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GRAND OPENING IN ELMHURST!

HELPING CLIENTS FACE-TO-FACE

IRS Trouble Solvers recently celebrated the opening of their new brick and mortar location in the heart of downtown Elmhurst, Illinois. Ben Golden, CEO and founder, celebrated the new location with a ribbon-cutting ceremony as well as hosting a co-sponsored "After Hours" event for the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce. When many businesses at this time have looked to close down their physical locations or continued to operate in the "virtual" office model, Ben acknowledges the importance of having one's business rooted in the community. It was with genuine excitement and recognition of this fact that he moved to re-establish a physical office back in the same town where our firm started 30 years ago.

Located at 100 S. York Road, Suite 214, the IRS Trouble Solvers office is perfectly situated to assist our clientele while serving the greater Chicagoland area and suburbs. With easy access via expressway, and located just steps from the Metra line, clients who wish to meet in person will have an easy time accessing our office.

IRS Trouble Solvers has been helping businesses and individuals with back tax issues since 1990. We remain firmly committed to advocating on behalf of our



clients. Rest assured our entire team at IRS Trouble Solvers is ready and willing to help fight the IRS on your behalf.

If you or someone you know has a back tax issue and need help, call us at 877 4 IRS LAW or (630) 832-6500 today!



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Retracing Footsteps of the IRS in History

HISTORICAL IRS HIGHLIGHTS

For many, if not all Americans, finding a letter in the mailbox from the IRS is never exciting. While the IRS is certainly not everyone's favorite, the mission of the IRS is to help taxpayers to be compliant with the tax law, which President Lincoln signed into existence in 1861 via the Revenue Act to help pay for the Civil War. It's crazy to think that for nearly 100 years after our nation was founded, we didn't have a federal income tax in place. And, without the IRS, how else would we make sure the few who are not willing to comply contribute their fair share?

Essentially, anything Congress puts into action and enacts, the IRS enforces. The IRS oversees all tax returns, tax services, audits, and even criminal investigations. Dealing with the IRS is never fun, but that's where we come in! The IRS serves a great purpose in our society and also has a pretty cool history as well!

On July 1, 1862, Abraham Lincoln and Congress created the Office of Internal Revenue to collect taxes and large tariffs on imported alcohol and tobacco products. The first tax was a 3% taxation on individual incomes as low as \$600 a year and as high as \$10,000 a year. For incomes that exceeded that, a 5% tax was incurred.

By 1863, many people evaded their taxes and engaged in organized crime; thus, Congress hired three detectives, the forerunners to today's ATF agents, to investigate those who refused to comply. This act was the very first collaboration between law enforcement and tax collectors.

The following timeline shows some of the important events and advances in the history of income taxation and the IRS, which I think everyone should be aware of, as these are the events that have brought us where we are today!

1867 — Congress cut the tax rate, and from 1868–1913, 90% of revenue resulted from taxation on alcohol and tobacco.



1913 — The 16th Amendment was ratified into law, stating that Congress has the right to collect taxes on incomes. The first 1040 was then introduced.

1942 — President Roosevelt passed the Revenue Act of 1942, which increased taxes and the number of people responsible for paying them. Deductions for medical and investment expenses were created.

1943 — The Current Tax Payment Act passed, requiring employers to withhold their employee's taxes.

1944 — The Individual Income Tax Act passed, creating the standard deductions on the 1040 form.

1965 — The first toll-free IRS telephone site was instituted.

1972 — The Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Division separated from the IRS and became the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

1986 — Limited electronic filing began.

1992 — Taxpayers were able to file electronic returns.

Although filing taxes and hearing from the IRS are never fun, our nation's history of how the IRS came to be is pretty neat. I often wonder if Lincoln's vision for the IRS looked anything like it does today. Would he be proud or discouraged? That's a loaded question! Always remember that we at IRS Trouble Solvers are here to help with any IRS and tax-related questions, concerns, and complications! We've got your back!

-Ben Golden

AMERICA ON THE SILVER SCREEN

5 Patriotic Movies the Family Will Love

“You’re killin’ me, smalls!” is probably what you will say to your kiddo when they say they haven’t watched “The Sandlot.” You may even discover they haven’t seen many America-themed classics! So, we have just the lineup for your next family movie night. In the spirit of Independence Day, check out these family-friendly American movie favorites.

‘The Sandlot’

An obvious choice but a good one, “The Sandlot” follows a group of neighborhood kids in the 1960s who gather at the local baseball diamond to play ball. It chronicles the feeling of summertime freedom, the gut-wrenching fear of local legends, the awkwardness of first crushes, and the true meaning of friendship. Plus, that Fourth of July scene will have the family in stitches!

‘National Treasure’

You may be surprised to learn that “National Treasure” is an action-packed movie with a PG rating! Loaded with history, the movie follows a passionate historian and a team of unlikely heroes as they search for a hidden treasure, and the location has been written on the back of the Declaration of Independence. (Be sure to check out the sequel, too, and the third movie, which is slated for a 2022 release.)

‘An American Tail’

Follow Fievel the Russian mouse as he immigrates to America with his family in 1885. With action and anxiety-inducing antics, “An American Tail” provides younger children with history and a glimpse at the beauty of the American Dream. Plus, it’s nostalgia fodder for their parents, who likely grew up with Fievel and his family!

‘A League of Their Own’

Packed with Hollywood stars, “A League of Their Own” is inspired by the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Created in the depths of World War II, the league ran for 12 seasons. In the movie, two sisters must find a way to overcome their personal differences to make their baseball league a standout sport. (If you enjoy the movie, be sure to watch Amazon’s TV series!)

‘Mr. Smith Goes to Washington’

This is one black-and-white film your politically active teens may enjoy. When Jefferson Smith becomes a U.S. senator, he’s taken under the wing of Senator John Paine, but Smith soon learns Paine has more nefarious ambitions. In the film, your family will see Congress in action — and a little ribbing, too!

Check your local library or favorite streaming service to watch these titles.

In Honor of Independence Day — Gain Freedom From Tax Debt

Many things can take place that may send you into debt with the IRS. Whether it’s due to under-withholding, negligence, extra income not subject to withholding, self-employment tax, changes in your tax return, or difficulty making quarterly estimated payments, you may end up owing large amounts to the IRS.

In the spirit of the Fourth of July and Independence Day, one of the ways to get on the road to freedom from debt with the IRS is by having us at IRS Trouble Solvers help you to take advantage of an offer in compromise. This process can potentially allow you to settle your debt for less than you originally owed. If you’re unable to pay the amount, or if by doing so, you’ll be placed in financial hardship, the IRS examines your situation and takes it into consideration.

The IRS will take a look at your income, your expenses, equity in your assets, and your ability to pay. But, before we put together and submit an offer in compromise, the

IRS asks that we collectively explore all other payment options first.

It’s important to keep in mind that an offer in compromise isn’t for everyone. Only those who meet the following criteria are eligible:

- You’re an employer and have made current and the past two quarters’ tax deposits
- You’ve filed all of your tax returns and have made every required estimated payment
- You aren’t in an open bankruptcy proceeding
- You have a valid extension for return for the current year

If you are struggling to pay back the debt you owe the IRS, we are here to help you gain freedom from that debt. We will take a look at your case and determine the best course of action, which may include an offer in compromise. We are always here to help!

Healthier Hot Dogs With Slaw

Inspired by RachaelRayMag.com



Craving a healthy dog for National Hot Dog Month? We’ve got you! Follow our recipe for a dog packed with protein, fiber, and vitamins. (Serves 8)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 green apple, peeled and diced
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 small head red cabbage, cored and shredded
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tbsp grill seasoning
- 3 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp maple syrup
- 8 organic chicken sausage links
- 8 whole-wheat hot dog buns, toasted

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large skillet over high heat, warm the vegetable oil. Sauté the apple, onion, and cabbage and toss until wilted. Season with cumin and grill seasoning and cook for 10–12 minutes, until tender.
2. Add the vinegar and maple syrup, then toss to combine. Cook for 1 minute and set the slaw aside.
3. On the grill, cook your chicken dogs according to the package instructions.
4. Assemble the works, starting with the bun and piling in the chicken dog and slaw.
5. Dig in! For an extra health boost, serve with grilled summer vegetables.

From Desperation to Freedom:

A GRATEFUL CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

About 14 months ago, I reached out to IRS Trouble Solvers in reference to an ongoing tax lien issue since 2011. Each time I tried to call the IRS, I was told it was resolved, but this proved to be incorrect. A \$10,000-plus debt, owed to the IRS from a 2010 married filing jointly tax return, was attached to me as the innocent spouse. At the end of 2020, this debt surpassed \$27,000, and when this notification arrived, I was at a difficult time in my life.

At that point, both Ben and Jacinta listened and understood the entire picture, which was quite complex. They helped develop a plan to hand off each of these issues to the appropriate experts at IRS Trouble Solvers, to do their best to resolve it all, for the lowest cost to me, in their appropriate time and order.

Heather and Jamie did all the intake of my information to be thoroughly looked at. They were so very helpful, since I was not computer savvy, only had a crappy laptop and an old printer that didn’t like to scan or fax easily.

Then, Chrisden and Michael had to relisten to my story and situation very compassionately. They explained things to me very well and what their particular role was regarding resolving the 2010 lien. They were super patient, especially at times my PTSD left me incapable of responding to emails and phone calls. Through their great efforts, they were able to get all back-owed taxes from 2010 and penalties completely removed, costing me \$0, while keeping me updated and informed along the way.

Finally, Robert, Carolyn, and Burke filed both 2020 and 2021 taxes for me as an individual and the trust on my behalf. These taxes involved investment gains, inheritance, and things going a bit back and forth from my personal Social Security number and the trust EIN number, since some things had not been handled properly prior to getting tax help.

Carolyn spent many conversations with me trying to understand my concerns and did her best to help me understand how things worked with what is taxable and non-taxable income. Again, the result was the lowest amount of taxes possible being owed for 2020, and a tiny refund for 2021 taxes.

I couldn’t recommend IRS Trouble Solvers more highly for anyone having past owed tax troubles to be set on a clean slate moving forward with one’s taxes. They are not just knowledgeable and great in their areas of expertise, but they are also kind, dedicated, and caring individuals.

Thank you so much for removing this heavy burden off my back as my life is once again starting to thrive!

—Grateful IRS Trouble Solvers client