

2006 Tax Tips

Tax credit program extended until April 17

Tax preparation sites available in Sussex

Delaware State Treasurer Jack Markell and Mary Dupont, executive director of The Nehemiah Gateway Community Development Corp., announced recently that Delawareans have an additional day to take advantage of the Delaware Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign.

The EITC campaign is a free statewide tax preparation program for families that earn less than \$40,000. Tax refunds can be in the thousands, depending on taxpayer eligibility for the earned income tax credit, child tax credit, and many others that benefit working families.

"Due to the overwhelming response to this year's program, we're delighted to be able to extend this program to April 17," Markell said. "Having your taxes prepared for free by the EITC campaign puts even more of your money back into your pocket."

The Nehemiah Gateway Community Development Corp., coordinator of the project, has trained more than 400 volunteers to prepare taxes at 23 sites throughout the state. In addition to free tax preparation, customers can also take advantage of other services including: free credit reports with scores and interpreta-



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State Treasurer Jack Markell and Nehemiah Gateway Development Corp. Executive Director Mary Dupont recently announced the Delaware Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign will be extended to Monday, April 17.

tion; determining eligibility for food stamps and state subsidized health benefits; referral to matched savings programs, car loan programs and workshops on financial education.

"Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, many of our tax prep centers will be open on Saturday, April 15 and Monday, April 17, to help even more people," Dupont said. "Because April 15 falls on a Saturday this year, the IRS is allowing last-minute filers until Monday, April 17 to submit their returns. So for all of you procrastinators out there, we're here for you but

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Tax help

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please call the Delaware Helpline to find out when and where we are open."

Tax prep sites in Sussex County are located at the Del Tech Community College, Georgetown; First State Community Action Central

Sussex Agency, Georgetown; Seaford Community Pool, Seaford; Hollbrook Apartments, Laurel; Pinetown Community Center, Lewes; Reformation Lutheran Church, Milford; and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Selbyville.

For site times and dates of operation, and for more information, call the Delaware Helpline at 800-464-4357.

Resort chamber to hold annual fame meeting

The Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a general membership meeting and luncheon for noon, Tuesday, May 9, at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center's Swan Ballroom in Rehoboth Beach. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes an entree buffet. The agenda provides 25 members their two minutes of fame to present their business and allows a 10-minute chamber update. All members are encouraged to bring their business information for distribution at the registration table. Seating has been arranged for 80 so reserve a spot now by calling Elizabeth on the member hotline, at 227-2233, Ext.11.