

2017 TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP Tax-Aide

Mon 1 – 5 pm

Wed 1 – 5 pm

Topsail Senior Center



**First Come, First Serve – be prepared to wait...
with a smile on your face – take a book.**

Taxpayers should bring social security cards for themselves and dependents, W-2's from each employer, statements of unemployment income, SSA-1099 if a recipient of social security benefits, and all 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099 DIV, 1099-B, etc). Those who received a pension, or a distribution from an IRA, should bring their 1099R forms. In addition, if the taxpayer paid for daycare for a child or disabled dependent they should bring information on dependent care providers (name, employer ID number – or SS# if an individual), receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions, and a copy of the 2015 tax return, if available.

AARP Tax-Aide is a free nationwide service that provides high quality income tax assistance and free federal and state income tax preparation and including electronic filing. They are still in need of volunteers!! Tax-Aide counselors receive hard copy training materials supplemented by comprehensive free classroom type training by local instructors. Volunteers are needed to prepare tax returns on Monday and Wednesday afternoons alternating between the Hampstead Library and the Topsail Senior Center.

This service will be available beginning Feb 3 in Hampstead. (Mondays from 1 – 5 at PC Library - Hampstead Branch and Wednesdays from 1 – 5 at the Topsail Senior Center) This service is available to low and moderate income taxpayers of all ages, including seniors. It is not required that taxpayers be members of AARP or even that they be retired to receive this assistance.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!! During the month of January, Tax-Aide counselors are trained and certified to IRS criteria so that they will be prepared to assist taxpayers with their tax returns. This service, including electronic filing, is **COMPLETELY FREE**. Counselors will answer questions concerning income that should be reported, deductions that can be taken, credits to which individual taxpayers are entitled, as well as other tax related matters. Electronic filing of the tax return results in receipt of refunds within 8 to 14 days if the refund is direct deposited to the taxpayer's bank account, and about a week later if IRS issues a check for the refund.