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Tax Relief Conference Looks to Help Taxpayers

AUGUSTA - Taxpayers in Richmond County are looking for help in the severe economic times we are experiencing. On Saturday, October 1, 2011 the Richmond County tax commissioner's office is having their annual "Tax Relief Conference" to bring information to the public that may help ease their suffering.

"We promised taxpayers that we would try to provide them with information that would help take the mystery out of our tax system and alert them to exemptions that they may qualify for," said Steven Kendrick, Richmond County tax commissioner. "We receive thousands of calls each year requesting very specific information about a variety of tax related topics. I thought we could make this process easier by taking the information to the public."

Commissioner Kendrick and the tax commissioner's office are hosting the conference and they will provide representatives from the property tax division to discuss available exemptions and answer questions about property tax bills. There will also be representatives from the Richmond County tag office, tax assessor's office, probate court, solid waste department, and local attorneys. All will be available to answer questions about topics that affect local tax bills.

Taxpayers are encouraged to drop-in to inquire about subjects such as senior exemptions, one year widow/widower exemptions, basic homestead exemptions, disability exemptions, tax sales, property valuations, personal property returns, tag renewals, automobile renewal and insurance guidelines, or just to get a better explanation of your annual tax bill.

The conference doors are scheduled to open at 9:00 am at the Augusta State Athletic Complex on Wrightsboro Road and are scheduled to close at 2:00 p.m.

"We are really excited to offer this to our taxpayers," said Kendrick. "With the tough times people are having, we are anxious to offer them some help in reducing their tax burden if we can."

For more information, please visit the tax commissioner's website at arctax.com. You can also contact the tax commissioner's office at 706-821-2398.