

# Town Services

## Assessor's Office

### Enhanced Star Tax Exemption

Service: Usually, if one property owner is age 65 in a calendar year and the owner(s)' income is less than \$73,000 they can apply by March first every year for a \$65,360 reduction on the assessment of the property they occupy for school taxing purposes.

Contact: Town Assessor for information, application and renewal at 439-9020.

[www.townofnewscotland.com/townreporter/assessor.asp?mm=5&sm=24](http://www.townofnewscotland.com/townreporter/assessor.asp?mm=5&sm=24)

### Senior Tax Exemption

Service: In most cases, if one property owner is age 65 in a calendar year they can apply by March first for a reduction on the assessment of the property they occupy for county, town and school taxing purposes. Reduction varies with income guidelines set every 2 years. Current range is 5% reduction for earnings less than \$36,400 to a 50% reduction for earning less than \$28,000.

Contact: Town Assessor at 439-9020.

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### Alternative Exemption for Wartime Vets

Service: Honorably discharged veterans receive a 15% to 25% reduction of assessed value on primary residence for town & county taxing purposes, depending on combat zone experience and disabilities.

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## **Persons with Disabilities & Limited Incomes**

Service: Property owner of any age with a documented disability can apply by March 1st for a reduction on the assessment of the property they occupy for county, town and school taxing purposes. Reduction varies with income guidelines set every two years. Current range is 5% reduction for earnings less than \$36,400 to a 50% reduction for earning less than \$28,000.

Contact: Town Assessor for a list of qualifying disabilities at 439-9020.

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## **Real Property Tax Credit**

Service: New York State Income Tax form IT-214 determines the credit or rebate a resident can receive for paying a disproportionate property tax compared to their household income.

Contact: New York State Tax & Finance at 1-800-225-5829.

[www.nystax.gov](http://www.nystax.gov)

## **Clerk's Office**

### **Handicap Parking Permits**

Service: Temporary and permanent handicap parking permits are available for residents with doctor's authorization.

Contact\Fee: Free service. Visit or call the Town Clerk at 439-4865.

[www.townofnewscotland.com/townreporter/toclerk.asp?mm=5&sm=32](http://www.townofnewscotland.com/townreporter/toclerk.asp?mm=5&sm=32)

### **Medical Loan Closet**

Service: Walkers, canes and some other durable medical supplies for loan.

Contact\Fee: Free service. Visit or call the Town Clerk at 439-4865.

[www.townofnewscotland.com](http://www.townofnewscotland.com)

## **Notary Services**

Service: The Clerk will notarize documents at Town Hall, or will come to your home if you are home bound.

Contact\Fee: Free service. Visit or call the Town Clerk at 439-4865.

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## **Other Clerk Services**

Service: Dog, conservation (hunting) or marriage licenses, transfer station permits, certificates of residency, election forms and other town information.

Contact\Fee: Free service. Visit or call the Town Clerk at 439-4865.

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## **Supervisor's Office**

### **Referral Hotline**

Service: Information and Referral on senior service providers who serve New Scotland residents.

Contact\Fee: Free service. Visit or call the Senior Outreach/Town Nurse Office at 439-9038.

[www.townofnewscotland.com/townreporter/super.asp?mm=5&sm=30](http://www.townofnewscotland.com/townreporter/super.asp?mm=5&sm=30)

### **Neighbor to Neighbor**

Service: Dedicated fund to accept donations to assist needy residents.

Contact\Fee: Donations always accepted by mailing checks to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor fund c\o Town Supervisor, 2029 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159.

### **New Scotland Senior Citizens**

Service: Meeting at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, 7 Old Road in New Salem, every first Wednesday of the month at 1:00. Covered dish lunch on the third Wednesday at 12:30. Bring your own lunch for cards and

conversation on all other Wednesdays. Bus trips also organized to visit places of interest and entertainment.

Contact\Fee: For more information on the meetings, call 439-9038.  
[www.townofnewscotland.com/townreporter/index.asp?mm=1](http://www.townofnewscotland.com/townreporter/index.asp?mm=1)