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Turning 65 in 2020 or Turned 65 in 2019- A Extra Property Tax Exemption may be available

While getting older does have some negatives, one benefit is you may be eligible for a larger tax exemption on your school bill.

If you are turned 65 in 2019 or are turning 65 anytime in 2020 AND currently have Basic STAR where you registered with the City of Tonawanda prior to 2015, and your STAR exemption is a reduction on your School Tax Bill, you may be eligible for Enhanced STAR exemption on your School tax bill. This exemption will more than double the amount of the STAR exemption.

Please note that if you get your STAR Exemption in the form of a check from New York State, this conversion will be handled by the State.

Please call or visit the assessor's office for information and how to apply. You must contact us prior to March 1st, 2020. You will need to bring:

- Copy of your 2016 & 1040 IRS return, or if not a tax filer, copies of your 1099's for 2017
- Proof of Age-LICENSE or Birth Certificate

The Assessor is located at the City Hall at 200 Niagara St., Tonawanda, NY 14150.
Hours are 8:30AM-4:30PM Daily, and the phone number is 716-695-1800.