**Important Announcement for Taxpayers who file for the Earned Income Credit**

“The IRS reminds taxpayers that a new law requires the IRS to hold refunds claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) until Feb. 15. In addition, the IRS wants taxpayers to be aware it will take several days for these refunds to be released and processed through financial institutions. Factoring in weekends and the President’s Day holiday, the IRS cautions that many affected taxpayers may not have actual access to their refunds until the week of Feb. 27.”

This means that wherever you have your tax return prepared, either with CTI or a private preparer, the same federal rule applies.  The IRS will hold all EITC refunds until Feb. 15th no matter where they originated from.

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**Free Tax Return Preparation**

**For low income individuals and families**

**VITA-Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program**

**COMMUNITY TEAMWORK**

17 Kirk St., 1st floor

Available by **APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

WILL START SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS ON **Monday, Jan. 16th.**

Call 978-654-5676

SATURDAY MORNINGS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Feb. 4 through April 8, 2017 Feb. 1 through April 12, 2017

9 AM - 12 Noon 5 PM - 8 PM

We ask that you to make an appointment to guarantee this free service. Walk-ins

may be accepted but with no guarantee of service.

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**MILLS42 FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

83 Merrimack St., Lowell

February 2nd through April 10th

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9AM to 3PM

Available by **APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Call 978-328-5100

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**IMPORTANT**

**YOU MUST BRING** an original or very clear copy of a Social Security Card (SSA)

for yourself and for every person that will be listed on your tax return.

The ONLY EXCEPTIONS is that elderly clients may bring their Medicare Card in

lieu of an SSA Card.

QUESTIONS? Call Gail at 978-654-5676

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**We CANNOT prepare returns for the following:**

Cancellation of debt due to foreclosure or insolvency

Foreign students Business income

Military income Capital gain or loss

International income Rental real estate

Stocks, dividends or bonds Rental real estate

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**FOR A FASTER REFUND**

Have your refund electronically deposited to your bank account.

BRING your bank’s ROUTING number and your ACCOUNT number.

**You may qualify for**

EARNED INCOME

CREDIT, CHILD TAX

CREDIT & more.

Let our IRS Certified

Volunteer Preparers

help you get all the

tax credits you qualify

for.

**MAKE SURE TO**

**BRING:**

SSA Card or ITIN for

everyone on the return

Government issued

photo ID for you and

your spouse

All W-2s, 1099-

MISC, 1099-R, 1099-

INT, 1099-SSA, 1099

-G Forms

Proof of health insurance

for taxpayer,

spouse and all dependents

(HC-1099,

1095-A, etc.

Student loan interest

paid (1098E)

Child care expenses

in 2016: includes provider’s

name, address,

EIN or SSA number.

Tuition payments:

1098T Form, receipts

for materials and

books.

If divorced-child

custody agreements

or divorce

decree.