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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

The Galveston County Tax Office (along with all County offices) will be closed Friday December 24th for Christmas and Friday December 31st for the New Year holiday. As a result, all payments postmarked January 3rd will be posted as paid December 31st.

If your registration sticker expires in December, you are encouraged to come in the week before Christmas to avoid long lines of property owners paying their taxes before the end of the year for income tax purposes.

Other options of insuring timely payment of property taxes are to pay on-line via electronic check ($1 fee) or credit card (2.5% fee). Placing your payment in the Tax Office drop box located at each office is also a good option as is dropping it in the mail. Payments must be postmarked January 31st to be considered timely and please note, a recent AG Opinion states only a USPS date counts. For less than $1.25, you can obtain a postmark validation at your local post office. This is far more cost effective than mailing certified and provides the same level of proof for tax purposes.

Following the tradition of the last four years, the Galveston and League City Branches of the Galveston County Tax Office will be open from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday, January 31st - the last day to pay the tax lady without accruing penalty and interest on 2010 taxes. The Santa Fe and Texas City Branches will be open regular hours of 8 am to 5 pm.

The Galveston County Tax Office accepts over-the-counter credit and debit cards in addition to providing online payment options. Those without internet access may remit payment using a credit card by calling Pay Connexion at 1-866-865-1433 (English) or 1-866-865-1435 (Spanish).

Avoid the line, go on-line at www.galcotax.com (unexpired registration stickers can be renewed and property taxes can be paid without leaving the comfort of home).