

The Village of Great Neck Plaza has been administering the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program since 1975. This program allows eligible senior citizens 62 years old or older to stay in affordable housing by freezing their rent. Although the Village has fewer seniors on the program than it did in its inception, it provides a lifeline to those who are on it. The current housing crisis is particularly acute for many of the seniors in Great Neck Plaza as they rely on fixed incomes, making it difficult to pay their rent while the costs of other items, such as food and healthcare rise. Without this program these seniors would possibly end up homeless. In fact, the Village has just added an individual who without SCRIE would be homeless. The Village of Great Neck Plaza recognizes the need to provide support to its seniors so they can remain in the community and stay socially connected as they age.