

SHIELDS TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

906 Muir Ave, Lake Bluff, IL 60044 · 847-235-3485

Scott Helton, SRA, CIAO

Dear New Homeowner,

Congratulations on the purchase of your new home in Shields Township! As a homeowner, you may be entitled to some exemptions on your property taxes. In order to receive exemptions on your property in Shields Township, the property in question must be your primary residence and must be the only residence at which you are receiving exemptions.

The Homeowner Exemptions that you, as a homeowner, may be entitled to includes, but is not limited to the following.

- **General Homestead Exemption**
 - The property must be the primary residence.
 - The property must be the only residence at which you are receiving exemptions.
- **Senior Homestead Exemption**
 - Must be 65 years of age or older.
 - The property must be the primary residence.
 - May be claimed in addition to the General Homestead Exemption
- **Senior Citizen's Assessment Freeze**
 - Must be 65 years of age or older.
 - Must own the property as their principal residence for the past two January 1.
 - Have a total household income of \$65,000 or less.

To apply for any Homeowner Exemptions you qualify for, please visit the Chief County Assessor's website at <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/154/Chief-County-Assessment-Office> and follow the link to "Smartfile E-filing Portal."

Should you have difficulty accessing the above link, please call our office at 847-234-3485 or visit us at 906 Muir Ave, Lake Bluff, IL 60044.

The Township Supervisor's Office, located adjacent to the Township Assessor's Office, offers other services such as passport pictures and processing, RTA reduced fare passes, and temporary handicap placards.

Sincerely,
Scott Helton
Shields Township Assessor