## Christine L. Kelly Treasurer of St. Mary's County, Maryland

## Senior "Matching" Tax Credit - St. Mary's County

Homeowners aged 70 years and over who receive the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit are eligible to receive a County matching credit on their real property tax bill from St. Mary's County. Applications for the State of Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program can be obtained by calling 1-800-944-7403 or via Online

The State of Maryland will either approve or deny your application. You can view the status of your application via <a href="https://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/treasurer/taxes/">https://www.stmaryscountymd.gov/treasurer/taxes/</a> by using your name, address, or tax account number and clicking on



- A tax credit may be applied directly to your property tax bill if the approved application is received before May 1<sup>st</sup>, annually.
- If your tax credit is more than \$100.00 and your tax bill has been paid you will receive a refund for the tax credit.
- If your tax credit is less than \$100.00 and your tax bill has been paid the credit will remain on your tax account to be applied to the following year's tax liability.

New applications must be filed with the State of Maryland and St. Mary's County Treasurer's Office every year if you wish to be considered for a state Homeowners' Property Tax Credit and the St. Mary's County Senior "Matching" Tax Credit.

To apply for the St. Mary's County Senior "Matching" Tax Credit, you must submit an approved Senior Tax Credit application, proof of your age (first time applicants only, please use a Maryland driver's license) and proof of income (Maryland State income tax return form 502) before September 1<sup>st</sup> each calendar year.

## File Your Application Online

## Printed Application form via Online

Upon receipt of your completed, approved application, the St. Mary's County Treasurer's Office will verify your information and generate a tax credit equal to the state Homeowners' Property Tax Credit received but not exceeding your remaining tax bill/liability. If your property is sold or transferred during the tax year, **all** the Senior "Matching" Tax Credit received must be repaid to the St. Mary's County Treasurer.

A new application must be submitted each year by May 1<sup>st</sup> to allow the tax credit to be applied to your printed tax bill. However, approved application received after May 1<sup>st</sup> but before the due date of September 1<sup>st</sup> may still be eligible for a credit.

