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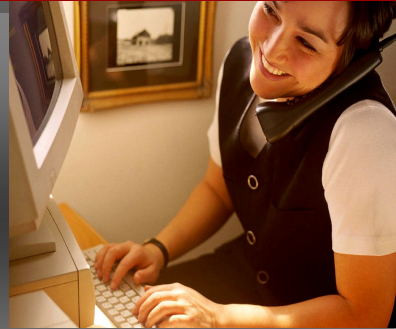
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6.0 and 7.0 Calendar Year End Review Classes

During December, LOCIS will be hosting 3 review classes on Calendar Year End for 6.0 and 7.0. Deadlines for registration are 1 week prior to the class. Visit our website at www.locis.com and click on the Classes tab. There you will find the registration form. Check out the dates and locations and sign-up today! We look forward to hearing from you! Please remember there is a fee for all review classes.

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| December 9 | Collinsville City Hall |
| December 10 | Joliet Park District |
| December 16 | Decatur Park District |

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

CYE Review Classes
December 9– Collinsville
December 10– JPD
December 16-DPD

December 24-Christmas Holiday-
Office Closed
December 31– New Years Holiday-
Office Closed

A new year is upon us and we at Locis are gearing up to answer your Year End questions as soon as possible. Our Calendar Year End procedures are located on the LOCIS website, under the classes tab, scroll all the way to the bottom, and find CYE 6.0 or 7.0, print it out or view them on the screen. The Locis procedures are basically the same as the last few years, but we did clean up some of the documentation. No IRS form changes have changed since last year. We look forward to helping you with your new tax tables and getting your W2s and 1099s out the door quickly and correctly!

User Group Feedback

Very informative

Great lunch!

Like the new G/L features.

Loaded with Information

Kristi is a great asset,

Nice gifts!

Seminar was very informative, glad I attended

I always find the User Group meetings very informative.

I always learn new things.

Good Session!

Informative, holds your interest.

This was my first time attending and I am glad I did.

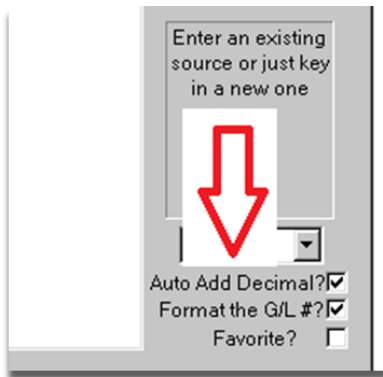
Keep Rick and Greg! **Good summary of program.**

I always learn something new. Usually, something that makes a task easier.

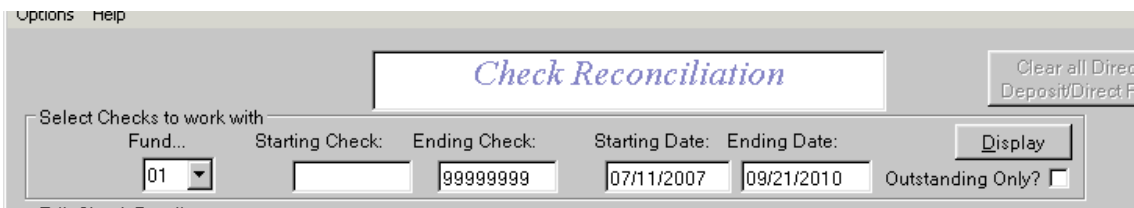
LOCIS would like to Thank all who attended!

Due to the User Group feedback, we had some software changes in the last month...

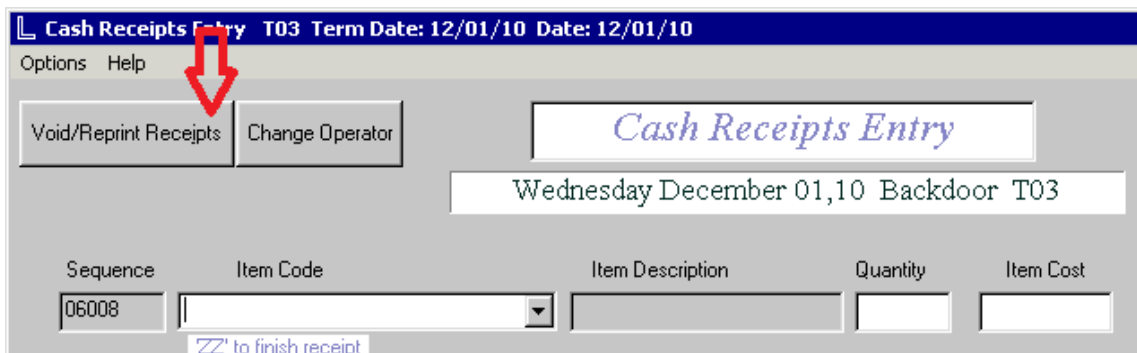
Manual Journal Entry (GIP and GIPALT) has a new 'Auto Add Decimal' option. If checked, 12345 will become 123.45 instead of the usual 12345.00.



Check Reconciliation (CKMWIN) has a new 'Date Range Feature'. Only the checks between the from/to check number and the from/to check date range entered.



Cash Receipts Entry (CRP) has a new 'Receipt Reprint' feature. You can reprint any receipt provided it isn't voided or updated (CRR).



The Cash Receipts Register paperwork has been adjusted to more clearly state Cash/Check/Credit Card data and totals.

Automated Meter Reading and Collection Devices

Frequently asked questions

Does LOCIS work with more than one automated meter reading provider?

Yes. We currently work with vendors providing American Water, Badger, Boson, Greentree, Hersey Meters, Hexagram, ITRON, Neptune, Northrop-Grumman, Psion, RAMAR, and Sensus products. We also support custom meter reading collection programs. If you do not see a brand on our list, please call to get more details.

How do different types of devices collect meter readings?

Readings can be collected by manual data entry, “touch-based” wand devices, “drive by” radio frequency devices, or by stationary wireless transmission. Installed meters must be compatible with the collection method and device.

Do the automated data collection devices require different software?

Yes. (1) The vendor providing the automated reading devices has the software required to operate them. (2) An interface from LOCIS that communicates between the vendor software and the LOCIS Utility Billing application is also required.

Does LOCIS provide its own automated reading system?

Yes, LOCIS sells a Datalogic-based meter reading interface and offers a choice of Pegaso or Skorpio collection devices. These devices only record meter readings entered manually but the posting of readings to LOCIS accounts for billing is automated.

Please call our office if you have any questions about automated meter reading systems.

LOCIS/PIONEER

ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE REMOTE UTILITY BILLING

Locis and Pioneer have developed a joint program for Locis communities who would like to outsource the printing and mailing of utility bills.

Using either the pressure-seal or full-page laser bill format, Locis users can now have their utility bills printed and sealed on a pressure-seal document or have a full-page bill printed and then inserted into a window envelope.

Locis users will continue to input their data and billing information, but no longer need to print the bills at their location. They will send the files to Locis, who will store and download the information to Pioneer. Pioneer will then print the utility bill on the specified document, process and mail the bills to the residents. This all happens in forty-eight (48) to seventy-two (72) hours (2-3) business days after receipt of the files from the community.

Please call Pioneer for further information and pricing on this program.

We can be reached at 708-922-3590.



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Happy Holidays



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