

## **APPLY FOR PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE - AVOID FEE**

The deadline for older Pennsylvanians to submit for property tax and rent rebates is fast approaching. A company based out of California, "Senior Advisory Center," recently sent letters to area residents saying they can help you file your property tax or rent rebate claim form for a \$39 processing fee. The Clearfield County Area Agency on Aging, Inc provides the same help **at no charge**. Call the Agency to schedule an appointment. Staff can tell you what forms to bring and then assist you in completing the application.

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. All applications must be submitted by December 31, 2011. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, more than 600,000 older Pennsylvanians and residents with disabilities are expected to benefit from this year's property tax/rent rebates.

Any local residents who received a letter from "Senior Advisory Center" are urged to disregard the letter. If you are eligible for a rent rebate or property tax rebate and have not completed your application, please contact the CCAA at 765-2696.