

SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION

DEADLINE – DECEMBER 31, 2011

There is a partial Village Tax Exemption for the year June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013 for Senior Citizens (65 years of age or older) with income as follows:

\$ 29,000 or less

50%

The applicant must own the residential property and have owned the property for a period of one year, or have owned a previous residence in the State of New York for one year prior to filing the application and was receiving a Senior Citizens Exemption.

The property must be the "legal residence" of and must be occupied by all of the owners of the property. It must also be used exclusively for residential purposes.

Under state law, the income of all the owners and their resident spouses must be counted even if only one is listed as the owner of the property. You must list names and the relationship of all others living in your house and their yearly contribution to the maintenance of the house. (Question #3)

For those who qualify, applications are available at the Village Hall. They must be filed in the Assessor's Office at the Village Hall on or before January 1, 2012.

The application and the supporting documents shall be filed in the Assessor's office on or before the first day of January in each year. Notwithstanding the above or subdivision five of RPTL s 467, an application for an exemption under this Chapter may be filed with the Assessor after the appropriate taxable status date but not later than the third Tuesday of February, where failure to file a timely application resulted from: (a) a death of the applicant's spouse, child, parent, brother or sister, or (b) an illness of the applicant or of the applicant's spouse, child, parent, brother or sister, which actually prevents the applicant from filing on a timely basis, as certified by a licensed physician. The Assessor shall approve or deny such application as if it had been filed on or before the taxable status date.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

* **Proof of age** - birth or baptismal certificate, passport, etc.

* **Copy of Deed** - if the property is owned by more than one person, all of the owners must qualify for the exemption, except if they are husband and wife - if they own the property jointly, then only one has to be 65 years of age.

Divorce or legal separation or proof of abandonment papers, if applicable.

Death Certificate of spouse (if applicant is a widow or widower).

* **Copy of Federal and New York State Income Tax Return** for the year 2010, if filed, please include all supporting documentation. If not required to file federal or state income tax returns please include verification of all income, such as pension statements (W2P),

Social Security (SSA 1099), interest and dividend statements, and/or W2 must be provided. See application for additional income information and verification requirements.

Additional documentation may be requested by the assessor in order to establish eligibility.

For your convenience, the address and phone number where you may obtain information regarding your Social Security Statement is:

Social Security Administration
170 Old Country Road, 2nd Fl.
Mineola, NY 11501
Phone Number: 800-772-1213

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY TAKE LONGER TO BE PROCESSED. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 746-2193, Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Any willful false statement in the application for such exemption or the failure to disclose any income shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars and shall disqualify the applicant(s) for further exemption for a period of five (5) years.