**Don’t Get Left Out of Property Tax Relief in 2016!**

The 2016 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Application is now available and due by March 1, 2016.

Time to act to ensure you receive some relief is now.

If you did not receive property tax relief on your July 2015 tax bill, if you made a change to your deed during the past year, if you changed your address within Bucks County, or if you are a new resident to Bucks County, please take the time to fill out an application to ensure you don’t miss out on tax relief in 2016.

To apply, you can print an application off of the Bucks County Board of Assessment Appeals website or you can call my office and we will mail you a copy.

If you aren’t sure if you have an application on file, you can contact the Board of Assessment Appeals Office to check your status. The contact information for the Board is as follows:

[Board of Assessment Appeals Office](http://links.pahousenews.com/q/DeWUPmM62IYt48ecSnFJliTyS9Of1AHIqC5D0blnBINudCfG088drg9Oe)
County Administration Building
55 E. Court St.
Doylestown, PA 18901
Phone: 215-348-6219
Fax: 215-348-6225

Please keep in mind that only the primary residence of a property owner can be considered a homestead, and an individual cannot receive an exclusion for more than one property. To qualify as a farmstead, your property must be at least 10 contiguous acres, be your primary residence and be used for commercial agricultural activity.

Further, keep in mind that if you made ANY change to your deed this past year you will no longer be in the system. You will need to complete a new application, even if you did get tax relief last year.

Should you need any assistance with checking your status, getting an application, or filling out an application, please don’t hesitate to contact my office at 215-489-2126.

**AARP Tax Aide Program**

I want to remind residents that the AARP Tax-Aide program will again provide free assistance to seniors in filing their federal, state and local tax returns. The program will be conducted at the Central Bucks Senior Center located at 700 North Shady Retreat Road in Doylestown. As a courtesy, my office can assist you with scheduling an appointment with an AARP tax consultant.

To schedule an appointment, please call my office in Doylestown at (215) 489-2126. Don’t wait to schedule an appointment; this service is provided on a first come, first served basis.