed, to facilitate sales of rebuilt.

This program will be implemented incrementally. The Bureau of Field Operations/Region 6 has its regional office in Tampa. Region 6 has jurisdiction over Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter counties. Hillsborough County will be the first county to comply with these new procedures. Pinellas County will be the next county, followed by the outlying counties some time after that. As of August 11th, all "rebuilders" are required to submit their paperwork to the regional office for inspection. In the interim, until the program is fully operational, compliance officers in the field will still do vehicle inspections and placement of decals. Specific dates as to when counties are to comply with the new procedures will be announced as soon as all the technical details are worked out. Our goal is to have these changes fully implemented by this fall. ☺

Tax Collector Partners with New Provider to Offer Motor Vehicle Look-ups and More

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Tax Collector Diane Nelson has entered into an agreement with Auto Data Direct, Inc. to assist in providing motor vehicle look ups over the internet to qualified Pinellas County citizens and businesses. While we expect this additional venue for motor vehicle research to help reduce phone inquiries, probably the biggest advantage ADD offers is the ability to complete DMV forms on line with pre-filled data.

Here's how it works: Once you look up a record, you can click on a transaction type and the required forms, already pre-filled with the vehicle information, come up on the screen (we're sure those of you who process towing and storage liens can really appreciate always having correct VINS on the paperwork). You can then complete the owner and/or lien information and print the forms. ADD will even produce a fax for wrecker services to send to the local newspaper, and provide a link to send certified mail online, eliminating a trip to the post office.

ADD charges \$1.00 per record for its service and believes the available options are a good value to its users. To see for yourself, check out ADD's website at www.add123.com or call 850.877.8804. ☺



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New Law Allows Owners to Retire Mobile Home Titles

Laurel Swim

A new law was recently enacted that allows owners of mobile homes **permanently affixed to real property** to retire their titles. DMV has written TL-39, Application for Retirement of a Mobile Home Certificate of Title or Reinstatement of a Retired Mobile Home Certificate of Title, to provide instruction on this new procedure. Here are the highlights:

- The owner should already have a Florida title in his name or completed for transfer to his name in order to retire the title.
- An RP decal does not have to be issued prior to retiring the title.
- A mobile home with a retired title shall be conveyed by deed or real estate contract.
- Any subsequent lien action will be recorded only through a mortgage or deed of trust.

To retire the title, the owner must file

- the title
- any lien satisfactions
- the legal description of the property and
- a sworn statement that he is the owner and the home is permanently affixed to real property

with the Clerk of the Court. Copies of these documents, along with an application for retirement, should then be submitted to the Tax Collector's office. DMV does not charge to retire titles.

Titles may be reinstated if the home is being removed from the property.

For complete details, refer to the latest version of the DMV Procedures Manual, or visit www.hsmv.state.fl.us, click on *registrations, tags & titles*, and then click on *DMV Procedures Manual*. ☞



Tax Collector and DMV Working on Dealer License Verification Procedure



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In an effort to enhance the integrity of dealer title processing, Tax Collector Diane Nelson is working with Division of Motor Vehicles Director Carl Ford to evaluate existing security procedures that ensure your dealer license is not being fraudulently used. The Tax Collector's Office has developed a policy that Mrs. Nelson is recommending for state-wide implementation, and we would appreciate your comments before anything is finalized.

Look for more details in the December *Dealer Connection* issue. ☞

Note for Tag Talksm Users

If you see "LIEN ONLY – IN-STATE ONLY" in the stop info field of your Tag Talksm printout, contact our office at 562-3262. This message usually means a lien has been placed on the vehicle and will need to be satisfied before any further action can be taken. Our staff can give you detailed information so you may contact the lienholder.

Feel free to call us anytime you see a stop on a record; we're happy to help.

Vessel Dealer Class a Huge Success!

Cherice Bravieri

The Pinellas County Tax Collector's Office is pleased to inform you that our first vessel training class seemed to be most successful! We received valuable information from our training surveys and we will incorporate suggestions into our next class.

We welcome your input and if there's something specific that you would like training on, please e-mail Cherice Bravieri at Cbravieri@taxcollect.com or call (727)464-8635. ☞

Need Driver License Info?

Melissa Beem

Most driver license information is privileged and cannot be disclosed over the phone. If your dealership requires anything more than DL status, you may obtain the information from the Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court. All requests must be made in person, and there is a nominal fee. The address is:

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Floriland Business Center
9309 N. Florida Ave. Suite 103
Tampa, FL 33612

You can also check a DL status by visiting <http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us>.

DMV Now Offers Free Online Motor Vehicle Look Ups

Cherice Bravieri

Did you know you can look up motor vehicle and vessel information on the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles website? Click on [motor vehicle check](#) at www.hsmv.state.fl.us, and you can look up information by entering the title or vehicle identification number. By using this site you will be able to find:

- ☞ The complete vehicle description
- ☞ Who the lienholder is
- ☞ The last recorded odometer reading and date read
- ☞ When the title was issued
- ☞ When the registration is due to expire

Better yet - there is no charge for this service! ☞

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1	Closed for Labor Day
October 8	Title and Registration Class
November 11	Closed for Veterans Day
November 27 & 28	Closed for Thanksgiving

Notice to Mobile Home Dealers

The registration fee for mobile homes located in a rental park with ten or more lots has increased by \$1.00.



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