

Effective March 16, 2020, this AARP Tax-Aide Foundation Site is **CLOSED** for Tax Preparation due to the Coronavirus issue.

- Right now VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) sites are still open.
 See the attached PDF list of sites in the West Valley. Also, VITA has an agreement with TaxSlayer where, if a taxpayer goes into a VITA site and gives the preparer a social security number, the preparer can go to a special website, start a return for you by entering your name, address and social security number, and then you can go do it at home. Both federal and state are free.
- Go to <u>www.irs.gov</u>, click on 'Do Your Taxes For Free' and find options for doing your taxes online. NOTE: Try to NOT fall for the TV commercials that say Turbo Tax and H&R Block are free for simple returns. If you are above the income limits as mentioned on the TT and H&R Block websites touting the 'free for simple returns', you will get socked for up to \$120 for your return. On these sites, please read the rules very carefully!

If you go thru <u>irs.gov</u>, click that 'Do Your Taxes For Free' button and answer the questions, it will pair you with a free service, and it will really be free. In order to be listed on that IRS webpage, the companies MUST adhere to rules established by the IRS with respect to income level and forms supported.

 Lastly there is <u>www.myfreetaxes.com</u> which we at VITA have been recommending for years for AGI less than or equal to \$65K. If you have 1099-B forms, you may have to pay to use the site, but it will be less than going to H&R Block.

See the AARP Tax-Aide Site Locator Website to check on the status of the Tax-Aide Sites:

https://secure.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchTaxAideLocations.action or call 1-888-227-7669 for updates.