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Senior & Veteran Tax Work Off Program Launched for FY 15

The City of Amesbury Council on Aging is now accepting applications from seniors and veterans (of all ages), interested in participating in the Senior or Veterans Tax Work Off Program. These programs allow a senior or a veteran to work up to 93.75 hours for the city, between August 1, 2014 and March 30, 2015 to receive up to a \$750 credit on their Amesbury property taxes.

Seniors over the age of 60 with a primary residence in Amesbury, and with gross income not exceeding 500% of the federal poverty level are eligible for the program. Seniors with gross income at or below \$58,350 for individuals or \$78,650 for couples may qualify for the program.

Seniors must apply to participate in the program, and open slots will be filled accordingly to eligibility, skills and availability. With \$5,000 funded in this current budget there are seven opportunities: 6 slots for \$750 and one slot for \$500.

The Senior Tax Work Off Program is allowed under MGL Chapter 59 Section 5K. The city adopted this section of the law in May of 2007. This is the sixth fiscal year the program has successful run.

Veterans of any age with a DD214 and honorable discharge may be eligible. There are three opportunities funded for \$750 each with in city departments. This program will be administered by the COA Director in collaboration with the Veterans' Services Officer. Veterans tax work off is allowed in MGL Chapter 59 Section 5N.

Participants will be placed with city departments based on their skills and interest. The program is not designed to fill existing positions, rather to augment existing operations with additional assistance from senior workers. Work assignments may vary from administrative support to providing technical assistance on ongoing projects.

For more information about the program contact Annmary Connor, Council on Aging Director, (978) 388-8138 or email at connora@amesburyma.gov. To apply, stop by the senior community center for an application or download the application off the Council on Aging webpage at www.amesburyma.gov. Once you have a completed application, call the senior community center to schedule an interview.

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