

Free IRS tax filing service available to local residents

LINCOLN –WOODSTOCK: Free tax assistance is available to low and moderate income taxpayers of all ages who would like some guidance with their 2008 income tax returns.

Tom Bringola of North Woodstock, a retired tax accountant, is volunteering his services through the AARP-sponsored VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) programs. He is available to assist income-eligible residents from Lincoln, Woodstock, and surrounding communities on Thursdays, February 5th through April 9th, 2009 and Wednesday, April 15th, 2009. Meetings are on an appointment-only basis and will take place between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln Town Hall. The meetings will last about one hour.

As part of the service, the preparer will meet with taxpayers, review their records, and prepare a tax return that he will file electronically with the IRS. One advantage of filing electronically (E-File) is that the IRS issues refunds faster – typically within 10 days, as opposed to 6-8 weeks for manually filed returns.

Taxpayers who meet with this tax counselor should bring the following records with them on the day of the appointment: A copy of their 2007 income tax return and all information pertaining to 2008 income, including W-2 forms and interest and dividend information, as well as a form of ID like a driver's license or social security card. All information provided is confidential.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call the Lincoln Town Hall at 745-2757, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday or email townhall@lincolnnh.org.