## Westwood's Real Estate Tax Assistance Programs

These State option programs have been accepted as local option by Westwood Town Meeting with the following guidelines.

Senior Tax Work- Off Program	A program in which senior residents (age 60 or older) commit to work a specific number of hours for various Town departments in exchange for a yearly property tax bill reduction up to \$1500. The program is limited to 100 participants.  Please contact the Council on Aging Office at 781-329-8799 for further details.
Veterans Work-Off Program	A program entitling qualified veterans to work a specific number of hours for various Town departments in exchange for a yearly property tax bill reduction up to \$1,000. The program is limited to 10 participants.  Please contact the West Suburban Veterans' District Office at 781-489-7509 for further details.
Aid to the Elderly & Disabled Tax Fund	Fund established by the Town in 1999 to provide real estate tax relief assistance to qualifying, low income Westwood elderly and disabled residents. The program is funded through donations and a Town match. The funds are distributed directly to the recipient's real estate tax bill. The general eligibility guidelines include 65 years of age or older and annual income of less than the State Circuit Breaker level (currently \$62,000) verified by last filed federal income tax return; however, all applications are considered.  Please contact the Collector's Office at 781-320-1015 for further details.

## Property Tax Deferrals

Senior Tax Deferral	This program allows seniors (65 or over) to defer the payment of property taxes until the home is sold or owner is deceased, with interest accruing at 3%. Income is subject to State approved level, currently \$58,000 or less.
	Please contact the Assessor's Office at 781-326-1904 for further details.