

AARP Offers Free Tax Preparation at Library

The AARP, in co-operation with the Internal Revenue Service, is providing free tax assistance to low and middle income residents, with special focus on those age 60 and above.

AARP volunteers are trained in preparing 2016 federal and state income tax returns. Returns will be e-filed at no cost to the taxpayer using IRS software. The AARP volunteers will prepare tax returns in the West Orange Library on Wednesdays from 10am-1pm (with appointments on the hour) beginning on February 1, 2017. The tax preparation service will be available through April 12, 2017.

If you would like the AARP to prepare your taxes, you must make an appointment in advance. To make an appointment, call Linda Hartner at (973) 736-0198, ex. 215.

Before calling for an appointment, please make sure you have all necessary documents. Documents you will need include social security cards for taxpayer(s), children and other dependents; copies of your 2015 federal and state income tax returns, all documents related to 2016 income (W-2, 1099, etc.) and information regarding deductible expenses (medical costs, property taxes, mortgage interest and charitable contributions). If you purchased health insurance via the Affordable Care Act, bring Form 1095-A received from the Marketplace and an exemption certificate, if applicable. In addition, if you are bringing in a NJ Property Tax Reimbursement ("Senior Freeze") application form to be prepared, please stop by the West Orange Tax Office at Town Hall and have them fill out their portion of the form and make a copy before coming to your appointment. Please note that the AARP tax preparers are not able to prepare returns that include rental income on property, sale of business property, or casualty and theft losses.

For more information on the AARP Tax Aide program, visit www.AARP.com/taxaide. The Library is located at 46 Mt. Pleasant Avenue.