Senior Citizen and Disabled Persons Exemption changes for 2024

Phil Cook, Kitsap County Assessor

State House Bill 1355 was passed during the 2023 legislative session and, as a result, changed the maximum qualifying income limits for the Senior Citizen and Disabled Persons exemption. Up to this point, the household income limit to qualify for the program in Kitsap was \$48,574.00; however, starting in 2024, the income limit will be revised to \$65,000.00 for Kitsap residents. All other qualifying requirements remain in place. To learn more about this change, please check out this <u>video</u>. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQQNI-1Swmw</u>

What should you do? If you are currently on the program, you do not need to do anything. However, if you believe you may qualify for this exemption, check the Assessor's <u>website</u> for more information. If you apply, you will need to provide copies of your 2023 income documentation.

https://www.kitsapgov.com/assessor/Pages/SeniorDisabledExemptionDeferral.aspx

Did you know that you can now apply for the Senior & Disabled Persons Exemption online? In fact, the online application is the preferred method when applying, as it is easier for the applicant. There is no need to drive to our office or mail paperwork. The application can be submitted from the comfort of your own home. By applying online, staff is able to expedite the review of your application and get your exemption applied faster if you qualify. To learn more, go to: <u>kcowa.us/taxrelief</u>

Did you know that the Assessor's Office now sends out a regular newsletter? Sign up to receive it directly to your inbox <u>here</u> :

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAKITSAP/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAKITSAP_236

Or you can view all current and past issues on the website at: <u>www.kitsap.gov/assessor</u>. Look on the right-hand side of the page. Here is a direct link to the <u>newsletter page</u>. <u>https://www.kitsapgov.com/assessor/Pages/News.aspx</u>

Other Announcements

<u>Need Nominees for Region IX VP</u> – Region IX VP Steve Roy is not running for reelection. If you'd like to run for this position, please contact Steve at <u>stevenroy1@yahoo.com</u>. The deadline for submitting candidate statements for inclusion in *NARFE Magazine* is 8 March 2024.

<u>Need Nominees for All Federation Officer Positions</u> – All four federation officers are stepping down at the end of 2024. To run for president, vice president, secretary or treasurer, please contact WSF President Cray Henry at <u>wsf.Cray.Henry@gmail.com</u>.

<u>South Kitsap Health & Senior Resource Fair</u> – This event, previously held before COVID19, has been permanently discontinued.

AARP Tax Aide Sites – See reverse side.

2024 AARP Tax Aide Sites

Jenne-Wright Administration Center

9210 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale, WA, 98383-9197 2/1/2024 – 4/11/2024 Tue, 10:00 am - 02:00 pm Thu, 10:00 am - 02:00 pm In-person/No appointment required

Sheridan Park Center

680 Lebo Blvd, Bremerton, WA, 98310-3308 2/1/2024 – 4/15/2024 Wed, 09:30 am - 02:00 pm Thu, 09:30 am - 01:00 pm In-person/No appointment required

Bainbridge Island Main Library

1270 Madison Ave N, Bainbridge Island, WA, 98110-2721 2/1/2024 - 4/15/2024 Tue, 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm Thu, 10:30 am - 01:30 pm Fri, 01:30 pm - 04:00 pm Sat, 10:30 am - 01:30 pm In-person/**By Appointment ONLY (206) 657-6832**

Port Orchard Library 87 Sidney Ave, Port Orchard, WA, 98366-5249 2/3/2024 – 4/13/2024

Sat, 10:00 am - 04:00 pm In-person/By Appointment ONLY (360) 602-2658

Poulsbo Library 700 Ne Lincoln Rd, Poulsbo, WA, 98370-7688 2/1/2024 - 4/15/2024 Tue, 01:00 pm - 06:00 pm Thu, 01:00 pm - 06:00 pm In-person/By Appointment ONLY – schedule online*

Saint Gabriel Catholic Church 1150 Mitchell Ave, Port Orchard, WA, 98366-4416 2/1/2024 - 4/11/2024 Tue, 09:30 am - 03:00 pm Thu, 09:30 am - 03:00 pm In-person/By Appointment ONLY (360) 602-2658

*Go to <u>https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations/</u> Enter "Poulsbo" in the search box; click on "View Details" for the Poulsbo Library, then "Reserve an Appointment".