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Memo

To: Supervisor Cardone, Town Board

From: Assessor's Department

Re: October Activity Report

Date: October 1-31, 2018

The Assessor's office has negotiated all of its Small Claim Assessment Reviews. We are awaiting the final signed copies of the stipulations from the Orange County Supreme Court.

The Assessor's office is heading into our busy season with the preparation of mailing our renewal exemption applications. There is a big change in the New York State administered STAR program. The state has implemented **mandatory** income verification (IVP) for all Enhanced Star Exemptions commencing with the 2019-2020 school tax bills. This will affect residents receiving the Senior Citizen low-income and Enhanced STAR exemptions. The state will be responsible for verifying the income of all recipients and notifying the Assessor of the exemption status. All conflicts will need to be addressed directly with the state. Appropriate forms and instructions will be included in the renewal mailing.

If you have recently purchased your home, you should register with New York State for the STAR Credit/Check program. Please call 518-457-2036 or visit www.tax.ny.gov/star to register.

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.