

# 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](#).
- ⇒ **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 2018 and retired on permanent and total disability before the end of 2018 **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).
- ⇒ **Free IRS Tax Return Preparation** - IRS-sponsored [volunteer tax assistance programs](#) offer free tax help to seniors and to low- to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns.

For More Information visit the IRS website : [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

### Important Dates

Black History Month  
February 1<sup>st</sup>-Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall Assembly Room

February 15<sup>th</sup> from  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Daddy Daughter Dance  
The Cotton Barn

February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Planning & Zoning Meeting  
Town Hall Assembly Room

February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Board of Adjustment Meeting  
Town Hall Assembly Room



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### “Double Medal Of Honor Recipient” Robert Augustus Sweeney

(February 20, 1853 – December 19, 1890) was a sailor in the United States Navy and is one of only nineteen servicemen, and the only African American, to receive the Medal of Honor twice, both for peace-time actions.

Sweeney joined the Navy in New Jersey.<sup>[1][2]</sup> By October 26, 1881, he was serving as an ordinary seaman on the USS *Kearsarge*. While *Kearsarge* was anchored in Hampton Roads on that day, Seaman E.M. Christoverson fell from a Jacob's ladder attached to the ship's lower boom and landed in the water. Christoverson's inability to swim, combined with a strong tidal current and rough seas, led to him quickly beginning to sink. Seeing this, Sweeney jumped overboard without hesitation and went to his aid. In his panic, Christoverson latched onto Sweeney and dragged him under the water. Sweeney was able to break free, but was grabbed and dragged under a second time. One of *Kearsarge's* officers, Cadet Midshipman John B. Bernadon, then dived into the water and swam to help the men. Together, Sweeney and Bernadon were able to keep Christoverson afloat and, once their shipmates had thrown them a rope, pulled him back aboard ship. For this action, Sweeney was awarded his first Medal of Honor six days later, on November 1.<sup>[3]</sup>

On the morning of December 20, 1883, the training ship USS *Jamestown* was at dock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard when it shifted berth and made fast alongside the USS *Yantic*. In the afternoon, at about 4:15, a boy named A A George belonging to the *Jamestown* fell overboard from a plank between the *Jamestown* and the *Yantic*. The ship's log of the *Yantic* stated that he 'would have probably drowned, if it had not been for the prompt action on the part of R. A. Sweeney (O. Sea) of this vessel, and one of the *Jamestown's* crew (J. W. Norris), who jumped overboard to his assistance'. The letter recommending Sweeney and Norris for Medals of Honor was written by the Commanding Officer of the *Jamestown*, Commander Allen D. Brown. Probably because Commander Brown recommended both men, the official citation incorrectly stated Sweeney was a member of the crew of *Jamestown*.<sup>[4][5]</sup> Sweeney died on December 19, 1890, at age 37 and is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Queens, New York in an unknown grave.<sup>[6][7]</sup>

Citation credit [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\\_Augustus\\_Sweeney](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Augustus_Sweeney)





## PUBLIC WORKS

### HOW TO PREVENT SANITARY SEWER BACKUPS...

Did You Know...

Most sanitary sewer backups occur between your home and the Town's sewer main? You can help prevent a costly and unsanitary overflow by following a few simple steps:

**DO**

- ✓ Scrape excess grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- ✓ Place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal with solid wastes, or start a compost pile; promote use of scraping prior to washing.
- ✓ Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of disposable diapers, condoms, personal hygiene products, and flushable wipes that do not belong in the sewer system.

**DO NOT**

**\*\* Flushable wipes cause major issues clogging the sewer pumps PLEASE DO NOT Flush "FLUSHABLE WIPES" \*\***

- Ø Pour grease, fats, and oils from cooking down the drain.
- Ø Use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Ø Use the sewer as a means of disposing of food scraps.

### AEROBIC LINE DANCING

**WHERE:** Winterville Operations Center located at 2936 Church Street.  
**COST:** \$3.00 per session.  
**WHEN:** Tuesdays from 7-8 pm.

## PARKS & RECREATION

### T-Ball & Pee Wee Baseball Registration

**When:** Online: February 25<sup>th</sup> - March 13<sup>th</sup> (walk-in also available 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)  
 Late: March 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>(8:00 a.m.-5 p.m. only); includes \$10 late fee

**Where:** Online: [www.wintervillenc.com](http://www.wintervillenc.com) – click departments, parks & recreation, then online "registration & reservation" link  
 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](http://www.wintervillenc.com)

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



### Golden Age Senior Drop-In Program

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.

**BINGO**

14	24	44	53	68
7	28	31	54	73
2	26	★	51	67
3	22	39	57	75
9	20	37	50	71

February 14th ~ Valentine's Day Lunch & Trivia;  
 February 28th~ BINGO



## ZUMBA

*Perfect for everybody and every shape! Each Zumba class is designed to bring people together to sweat it out.*

**How it works:** We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and World rhythms take over, you'll see why Zumba Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise.

**Benefits:** A total workout, combining all elements of fitness - cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

**Instructor:** Sarah Smith

**Location:** Winterville Operations Center Training Room: 2936 Church Street

**Session Information:** Total of 10 classes. Classes every Monday and Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, February 11<sup>th</sup>-March 18<sup>th</sup>. No class March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Cost:** \$20.00 per participant. Must register for entire session, no drop-in.

**Registration:** January 22<sup>nd</sup>—February 11<sup>th</sup> **More Information:** Call (252) 756-1487



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](mailto:fireinspections@wintervillenc.com). **EMERGENCY DIAL 911**