

Winterville at Work!

Tips for Seniors in Preparing their Taxes

- ⇒ Current research indicates that individuals are likely to make errors when preparing their tax returns. The following tax tips were developed to help you avoid some of the common errors dealing with the standard deduction for seniors, the taxable amount of Social Security benefits, and the Credit for the Elderly and Disabled. In addition, you'll find links below to helpful publications as well as information on how to obtain free tax assistance.
- ⇒ **Standard Deduction for Seniors** - If you do not itemize your deductions, you can get a *higher* standard deduction amount if you and/or your spouse are 65 years old or older. You can get an even higher standard deduction amount if either you or your spouse is blind. (See Form 1040 and Form 1040A instructions.)
- ⇒ **Taxable Amount of Social Security Benefits** -When preparing your return, be especially careful when you calculate the *taxable amount* of your Social Security. Use the Social Security benefits worksheet found in the instructions for IRS Form 1040 and Form 1040A, and then double-check it before you fill out your tax return. See [Publication 915, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits](#).
- ⇒ **Alternative minimum tax exemption increased** - The ATM exemption amount has increased to \$53,900 (\$83,800 if married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er); \$41,900 if married filing separately).
- ⇒ **Earned Income Credit** - The maximum amount of income you can earn and still get the credit has increased. You may be able to take the credit if you earn less than:
 - \$14,880 (\$20,430 if married filing jointly), and you have one qualifying child, and are at least 25 years old and under 65 years of age;
 - \$39,296 (\$44,846 if married filing jointly), and you have one qualifying child; or
 - \$44,648 (\$50,198 if married filing jointly), and you have two qualifying children; or
 - \$47,955 (\$53,505 if married filing jointly), and you have three or more qualifying children.
- ⇒ **Credit for the Elderly or Disabled** - You must file using Form 1040 or Form 1040A to receive the Credit for the Elderly or Disabled. You *cannot* get the Credit for the Elderly or Disabled if you file using Form 1040EZ. Be sure to apply for the Credit if you qualify; please read below for details. See [Publication 554, Tax Guide for Seniors](#).

Who Can Take the Credit: The Credit is based on your age, filing status and income. You may be able to take the Credit if:

- ⇒ **Age:** You and/or your spouse are either 65 years or older; **or** under age 65 years old at the end of 2016 and retired on permanent and total disability before the end of 2016 **AND**
- ⇒ **Filing Status:** Your income on Form 1040 line 38 is less than \$17,500 (single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child), \$20,000 (married filing jointly and only one spouse qualifies), \$25,000 (married filing jointly and both qualify), or \$12,500 (married filing separately and lived apart from your spouse for the entire year).
- ⇒ And, the non-taxable part of your Social Security or other nontaxable pensions, annuities or disability income is less than \$5,000 (single, head of household, or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child); \$5,000 (married filing jointly and only one spouse qualifies); \$7,500 (married filing jointly and both qualify); or \$3,750 (married filing separately and lived apart from your spouse the entire year).

For More Information visit the IRS website : www.irs.gov

Founder of Black History Month Dr. Carter G. Woodson



In 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Rev. Jesse E. Moorland co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Their goal was to research and bring awareness to the largely ignored, yet crucial role black people played in American and world history. Dr. Woodson, the second black person to receive a degree from Harvard University and the son of former slaves, understood the value of education. In 1920, Dr. Woodson and the fraternity of Omega Psi Phi created Negro History and Literature Week. In 1926, Dr. Woodson changed the name to Negro History Week. The month of February was selected to celebrate and honor the birth of President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas.

In the 1970's, it was changed to Black History Week. In 1976, it was extended to a month long observation. Black History Month is observed by cities and organizations throughout the country.

"When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his "proper place" and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told. In fact, if there is no back door, he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary."

– Dr. Carter G. Woodson, "The Miseducation of the Negro"

Important Dates

Black History Month
February 1st-Feb 28th

February 13th at 7 p.m.
Town Council Meeting
Town Hall Assembly Room

February 17th from
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Daddy Daughter Dance
Pitt County Shrine Club

February 21st at 7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning Meeting
Town Hall Assembly Room



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PARKS & RECREATION



AEROBIC LINE DANCING

WHERE: Winterville Operations Center located at 2936 Church Street.

COST: \$3.00 per session.

WHEN: Tuesdays from 7-8 pm.



Learn a new dance while taking part in a great form of low-impact exercise. Who knew exercise could be so much fun!



If you need assistance with checking your **smoke alarms** or changing the battery, please contact the Winterville Fire-Rescue-EMS Department at (252) 756-2515 or email at fireinspections@wintervillenc.com.
EMERGENCY DIAL 911

T-Ball & Pee Wee Baseball Registration

When: Online: February 27th - March 15th (walk-in also available 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)
Late: March 16th -19th(8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. only); includes \$10 late fee

Where: Online: www.wintervillenc.com – click departments, parks & recreation, then blue “register now” button
Walk-In: 2936 Church Street Winterville, NC 28590 (Winterville Operations Center)

Divisions: T-Ball (4-5 year olds)
Pee Wee (5-6 year olds)

Fees: Resident: \$35
Non-Resident: \$45
Contact: Phone (252) 756-1487
Fax (252) 756-1368
www.wintervillenc.com

Interested in coaching? Please complete a coaching application online or at the Parks and Recreation Department office.

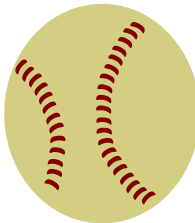
Pitt Community College Softball

Pitt Community College Softball’s home continues to be the new field at the Winterville Recreation Park. The concession stand will be open selling candy, snacks, and refreshments. Come see PCC play on one of the area’s premier field’s right in your own back yard!

Admission
\$5.00 – 13+ years old
\$3.00 – Children 6-12 years old, students with non PCC student ID
FREE– Children less than 6 years old, PCC faculty/staff and students

PCC Softball 2017 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time(s)
2/15	Louisburg	WRP	3pm/ 5pm
2/16	Louisburg	WRP	5pm/ 7pm
2/18	PHCC	WRP	2pm/ 4pm
3/3	Surry	WRP	5pm/ 7pm
3/4	Surry	WRP	11am/ 1pm
3/28	WTCC	WRP	4pm/ 6pm
4/5	RBC	WRP	4pm/ 6pm
4/7	FDTC	WRP	3pm/ 5pm
4/20	SCC	WRP	3pm/ 5pm
TBA	Barton	WRP	TBA



GOLDEN AGE SENIOR DROP-IN PROGRAM

February 9th Valentines Day Crafts; February 23rd Bingo from 1:30pm-3:30pm

The purpose of the Golden-Age Seniors Drop-In program is to provide seniors, as individuals or groups, an opportunity to come together for games and activities in support of their independence and encourage involvement in community activities. Seniors ages 55+ will have an opportunity to participate in games, activities, and events accordingly on a weekly basis. Games and activities may include (Bridge, Bingo, Puzzles, Cards, Aerobics, Zumba, etc.). The program will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 1:30pm-3:30pm in the Training Room of Winterville Operations Center located at 2936 Church Street. There will be limited spaces for participation, be sure to call our office for your spot today! All activities are free of charge unless noted otherwise.

For more information, please call 252-756-1487.