

## **ATTENTION CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS TAXPAYERS!**

The City Assessor's Office is now accepting applications for tax exemptions in City Hall, room 206, **through March 1, 2017**. You may apply if you qualify for any of the following:

- **Enhanced STAR Exemption** – must be 64 years old before December 31, 2016. Income cannot exceed \$86,000. Proof of age and income for 2015 required. Also applies to mobile home owners. **MUST** file annually. If you are eligible for the NYS Automatic Income Verification Program, do not re-file unless notified.
- **Low Income Exemption For Seniors** – must be 65 years old and income cannot exceed \$28,500. Proof of age and income for 2015 required. **MUST** file annually.
- **Disability and Limited Income Exemption** – Income cannot exceed \$25,900. Must have award letter and proof of 2015 income. **MUST** file annually.
- **Veterans Exemption** – All wartime or Cold War veterans qualify. Must submit DD214 or separation papers. Property must be your primary residence. No renewal necessary **unless** there has been a change in your service connected disability rating.
- **STAR Credit (Basic and Enhanced)** – Property must be your primary residence. If you are a new homeowner who purchased a home in 2015 you must register for the Star Credit online at: [www.tax.ny.gov/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/star) or call 518-457-2036. Senior citizens receiving a STAR Credit may be eligible for the Low Income Exemption for seniors (see above) and must register in the Assessors Office.

**New STAR applicants will receive a credit in the form of a check directly from New York State.**

**Please note the following:**

**All applications must be filed by March 1, 2017. Property must be your primary residence. Renewal applications for STAR will be mailed to you. You may file by mail with a signed application and you must submit required copies of income. Originals will be returned with a self-addressed stamped envelope.**

**For further information, call the Assessors Office at 286-4380**