

# MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

## PROPERTY TAX/ RENT/ HEAT REBATE

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During these difficult times when food prices are on the rise, utility rates are skyrocketing, rent and property taxes continue to escalate, our senior citizens and disabled citizens are often hit the hardest. Connie, a senior in Peyton is having difficulty paying her bills this winter. She often has to choose between eating a warm meal or heating her home. Larry, a disabled Veteran faces his own challenges, either paying taxes or paying mounting medical bills. It is crucial during these unsettling times we offer assistance for Connie, Larry and other seniors and disabled citizens.

One form of assistance offered to our seniors and disabled community is the Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate Program.

### TAX/RENT/HEAT REBATE PROGRAM

Qualified applicants can receive a rebate up to \$600 of their property tax and \$192 of their heating expenses for a total of \$792. Citizens are invited to apply for the rebate if they are a full year Colorado resident, 65 years of age or older, disabled or a surviving spouse 58 years or older. If single, your total income for the calendar year must be less than \$11,000 and if married, combined incomes must be less than \$14,700. The Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate Application Form 104PTC can be filled out on line on the Colorado Department of Revenue website at [www.revenue.state.co.us](http://www.revenue.state.co.us), [www.taxcolorado.com](http://www.taxcolorado.com) or can be downloaded from my website at [www.gomarsha.org](http://www.gomarsha.org) under messages from Marsha. To ensure the first payment of the refund is received in April, applications should be filed in ***early January***.

If one has questions about the program and does not have access to the Internet, please call the Colorado Department of Revenue Tax Department @ 303-238-7378, or visit the Colorado Springs Regional Service Center located at 4420 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 8 a. m. – 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 pm.

I am thankful for the generosity of the tax paying citizens who allow this program to continue to help our senior and disabled citizens. Please, pass this information on to a person who may be in need of this assistance and feel free to contact me by telephone or email if there are any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family,

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