

IRS Jackson Taxpayer Assistance Center Opens

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The IRS opened the Jackson Taxpayer Assistance Center on Saturday, March 11. The center is located at 100 West Capitol St. in Jackson. The special opening is part of its efforts to improve service this tax season.

During the special Saturday opening, taxpayers can receive face-to-face help from IRS employees without an appointment.

Normally, these centers are open during the week and people should have appointments to receive services. But during these Saturday hours, walk-ins will be accepted for all services routinely offered at an office, except for making cash payments. Tax return preparation is not a service provided at IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs).

Services provided

The IRS's Contact Your Local Office web page, www.irs.gov/help/contact-your-local-irs-office, lists all services provided at specific TACs.

If someone has questions about a tax bill, an IRS audit or they need help resolving a tax problem, they'll receive assistance from IRS employees specializing in those services. If these employees aren't available, the individual will receive a referral for additional help on these services. IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service employees may also be available to help with some issues. Visit www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/ for contact information.

Professional foreign language interpreta-

tion will be available in many languages through an over-the-phone translation service. For deaf or hard of hearing individuals who need sign language interpreter services, IRS staff will schedule appointments for a later date. Alternatively, these individuals can call TTY/TDD 800-829-4059 to make an appointment.

For more information on the special Saturday openings, visit at www.irs.gov/help/irs-face-to-face-saturday-help. For a summary of the most requested customer service topics, see www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p5136.pdf.

Come prepared

Individuals should bring the following documents with them:

- Current government-issued photo identification
- Social Security cards or ITINs for themselves and all members of their household including their spouse and dependents (if applicable)
- Any IRS letters or notices received and related documents
- For identity verification services, two forms of identification and, if filed, a copy of the tax return for the year in question.

During the visit, IRS staff may also request the following information:

- A current mailing address
- Proof of bank account information included on a tax return to receive

payments or refunds by direct deposit Tax return preparation options

While tax return preparation is not a service offered at IRS TACs, information will be shared about available local free tax preparation options. Help is also available using the following services:

1. Eligible individuals or families can get free help preparing their tax return at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites at www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers. To find the closest free tax return preparation help, use the VITA Locator Tool at irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/ or call 800-906-9887.

2. To find an AARP Tax-Aide site, use the AARP Site Locator Tool at www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations.html or call 1-888-227-7669.

3. Any individual or family earning \$73,000 or less in 2022 can use tax software through IRS Free File at www.irs.gov/filing/e-file-options at no cost. There are products in English and Spanish.

4. MilTax at www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/tax-resource-center/miltax-military-tax-service, a Department of Defense program, offers free return preparation software and electronic filing for federal tax returns and up to three state income tax returns. It's available



for all military members, and some veterans, with no income limit.

Help available 24/7 at IRS.gov

The IRS encourages people to explore IRS.gov before traveling to an office. It's the fastest and easiest way for people to get the help they need.

They can learn about the many self-service tools and resources available to resolve common tax concerns online. Some include IRS identity protection services, requesting Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN), refunds, transcripts and payment options.

- Go to www.irs.gov for more information. Available resources include:
- Where's My Refund?, check refund status and estimated delivery date.
- Direct Pay, make tax payments or estimated tax payments for free from a checking or savings account.
- Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, individuals or businesses can make all types of federal tax payments.
- Online Payment Agreement, set up installment payments to pay taxes owed.
- Where's My Amended Return, track the status of an amended return.
- Interactive Tax Assistant and FAQs, get answers to many tax law questions.
- All IRS Forms and Publications, find and download current tax forms, instructions and publications. Those without access to the internet can call 800-829-3676 to order tax forms by mail.

Windham runs for Rankin County District 1 Supervisor

By Mike Windham

My name is Mike Windham, and I'm humbly excited to announce I have qualified to run for Rankin County District 1 Supervisor. My family moved to Florence, MS in 1970, it would be an honor to support my constituents, the people of District 1. I'm a graduate of Florence High School. My family and I are proud members of First Baptist Church of Florence. My wife, Jamie Windham, and I have been married 22 years and live in Florence. We have three beautiful daughters, son-in-law and a grandson, Lindsey (Windham) Myers, Robert Myers (son-in-law), Luke Windham (grandson), Micah Windham and Maddie Jae Windham.

I am an Electrical Contractor and owner of MW Electric, LLC based in Florence, MS for 8 years. I worked for Trustmark Bank for 26 years as a Facilities Services Manager where I gained invaluable skills and knowledge manag-



ing and overseeing major jobs.

Managed over 50 locations South Mississippi and Central Alabama for Trustmark Bank. I developed budgets for each of the locations I managed. Worked with city officials, developers and contractors on numerous projects. I was also part of the hurricane disaster relief team.

My wife, Jamie, has owned and operated Shear Shack Salon in Florence for 19 years. Beyond the workforce, I have had the honor of serving as a softball coach for the past 20 years for our local community recreational park.

I formally served as the President for MS Junior High Rodeo Association and Director for MS at the National level of the Junior High Rodeo Association.

I graciously ask for your prayers, support and vote on August 8, 2023. I'm very thankful for this opportunity and will strive to help our county reach its highest potential structurally, economically, recreationally and beyond.

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