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Memo

To: Supervisor Cardone, Town Board

From: Assessor's Department

Re: November Activity Report

Date: November 1-30, 2018

The Assessor's office has received the final signed copies of the stipulations of Small Claims Assessment Reviews from the Orange County Supreme Court. We have made the appropriate adjustments to the 2018 roll which is used to process 2019 County/Town bills.

We are currently preparing the renewal exemption applications, which will be mailed no later than the beginning of January 2019. If you own a home in Monroe that is your primary residence, and you will turn 65 in 2019 we encourage you to come in and apply for either the Enhanced STAR (2017 **adjusted gross income** \$86,300 or less) or the Senior Citizen Low Income exemption (2017 **full income** \$ 37,399 or less). All applications **MUST** be filed with our office no later than March 1, 2019.

Please note that if you are NOT currently receiving the Basic STAR exemption, you will need to contact the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to apply for the Enhanced STAR at 518-457-2036.

As in the past we are receiving informal requests to review assessments. Our office welcomes any resident who feels that their assessment is too high (not that they are paying too much taxes) to write a letter asking for the assessment to be reviewed. The full market value of an assessment is indicated on each tax bill. In many cases any inequities can be resolved prior to filing the Tentative Assessment Roll in May, and negates the need to file a formal Board of Assessment Review by the fourth Tuesday in May. A change in a property's assessment does not necessarily indicate that your taxes will change. Tax liability can be affected by several factors, including: changes to school/county/municipal budgets, changes to assessments of other properties, changes to exemptions applicable to your property, and apportionment of school and/or county taxes among multiple municipal segments.