

Tax Service Center Opens at Greenbriar Mall



Ferdinand, State, county, local officials say new facility to end long lines, wait times for car-owners and taxpayers

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Citizens, taxpayers and dignitaries from across metro Atlanta converged on **Greenbriar Mall Thursday, August 3, 2006, at 10 a.m.** for the formal opening of the **Tax Service Center at Greenbriar Mall**. The center is operated by the Office of the Tax Commissioner of Fulton County .

"This office is twice the size of previous facilities," says Tax Commissioner Arthur Ferdinand. "It will be a full-service office, where people can pay ad valorem (auto) taxes, purchase auto tags, renew their tags, and pay their property taxes—all under one roof."

Day after day, you hear about long lines, long wait times just to get a new tag or to renew your license plate. The new office at Greenbriar will relieve thousands of citizens of those headaches. With unlimited parking at the mall, a "kiddy room" for children while their parents take care of their tax and auto issues, the new center is considered a "state-of-the-art" facility designed for premium customer service.

Joining the tax commissioner—for the formal ribbon-cutting ceremony on the back side of the mall, near the IHOP restaurant—was Fulton County Commissioners Emma I. Darnell, William "Bill" Edwards, Atlanta City Councilman Jim Maddox, Director Sha Hester of the Georgia Department of Revenue, Chief of Staff Greg Pridgeon of the Atlanta Mayor's Office, and General Manager Mike Weinberger of the Greenbriar Mall. The Reverend Timothy Flemming Sr., pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church , delivered the invocation and Omari Bradley, a senior at Booker T. Washington High School led the pledge of allegiance.

"This will bring thousands of *new* customers to our mall," says Weinberger. "We are excited and see this as a catalyst for new economic opportunities for all of our merchants."

The new service center hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call the Tax Commissioner's office at 404-730-6100.