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NYS Tax Department Adds North Country Stop to 'Star' Registration Event Schedule

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December 18th Workshop Held in Response to Ritchie Request

State Senator Patty Ritchie announced the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance has agreed to her request to host a STAR registration event in the region she represents.

Recently, the Tax Department scheduled a new round of STAR registration workshops—all taking place in major cities along the Thruway and downstate, with no events scheduled in Jefferson, St. Lawrence or Oswego Counties. In response, Senator Ritchie wrote to Commissioner Mattox, requesting that a workshop be held in the area. You can read the letter [here](#).

“There are roughly more than 14,000 homeowners in Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties who still need to reapply for this very important program,” said Senator Ritchie.

“There is still a lot of outreach that needs to be done to make sure property owners re-register for Basic STAR by the December 31st deadline, and I’m pleased that the Tax Department will be aiding in that effort by hosting a workshop in our region.”

The workshop will be held on December 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Evans Mills Public Library, located at 8706 Noble St. in Evans Mills. In addition to registering at the workshop, homeowners can also [register online here](#).

The announcement of the December 18th workshop is just the latest effort by Senator Ritchie to encourage homeowners to re-register for Basic STAR.

Recently, Senator Ritchie hosted three STAR registration events in Oswego, Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties. As a result, dozens of homeowners were able to renew their STAR enrollments and have questions answered about other available tax breaks. In addition, more than 1,100 visitors to Senator Ritchie’s website were directed to the online form to re-register for STAR.