

# St. Mary's County Cares about our Seniors



**ST. MARY'S COUNTY SENIOR MATCHING TAX CREDIT:** St. Mary's County will match the credit you receive from the state. To qualify you must receive the **Maryland State Homeowners' Tax Credit** and you must be a Senior Citizen 70 years old or older as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of the tax year in which the application is submitted. For more information on how to apply for the **Maryland State Homeowners' Tax Credit** please visit: <https://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Homeowners'-Property-Tax-Credit-Program.aspx>

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY SENIOR "CAP" TAX CREDIT:** St. Mary's County will freeze your **County Tax Liability** at the same amount from the year you turn 70 years old **or** the first year you apply for the credit after the age of 70. This is considered your "base year". To qualify you must be a Senior Citizen 70 years old or older as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of the tax year in which the application is submitted, have your principal residence in St. Mary's County and have a taxable net income equal to or less than \$80,000. The deadline is September 1, each tax year.

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY 65-10 SENIOR TAX CREDIT:** St. Mary's County offers a 10% credit off your **County Tax Liability** for up to 5 years with annual submission of application. To qualify you must be at least 65 years of age as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, have your principal residence in St. Mary's County with an assessed value less than \$400,000, have a taxable net income equal to or less than \$80,000 and be a retired active-duty military member **or** have had your name on the deed to the residence for at least 40 years as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The deadline is September 1, each tax year.

## ***APPLICATION FOR A CREDIT MUST BE SUBMITTED ANNUALLY***

**Applications are available online at [www.stmarysmd.com/treasurer](http://www.stmarysmd.com/treasurer)**

**Assistance with these applications is available at**

**St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services 301-475-4200 extension 1064**

### **Only one Senior Tax Credit is applied to an account each tax year**

**Frequently Asked Question: I have been given the Credit. Does this mean my tax bill will not increase?** The short answer is no. Each tax bill is comprised of fees and taxes for County, State, and Emergency Services. These credits may apply to only your County Tax Liability.

**Approved applications received before May 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible to have their Senior Tax Credit on their tax bill.**

**Applications received after May 1<sup>st</sup> and before September 1<sup>st</sup> may be eligible for a credit.**