

## **July 2, 2007 – Property tax relief for Ohio seniors!**

Governor Strickland's 2007-08 budget brought tax relief for Ohio's senior and disabled property owners.

Currently, the "Homestead Exemption" gives only low-income senior citizens and disabled Ohioans a break on their property taxes. The new exemption offers eligible homeowners, regardless of income, the opportunity to shield \$25,000 of the market value of their home from property taxation starting in 2008. A homeowner's average savings is about \$400 per year.

**You must file an application with your local county auditor by October 1, 2007 to get this tax break for 2008.** You must be 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, to be a qualified homeowner. (In addition, the surviving spouse of a qualified homeowner will qualify if the spouse is 59 or older.)

Get more information, and the application, at

[http://www.tax.ohio.gov/divisions/communications/homestead\\_exemption\\_information.stm](http://www.tax.ohio.gov/divisions/communications/homestead_exemption_information.stm)