

Pay garbage bills, car tags and taxes online

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So, what can be more fun than standing in line at the tax collector's office and waiting to pay your garbage bill, renew your car tag or pay property taxes? Answer? Almost anything. And now you don't have to any longer. You still have to pay, but now you can do it quickly online, according to County Tax Collector Vince Carlise.

"This couldn't have come at a better time," Carlise said. "With this coronavirus epidemic going on, now people can take care of paying their garbage bills or renewing their car tags without exposing themselves to possible infection."

Carlise and his staff have been working with a third party technology vendor for the past several months and are just now rolling out the new online payment system. It is easy and your information is secure.

The system allows for four different types of transactions. You can pay your garbage bills or renew car tags. You can also pay your current year property or ad valorem tax and finally, you can look up property appraisal information.

To access the system, go to the George County website at www.georgecountymys.com and click on the "County Officials" tab at the top of page. A drop down box appears with a list of county officials. Click on the "Tax Assessor/Collector" link at the bottom of the list. When you reach the tax collector page, click on the "search for tax information" icon (the magnifying glass image) on the right hand side of the page. That takes you to a page with four links at the bottom. Pay Car Renewals, Pay Garbage Bill, Real Estate Taxes and Real Property Appraisal. Choose the appropriate line and simply fill in the blanks.

One note of caution, according to Carlise. The system is case and character sensitive. You must enter name, address and other information exactly as it appears on your bill, including any punctuation.

The system is designed and operated by a reputable third-party vendor, Delta Computer Systems and privacy safeguards are in place. Real property information is public record information and anyone can access that, but personal financial information, garbage bills, and tag renewals are not accessible to others.

A nominal credit card transaction fee is charged.