

## **SENIOR CITIZENS AND GENERAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION INFORMATION**

Anyone born in **1956** is eligible to apply for the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption. You do not have to wait until your birthday to apply. The Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption is 5,000 off of your assessed valuation. If the household income is **\$65,000** or less you may qualify for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze.

**Applications may be available in our office in May depending on the Covid-19 protocols. We will keep you updated at that time.**

Anyone born in **1955 or before** and have not already signed up for the senior exemption, please call to make arrangements to come into our office as soon as possible and we will process the necessary paper work to get the exemption added to your tax bill. Do not delay as we have a limited time to make corrections on the 2020 tax bills. The General Homestead Exemption is 6,000 off of your assessed valuation. The exemptions and requirements are as follows:

General Homestead Exemption 6,000 off the assessed value

- The property must be your primary residence
- The property must be owner occupied

Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption 5,000 off the assessed value

- The property must be your primary residence
- The property must be owner occupied
- At least one owner will be 65 during the tax year

The Will County Treasurer's Office mails tax bills usually by the first of May. The Covid-19 protocol for tax bills this year will be 4 payment dates. The bills will be separated into 4 equal payments with 4 coupons attached to the bill. The due dates will be as follows, **June 3<sup>rd</sup> August 3<sup>rd</sup> September 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**The tax bill is the only place where you actually see the exemptions being applied to your property. Please read them carefully, as we only have a limited time frame to make corrections for any missed exemptions.** If you think there is an error, please call the office as soon as possible so we can look into the matter. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Fridays. The telephone number is **815-485-9419**. Please call the office prior to coming in as we are still observing Covid-19 protocols.

*Bonnie Luckhart Hernandez, C.I.A.O.  
New Lenox Township Assessor*