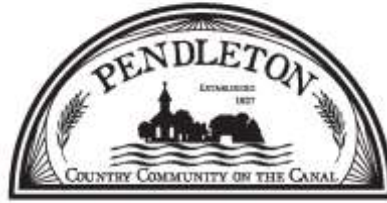


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During the month of January, the Assessor's office processed the December property transfers, while updating our system files (RPS) with corrections, property changes and improvements.

As a continuation from prior months, we received a high volume of applications and visits from residents filing the various exemptions the town, county and schools offer. The deadline for exemptions is March 1, 2023.

We continued to work with the NY State Department of Tax and Finance on getting information into the New York State IVP system for residences that were not properly updated in years past. Unfortunately, it was not resolved in its entirety by month end as noted previously. One half of the residents involved had their records updated by NY State. We provided the information requested on the other half and are awaiting notification from NY State that their records are now updated as well. This should be resolved by the end of February.

At the end of December, a NY State law was passed that required municipalities to legally notify residents, for a second time, that there were exemptions available for 65 year and older home owners. The first notification was on the back of their county tax bills. A post card was created and mailed out to all residents in accordance with the new law. We received numerous calls and visits from residents as a result, checking to see if they were eligible for an additional exemption. The vast majority already have the exemptions that they are entitled to, however there was a handful of residents who will be getting the Enhanced STAR and/or Senior Citizen Exemption as a result of the post card.

The Niagara County Real Property Office reported to our office 24 property transfers, of which 8 were new builds on Brauer Drive and 7 were arms-length sales. Additionally, a map of the Jacus subdivision was provided with SBL designations of 7 lots and a continuation of Creekbend Drive, for updating in the town RPS database.

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