**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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The Town of Amherst Assessor’s office is reminding residents that their Property Tax exemptions must be filed by March 1st, 2016. Taxpayers filing new or renewing for any Real Property Tax exemption: for example, Enhanced STAR, Enhanced STAR/Aged Exemption, Veterans (new applicants only), or Disability, must file or renew his or her exemption on or March 1st, 2016 by 5:00 PM,

Renewals for Enhanced STAR, Enhanced STAR/Aged Exemption and Disability were mailed to all eligible taxpayers in October of 2015. In January of 2016, additional information was sent to those property owners who renew thru the New York State Income Verification Program (IVP). While many residents have already done their renewal or have been notified about their renewal, if you are unsure, please call the Assessor’s office at (716)-631-7038 to verify.

For taxpayers with the Basic Star, that does not have to be renewed. The March 1st deadline would be for those applying new for Basic STAR (just moved to Amherst)

For taxpayers who already have the veterans’ exemptions, that also does not need to be renewed.

If you are turning 65 in 2015 or 2016, you may be eligible for Enhanced STAR or the Aged Exemption. Call or visit the assessor’s office for information and how to apply.

Town of Amherst Assessor David Marrano will discuss tax exemptions and who is eligible for them, in a 30 minute presentation at the Amherst Senior Center, 370 John James Audubon Parkway., on **January28th**, 2016, from 11AM. - 11:30 PM. After the presentation he will answer any and all questions regarding tax exemptions including STAR, Veterans and Disability, plus any questions regarding Assessments and the 2017 Update program

For more information about the assessor’s outreach program call (716) 631-7038.