

## **SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Senior Tax Work-off program is to assist Senior Citizens of the Town of West Brookfield with the payment of their residential property tax bills, while acknowledging and affirming their skills and abilities and the community's continuing need of for their services. This program is a VOLUNTEER program.

If this program is voted for, it will allow property owners 60 and older to volunteer services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in their property tax of up to \$500.00 per fiscal year. This equates to 33.5 volunteer hours at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. The amount of the tax work off credit cannot exceed the total tax due for the fiscal year after any other exemptions have been allowed.

### **General Information:**

#### **THIS PROGRAM IS A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

The Senior Tax Work off program will run from July 1<sup>st</sup> to November. The hours worked during this time will be calculated and applied to the tax bill issued in December. There will be six (6) slots available. Three (3) will be for Veterans. The applicant and Department Head both need to agree the job is an appropriate match.

Participants are exempt from State taxes but are not exempt from Federal or Medicare taxes. Participation in the program may affect your State Circuit Breaker Credit. Please consult your tax professional for more information.

Participation in this program will not affect any other property tax exemptions or abatement to which you are otherwise entitled. However, the amount of the tax work off credit cannot exceed the total tax due for the fiscal year after any other exemptions have been allowed.

The applicant must be 60 years of age or older and must be a West Brookfield resident. The participant must be the OWNER of Record (or spouse of the Owner). If the property is subject to a trust, you must have legal title, or be one of the trustees on the applicable assessment date, or at the time the work is performed. The applicant is not eligible if already an employee of the Town of West Brookfield.

Applicant must occupy the property for which West Brookfield taxes are paid. There are no limitations on the income or assets of the applicant. Applicants must agree to, and pass, a

CORI check. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements and have the appropriate skills for said position.

Application period is open until all positions are filled. Applications will be available at the Office and possibly the Town website.