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How To Pay Less Next Tax Time (Legally)

(NAPSA)-Getting a big check may not always be a good thing. For example, if you receive a large tax refund from the IRS, it means you paid out too much in income tax the year before and, essentially, lent your money to the government interest free.

Fortunately, a talk with a licensed tax specialist before the end of the year may help you avoid both that and having to pay a lot next tax time.

Here are a few hints on how:

- Make sure your W-4 form at work is up to date and filled out in your favor. Does it have the correct number for your dependents?
- Institute, increase or max out retirement contributions. Contribute more to your 401(k) to reduce your taxable income and your tax bill. If you don't have one, or an IRA, now might be a good time to start.
- Be generous. Charitable gifts and certain presents to relatives may yield tax benefits. In addition to money gifts, donating clothes, toys and household items to charity can lead to a tax deduction. Keep a list of what you gave and its fair market value and get a receipt from the organization. You may also be able to deduct travel and other expenses of volunteering.



Don't overlook legal ways to avoid paying taxes

- Mix business with plea_sure. If you can combine a vacation and business trip, you may be able to deduct part of the unreimbursed expenses spent on business, such as airfare and part of your hotel bill.

- Use health care to improve your wealth. If you can, tap into a medical reimbursement account or flex plan at work that lets you divert part of your salary, pretax, to an account from which to pay medical bills.
- Looking for work? Job search expenses such as agency fees, résumé printing, career counseling costs and travel related to the effort may be deductible even if you didn't find a new job. If you do find one that meets the 50-mile test, you may be able to deduct your moving expenses.
- Go green. Some energy-saving devices and appliances also come with a tax break.
- Be smart, go to school. You may be able to get a tax credit on 100 percent of the first \$2,000 spent on certain college expenses and 25 percent of the next \$2,000 for up to \$2,500 per student.
- Get more good advice from an enrolled agent and member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents-a group of licensed tax practitioners who focus solely on taxation year-round. To find one nearby, call (855) 880-6232 or visit www.eatax.org.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Siuslaw Public Library District, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, will be held in the Bromley Room at 1460 9th Street, Florence, Oregon. The meeting will take place on the 18th of May, 2015, at 12:15 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 13, 2016, at 1460 9th Street, Florence, Oregon, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.
This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place.
Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Notice of this meeting is also available at the Siuslaw Public Library District website (www.siuslawlibrary.org).
The Siuslaw Public Library District meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to Meg Spencer, Siuslaw Public Library District Director, at 541-997-3132 or meg@siuslawlibrary.org.
Publication Date: April 23, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Florence will be held at Florence City Hall located at 250 Highway 101, Florence, Oregon, on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Budget Officer's budget message and proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
Additional Budget Committee meetings to receive testimony, questions and comments from members of the public, budget presentations by City staff and the opportunity to discuss and deliberate the proposed budget will be held Monday, May 9, 2016 beginning at 6 p.m., and May 10, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meetings on May 9 and May 10 will be held at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince Street, Florence, Oregon.
A public hearing will be held at the May 9th meeting for the purpose of hearing public testimony with regard to the proposed use of state shared revenues, i.e., liquor, cigarette, gas tax, and state shared revenue. Additional Budget Committee meetings, if necessary, will be held beginning May 17, 2016 at Florence Events Center beginning at 6 p.m., until the Budget Committee approves the budget.
Meetings beginning May 9th will include Budget Committee deliberations. Any person may appear at the meetings to provide comments to and or ask questions of the Budget Committee on the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 2, 2016 at Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101, Florence, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Meeting notices are and the proposed budget will be posted on the City's website, www.ci.florence.or.us.
Publication Date: April 23, 2016

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE Budget Committee of the Siuslaw School District, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, will be held at the Siuslaw High School Library, 2221 Oak St., Florence, Oregon. The meeting will take place on April 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to hear public input. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained at the school district office, 2111 Oak St., Florence, Oregon between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.
Additional notice and information may be located on the Siuslaw School District website: www.siuslaw.k12.or.us.
Publication Dates: April 23 & 27, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE SECOND NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Dunes City, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2017, will be held at Dunes City Hall, 82877 Spruce St., Florence, Oregon. The meeting will take place on the 26th day of April, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comment on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained at Dunes City Hall, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed document with the Budget Committee.
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Wednesday's Graphic

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