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Town Clerk's Corner

Enhanced STAR information for Lewiston-area seniors

If you are a Town of Lewiston homeowner turning 65 in 2021, you may be eligible to receive the Enhanced STAR exemption on your 2021 school tax bill. To qualify, you must have owned your primary residence prior to 2015, and the total 2019 combined income of all owners, and any owners' spouses residing on the premises must be less than or equal to \$90,550.



Donna R. Garfinkel

To calculate your qualifying income, see your 2019 NYS Form IT-201 Resident Income Tax Return Line 19 (your federal adjusted gross income), then subtract the taxable portion of your IRA distributions (line 9). For more information and an application, go to tax.ny.gov/STAR or call the Town of Lewiston Assessor's office at 754-8213, ext. 232.

The town is currently accepting applications by mail only, and those applying must include a copy of their driver's license for proof of age and their 2019 NYS tax return. If you did not file a NYS tax return, call our office to discuss what is needed. The deadline to file is March 1, 2021. You may apply now for 2021, even if you do not turn 65 until Dec. 31, 2021.

If you purchased your primary residence in 2015 or after and are receiving the STAR credit check, you do not need to do anything the year you turn 65. New York will automatically send you a check for your Enhanced STAR benefit if you are eligible. If you currently receive your STAR benefit as a reduction on your school tax bill (STAR exemption), you may receive a greater benefit if you switch to the STAR credit to receive a check instead. For more information, go to https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/switch.htm.

Reminder: Each year on Sept. 1, any unpaid water bill balance through May 31 will be levied onto your town and county tax bill if not paid by Sept. 1. Any water and sewer charges levied to a tax bill will incur a \$100 levy fee. This fee is to recoup town costs in processing the unpaid bill. Call the town Water Department at 754-8213, ext. 235 or 236, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for more information.

Attention Village of Lewiston residents only: There will be both a Democratic and Republican party caucus this month in the gymnasium of the Red Brick Municipal Building, 145 N. Fourth St., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Village of Lewiston election on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Candidates elected include those seeking office for village trustee - two seats for a four-year term.

The Democratic caucus will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, with doors opening at 5:45 p.m. The Republican caucus will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, with doors opening at 6:45 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all present must wear appropriate facial coverings and practice social distancing during the caucuses.

New York state 2020-21 hunting licenses are now available for purchase at the town clerk's office. State residents must provide one of the following proofs of residency: a NYS driver's license, NYS non-driver's ID, a voter registration card or a current letter from the Board of Elections.

Over the past few months, area veterinarian offices have only been open for emergencies. Most have since opened and are now available for rabies vaccination appointments. Residents are asked update their dog's license with the town. The license can be renewed by mail or via the drop-box located in front of Town Hall. Please call 754-8213, ext. 222, 236 or 256, with any questions you may have.

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Kara's Korner

Many things happening in Town of Porter

Hi everyone!

I wanted to update you on a lot of things taking place in the Town of Porter.

Leading off, we are up and running at full staff and are open to the public from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Fridays. Stop by! You can also reach us at 745-3730 and check out the directory listings for which department you may need.

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 1, the Town of Porter will have a new garbage contract with Modern. As

found in today's Sentinel report, there are a few changes taking place. We would also like to keep all town residents up to date by posting information on the town website - www.townofporter.net - and Modern will be mailing out more detailed information in coming days.

The Town of Porter has become a virtual hotspot. This new Wi-Fi service, available to all online visitors was created through an effort of the Niagara Orleans Regional Alliance to close the rural broadband gap. The alliance has been working with RTO Wireless and Microsoft to create public Wi-Fi hot spots in rural communities.

The Town of Porter has also installed an electric car-charging station; it's located in the Town Hall

parking lot and available for the public to use. Please be sure to have the EV Connect app on your phone to utilize the charging station.

Porter on the Lake town park now has a beautiful nature trail through the woods. It's a great place to bring your dog for a walk or a little fresh air and exercise. Two 911 Verizon call boxes have also been installed at the park.

Due to the continuing COVID-19 situation, we realize there may be delays in keeping your dog's rabies vaccination up to date. Please contact us and let us know if your dog's rabies vaccination has expired or you have a pending appointment with the vet, so we can update our records.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation hunt-

ing and fishing licenses are not yet available at Town Hall due to the state reworking its system. Those seeking licenses can go online at www.dec.ny.gov and follow the prompts. You can also call 1-866-426-3778 for more information.

Porter Town Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of every month. The Planning Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. The Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Those seeking to be put on the agenda are requested to fill out an application (located on the town's website) or call 745-3730, ext. 7. Your application must be submitted seven business days prior to the actual board meeting.



Kara Hibbard

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