



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON Access Newsletter

2021 Edition



Hello Huntington residents!

The Town of Huntington wants to ensure that all of our residents can enjoy everything our great community has to offer in the beautiful warm weather months of 2021.

Parks & Recreation

The Town opened the Harborfields Community Playground in March of 2019, a fully inclusive playground for children of all physical abilities on the school property behind the Harborfields Public Library in Greenlawn. The playground is a joint project between the Town of Huntington and the Harborfields School District. The playground offers children between two and twelve years of age a diverse array of equipment, including slides, play panels, swings, and climbers. Special inclusive elements include a cushioned, rubberized surface, accessible swings, double-wide wheelchair ramps, a feature specifically designed for children with sensory sensitivities, a rocking element that can accommodate both wheelchairs and seated children, and a new accessible walkway that connects the playground to nearby streets.

As for our other parks, Crab Meadow Beach and Hobart Beach both have ADA-compliant playgrounds. There is the boundless playground at Veterans Park in East Northport, which provides fun for children of all ability levels. The Town has a swing for disabled children at Heckscher and Veterans Parks. Three Town parks – Caledonia, Elwood and William E. Kessler have handicap accessible picnic areas, as does the bocce court at Elwood Park. All comfort stations at Town parks are handicap accessible.

Beach Stickers

Free beach stickers are available to persons 60 years of age or older, and for persons under 60 who have a disability and meet income eligibility guidelines. Persons 60 or older can obtain a sticker at Centerport Beach, Crab Meadow and West Neck Beach from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Persons with disabilities can call Janet Serrao (631) 351-3068 to have an application mailed to them or by downloading the application from the Town's website at Huntingtonny.gov.

Parking

People with disability parking permits can always park for free at metered spaces within Huntington Village and at the Huntington LIRR Train Station parking lot all year long, as long as the vehicle has handicap license plates or displays a valid disability parking permit.

The goal is to make sure that parking is not an impediment to persons with disabilities taking advantage of all that Huntington has to offer, including the many restaurants, shops and entertainment choices in our downtown centers such as Huntington Village.

There is never a fee for parking in one of the six spaces in the parking lot in front of the Huntington LIRR Train Station dedicated for handicap parking next to the station house, as long as the vehicle has handicap license plates or displays a valid disability parking permit.

You should also know that Huntington takes seriously its responsibility to vigorously enforce handicap parking violations, including parking in handicap spaces without a permit and parking in transfer zones – those additions to handicap spaces that make it easier for persons with disabilities to get in and out of their vehicles. Please report handicap violations to our Parking Enforcement Team online at huntingtonny.gov/public-safety or by calling (631) 351-3234.

To apply for a Disability Parking Permit, call the Office of the Town Clerk at (631) 351-3206 or go to huntingtonny.gov/permits-licenses and download a Disability Parking Permit application.

STAY INFORMED: Receive our emergency and non-emergency rob calls, emails and/or texts by signing up at HuntingtonNY.gov/alert or text HuntingtonNY to 99411.

Stay cool and stay safe!

Chad A. Lupinacci
Supervisor
Town of Huntington

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Councilman Mark Cuthbertson
Councilwoman Joan Cergol

Councilman Eugene Cook
Councilman Edmund J.M. Smyth

Resources for Persons with Disabilities

Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center: Long Island Events & Seminars

Phone: (631) 580-5100

<http://www.adrcinc.org/>

Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network at the Northport VA Medical Center

Phone: (631) 261-4400 ext. 7487

<http://suffolkcountyny.gov/veterans/transportation.aspx>

Office of Disability Employment, U.S. Department of Labor

Phone: (866) 633-7365

<https://www.dol.gov/odep/>

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind

Phone: (631) 930-9000

<https://www.guidedog.org/>

Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation (LIAF)

Phone: (516) 767-6856

<https://www.liaf.org/>

NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness

Phone: (631) 385-0754

<http://www.nami-huntington.org/>

New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

Phone: (866) 946-9733 Suffolk County: (631) 434-6100

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/>

SILO - Suffolk Independent Living Organization

Phone: (631) 880-7929

<http://www.siloinc.org/>

Special Olympics

Phone: (631) 254-1465

<http://specialolympics-ny.org/>

Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities

Phone: (631) 853-8333

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/CountyExecutive/PeoplewithDisabilities.aspx>

Town of Huntington Office for Persons With Disabilities

Phone: (631) 351-3068

<http://www.huntingtonny.gov/content/13749/13861/16626/99666/16632/default.aspx>

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc.

Phone: (631) 232-0011

<http://ucp-li.org/>

Huntington YMCA

Phone: (631) 421-4242

<https://ymcali.org/locations/huntington-ymca>

The Social Security Administration Ticket to Work Program

(866) 968-7842 / (866) 833-2967 (TTY)

<https://www.ssa.gov/work/>

Anyone age 18 to 64 who receives Social Security Disability Insurance and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is eligible to participate in this program. Participation is voluntary and free. Services available through this program include career counseling, vocational rehabilitation and job placement and training.



**Check all these agencies out!
They have lots of services for people with disabilities!**

Happy 45th Anniversary!!! Citizen Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities



The Citizen Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (CAC) was established 45 years ago on August 24th, 1976. The CAC is composed up to 15 members and was created with the following purpose:

- To insure non-discrimination and full participation to handicapped persons in all aspects of community life within the Town of Huntington and in the larger society
- To accomplish removal of architectural and other physical barriers in the use of public buildings and facilities by handicapped persons
- To implement or cause to be implemented by the appropriate public agency, provision of adequate public services including social, educational and recreational and other necessary services for handicapped persons
- To obtain and disseminate information on existing services available to handicapped persons
- To obtain information on deficiencies in services available to handicapped persons
- To guarantee participation by handicapped persons in planning Town programs designed to meet identified needs
- And more throughout the years

Resources for Persons with Disabilities

Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities (OPD)

Phone: (631) 853-8333

<https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Elected-Officials/County-Executive/People-With-Disabilities>

Handicapped Hotline

OPD operates a Handicapped Hotline to answer questions on jobs, housing, education, transportation, health services, rehabilitation, etc.

Information and Referral Programs

OPD acts as a one-stop information resource for disabled persons. Appropriate referrals will be made to public and private agencies.

ID Card Program - (631) 853-8335

OPD has established the Suffolk County Handicapped Identification Card Program. Eligible permanently disabled county residents may apply for an ID card, which, when used with the Parks Department Green Key card gives free "weekday" admission to county parks and reduced rates at some recreational activities. It also provides reduced fares on county bus routes. For bus route schedule information, phone number (631) 852-5200 weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Advocacy Programs

OPD has an advocacy program to foster positive change in areas where problems exist for people with disabilities.

Ombudsman Service

OPD contacts both public and private agencies for clients in an effort to cut red tape.

Accessibility Program (631) 853-4405

Working in conjunction with other county departments, OPD fosters the removal of architectural barriers and provides technical assistance.

Deaf Telephone Access Center

OPD operates a Text Telephone (TTY), a Deaf Message Relay Center for all county departments and agencies. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals who have their own TTY's can contact Suffolk County Government directly by telephone to conduct business.

Employment Program

OPD coordinates the Section 55A employment program for people with disabilities under the State Civil Service Law. Suffolk County leads other New York State counties in employment of people with disabilities in this program.

Handicapped Parking Enforcement Program (631) 853-4405

OPD, in conjunction with local Police Departments, has implemented a Handicap Parking Enforcement Program where volunteer agents patrol with Polaroid cameras to ticket violators. Parking areas are also checked for compliance with the handicapped parking requirements of the State Vehicle and Traffic Law. Violations in the Town of Huntington, please call (631) 351-3234.

Paratransit Eligibility ID Card Program - (631) 738-1150

Under strict Americans with Disabilities Act Regulations, OPD certifies paratransit eligibility and issues Suffolk County Accessible Transit (SCAT) ID cards. In general, under federal regulations, curb-to-curb paratransit services are only for those who are unable to use the regular public bus system because of a physical or mental disability. All regular Suffolk County Transit buses are wheelchair lift-equipped. OPD reviews applications and issues SCAT paratransit ID cards.

Paratransit Trip Reservations: Rides are on a first-call, first-served basis. Once you have a SCAT paratransit ID card, to arrange for a ride call: **Suffolk Paratransit Dispatcher (631) 491-6500, Huntington Town Paratransit (631) 427-8287.**

Local Emergency Agencies

American Red Cross
Serving Suffolk and Nassau Counties
195 Willis Avenue
Mineola
516-747-3500

Centerport Fire Department
9 Park Circle
Centerport
Emergency: (631) 757-4444
Non-emergency: (631) 261-5916

Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department
2 Main Street
Cold Spring Harbor
Emergency: (631) 692-4747
Non-emergency: (631) 692-6772

Commack Fire Department
6309 Jericho Turnpike
Commack
Emergency: (631) 499-5777
Non-Emergency: (631) 499-6690

Dix Hills Fire Department
115 East Deer Park Road
Dix Hills
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: (631) 499-8836

Eaton's Neck Fire Department
55 Eaton's Neck Road
Northport
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: (631) 757-8932

East Northport Fire Department
1 9th Avenue
East Northport
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: (631)261-1177

Greenlawn Fire Department
23 Boulevard Avenue
Greenlawn
Emergency: (631) 261-1616
Non-emergency: (631) 261-9106

Halesite Fire Department
1 North New York Avenue
Huntington
Emergency: (631) 427-7250
Non-emergency: (631) 427-1910

Huntington Fire Department
1 Leverich Place
Huntington
Emergency: (631) 423-3131
Non-emergency: (631) 427-3030

Huntington Manor Fire Department
1650 New York Ave
Huntington
Emergency: (631) 385-3434
Non-emergency: (631) 427-1629

Melville Fire Department
531 Sweet Hollow Road
Melville
Emergency: (631) 547-4121
Non-emergency: (631) 423-2635

Northport Fire Department
204 Main Street
Northport
Emergency: (631) 757-1111
Non-emergency: (631) 261-7504

Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corps
P.O. Box 819
Commack
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: (631) 499-9342

Huntington Community First Aid Squad
2 Railroad Street
Huntington Station
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: (631) 421-1263

Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue,
and Emergency Services (FRES)
P.O. Box 127—Yaphank Avenue
Yaphank
(631) 852-4900

In Loving Memory of Dylan Thompson



Dylan joined the committee for his first meeting on September 2020. He was invited to join the committee after it was learned he was an instrumental part in getting mats put in at the beaches. When he was invited to participate he eagerly accepted and attended the meeting for 3 months before he was voted in and accepted as a member, unanimously, by the committee. He was appointed to the Citizen Advisory Committee for people with Disabilities by the Town Board on February 23rd, 2021. Dylan was the newest appointed member and he served for only 3 months. His untimely departure in May 2021, deprived the CAC from a strong supporter, hard worker and great advocate.

Someone close to him shared: "He was an inspiration to others and had an impact on everyone he knew. Despite battling Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy for the last 27 years, he accomplished so much and made incredible contributions to his loved ones and his community. No matter how hard life tried to pull him down, he found a way to rise above his challenges, pursue his dreams, and make his life worth living. He exemplified what it is to be a wonderful son, brother, cousin, nephew, friend and, of course, New York Jets fan. Above all, he taught us to fight for what we desire and to never give up."

A Memorial Scholarship has been established at Harborfields High School, in the name of Dylan P. Thompson to reward future student athletes who exemplify Dylan's drive, spirit and passion for life and living.

Dylan is missed terribly by all members of the committee.

Who Has The CAC Met With Recently?

General Services

The CAC met with Andre Sorrentino, Director of General Services in April 2021. During this meeting Andre shared that General Services takes care of the railroad stations in the Town of Huntington and Town of Huntington parking lots. General Services paint the parking spots stripes at Town of Huntington parking lots at least once a year. They are responsible to make sure the parking spots for people with disabilities are safe and clear of snow and ice through the winter months.

One of the members spoke about their concerns regarding the potholes throughout the town and how they can be dangerous for the pedestrians. Andre stated he would like to team up with the Highway Department to start a project and get them filled.

Green equipment such as, rechargeable tractor and battery operated blowers have been purchased and are being used at the parks. He is hoping to purchase more eco friendly equipment.

Heckscher Park has been something Andre has taken pride in; he has been able to get the fountains working and maintain the walkways clean by having his department use a powerful garden hose.

Parks & Recreation

The CAC met with William Musto, Director of Parks and Recreation. With the warm months upon us, the CAC asked about the Dix Hills Pool and their equipment for people with disabilities. The Dix Hills Pool has a chair for the disabled. Bill informed the committee that when he went to check the chair out; it was not working. He has ordered the parts and hoped to have it up and running by June 26th which is the date the pool is set to open at a later date, Bill informed the committee that he has ordered 3 new beach wheelchairs. . Bill is also looking into getting a floating device to help people with disability stay afloat. A member of the CAC, Martin Mandelker, is contacting the manufacturer so that Mr. Musto can order it.

As the Greenlawn Park is under construction, the committee asked if there will be a swing for children with disabilities. Bill stated that he did not know since the planning was done by EOSPA and the Greenlawn Civic Association. Bill stated he would check with Engineering if there were plans for swings for children with disabilities and informed them that the CAC is requesting there be some. At a later date, Bill informed the committee that there will be swings for children with disabilities at the Greenlawn Park.

Trails Committee

Dave Kaufman met with the CAC in July. Dave shared that the Trails Committee is working on a different version of the trails guide to include 10 additional parks to the current 44 trails available on the website. They are also working on a Blue Trails to include kayaking and paddle boarding. Dave gave an update that Long Island will be added to the Empire Trail, thanks to the Town of Huntington endorsing the not-for-profit organization, Trust for Public Land, who have been working on adding Long Island. Dave shared that a new park, Fair Meadow Park, will be located on Park Avenue and Pulaski Road. This park will have an accessible trail around the perimeter. Also, the Greenlawn Playground Park will have a pathway around it.

What is the CAC working on?

Heckscher Park Museum Bathrooms

The Heckscher Park Museum's bathrooms are located on the bottom floor and there is no elevator to get to them, only stairs. The museum had applied for a grant to do work and it was denied solely because it lacked a public accessible restroom. The museum has requested help from the engineering department to add a unisex accessible bathroom on the main floor. All plans have been approved and budget allocation is what is being decided at this time to proceed with the project.

DOT—Traffic Lights

Thomas Mangan, a committee member, had noticed that for some time two of the traffic signals along Main Street have not been working properly. One is on 25A and Jackson Avenue and the other on 25A and Woodbury Road. The traffic lights have a count down which allows the visually impaired to cross the street when appropriate. Michele Schmitz, a committee member, wrote a letter to New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) and within two months DOT looked into it and assigned a DOT worker. While the DOT worker was on the site (25A and Jackson Avenue) called Ms. Schmitz to ask what the issue was. After Ms. Schmitz explained the issue, the issue was fixed right on the spot! He was able to increase the volume at the light while on the phone. The light located at the intersection at 25A and Woodbury Road did not have the sound activated and he would work on getting it working again. The CAC will follow up on the second light.

Halesite Park Project

Thomas Mangan brought up that here is a building that is being eroded, benches and cement work are broken. The Committee has spoken to various departments. One of the departments the committee spoke to is General Services; the Director Mr. Andre Sorrentino, said he would be taking a look at fixing the benches and the cement work. The structure of the building would have to be reviewed by Engineering and Maritime Departments. At a later date, Andre Sorrentino reported that all benches and tables at the park are new and in great shape. As for the cement work, the bulkhead is deteriorating and RCA has been put in to fill the holes. This bulkhead is most likely slated for renewal.

Hobart Beach Ramp

Hobart Beach handicap ramp for disabled residents has been completed. Disabled residents can now sit under the covered pavilion to get out of the sun and have scenic views of our beautiful bay and landscape.

Paul Tuozzolo Memorial Spray Park

Originally the Spray Park located in Elwood had a set hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-11am dedicated exclusively for children with special needs. The CAC was able to speak with Parks and Recreation and they have included an hour on Saturday and Sundays from 10am-11am. Starting Saturday, July 31st.

Resident Recreation I.D. Card

Resident Recreation I.D. Cards (and Golf I.D. Cards) are for residents only and offer discounts on Parks & Recreation Department programs, admission to the ice rink, swimming pool, Town of Huntington golf courses, and free entry into the spray park! Purchases and renewals can be now done online and by email. This new process allows residents to receive the benefits of obtaining one of these cards without the stress of visiting a Town facility. Online Purchase or Renewal: <https://huntingtonny.formstack.com/forms/recid>

Email Purchase or Renewal:

Use your smart phone to take a picture of your photo ID and utility or tax bill with your current address and name on it and email it to the Parks Department at parksandrec@huntingtonny.gov.

Let them know what kind of card you would like to purchase:

- o 1-Year Adult Rec Card - \$25
- o 2-Year Adult Rec Card - \$40
- o 2-Year Teen / Senior / Disabled Rec Card - \$15
- o 1-Year Golf Card (all) - \$30
- o 2-Year Golf Card (all) - \$50

The Parks Department will then follow up with you to help complete the transaction!

When your payment is made, the card will be eligible to be used online immediately for admissions to the ice rink or to sign up for any Parks and Recreation Programs. We will also mail the physical card to your home.

Where Are Dogs Allowed and Not Allowed?

After two trials were done throughout 2020, it has been decided by the Town Board that leashed dogs will be allowed at Heckscher Park. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Leashes may not be greater than 6 feet in length and should not run at large.
- Dog waste must be immediately collected and removed by the owner or person in charge of the dog.

Dogs leashed and/or unleashed are not allowed at the following town properties or parts thereof:

- Betty Allen Nature Preserve
- Heckscher Park's Harry Chapin Rainbow Stage area during performances or events
- All playgrounds
- All picnic areas
- All park benches
- All active recreation areas including but not limited to courts and sports fields
- All town camp or town-licensed education program areas
- All town beaches except for paved areas and boardwalks



Beach Information

- All beaches have had installed beach mats.
- There have been 4 new buggies purchased. The buggies assist individuals with disabilities gain access to sandy beach areas. To reserve a buggy you can call the Main Beach Office (631)261-7574 between the hours of 9am-3pm.

Free Services for Youth and Adults with Vision and Hearing Loss

Services from the Helen Keller National Center can include low vision and audiology screenings, adaptive equipment and training for safer independent living and travel, assistive technology training, and help with preparing for and finding employment. All services and equipment are funded by the New York State Commission for the Blind with no out of pocket costs for eligible individuals. For more information about eligibility and services, please contact Debbie Fiderer at 516-944-8900 x333 or Debbie.Fiderer@hknc.org.

DISABILITY PARKING

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles parking permits for persons with disabilities, permanent or temporary in nature that affect mobility, are issued to Town residents through the Town Clerk's Office. An application (either downloaded from the Town's website or obtained from Andrew Raia, Town Clerk, 100 Main Street, Room 102, Huntington, New York 11743) must be completed by the applicant and the applicant's physician.

<https://www.huntingtonny.gov/disability-permits>



RENEWAL OF PERMANENT NYS DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLE DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS

Huntington Town Clerk Andrew P. Raia would like to remind all residents who have not yet returned their renewal form for their permanent (blue) Disability Parking Permits that are expiring on September 30, 2021 to please return it as soon as possible.

The staff in the Town Clerk's office has been diligently processing the renewal of all Residents who have already returned their renewal forms. If you have returned your application and have still not received your new permit, please be patient as the renewals have been taking a considerable amount of time to process due to the large volume of permits that must be renewed.

If you have not yet received your renewal application or if you have misplaced your renewal application, please call the Town Clerk's office at (631) 351-3206 between 8:30a and 4:30p and you will be mailed another renewal form. If you have moved to another part of Huntington please be sure to update your record on file to assure accurate delivery of your renewal application.

Until you receive your new permit in the mail please continue to use your current permit, as it does not expire until September 30.



U.S. Access Board Celebrates the 31st Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)



The U.S. Access Board commemorates the 31st anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) today. Signed into law on July 26, 1990, by President George H.W. Bush, the ADA is a landmark piece of legislation that makes accessibility a civil right and ensures that all people with disabilities have equal access to goods and services, public accommodations, employment, transportation, and other areas of public life. The ADA greatly expanded the Board's mission by giving it responsibility for issuing accessibility guidelines for the wide range of facilities in the private and public sectors and transportation systems covered by the law. Over the last thirty-one years, the Board's work developing, supplementing, and updating accessibility guidelines has played a key role in fulfilling the promise of the ADA in making our country more accessible to, and inclusive of, everyone.

The COVID-19 vaccine will help protect you from getting sick. If you do get sick, it can help in preventing symptoms, hospitalization and death. Decreasing the number of people with the virus is an important way to reduce spread and end the pandemic. Once you are fully vaccinated, you can start doing many of the activities you had stopped because of the pandemic. Talk to your doctor about questions you may have before getting your shot.

You make a difference in keeping your community safe!



Scan to book now.
Walk-ins welcome. Visit
[Northwell.edu/COVIDVaccine](https://www.northwell.edu/COVIDVaccine)
for more information.



Get the facts about COVID-19 vaccines



We are closer than ever to ending the pandemic. Here are the facts you need to know about these vaccines.



COVID-19 vaccines are safe

They are effective in:

- Teaching your immune system to recognize and fight off the COVID-19 virus. When your body learns how to fight off infection, this is known as “immunity.”
- Reducing the likelihood of becoming sick with COVID-19, being hospitalized and possibly dying.

How they work

- The COVID-19 vaccine teaches your body to recognize the virus and may protect you from getting the infection.
- Vaccination requires one or two doses, depending on the type of vaccine you receive. It is important to take the full recommended dosage.

- After you get vaccinated, your body may start experiencing some signs and symptoms that are caused by the vaccine. These are called side effects. Side effects after vaccination are normal and may not happen to everyone who gets the vaccine. These side effects usually do not

interfere with what you do every day and may include:

- Arm pain or soreness near the vaccination site
- Mild fever that does not last for a long period of time
- Feeling cold and/or tired

COVID-19 vaccine: Myth vs. fact

Myth: The vaccine will alter my DNA.

Fact: DNA is unique to each individual and is passed from one generation to the next. The vaccine does not change or interact with your DNA. It teaches your cells that help fight infection to start creating protection against COVID-19.

Myth: I had COVID-19, so I don't need the vaccine.

Fact: While more research is needed, it does not appear that having COVID-19 produces long-term immunity, which is protection from getting the virus in the future. So, even if you've had COVID-19, you should get the vaccine on day 11 after getting sick, only if your symptoms are improving and you have not had a fever for more than 24 hours. The only time you should delay vaccination for more than 90 days after having COVID-19 is when you received something called “monoclonal antibodies.” This is a medication given to you that goes directly into your vein with a needle attached to a tube and medication bag.

Myth: The vaccine might give me COVID-19.

Fact: The vaccine does not contain a live virus, so it will not give you COVID-19. However, since it takes a few weeks for your body to build protection, it's possible you could catch the virus after taking the vaccine and get sick before your body creates immunity.

Myth: Researchers rushed vaccine development, so its effectiveness and safety cannot be trusted.

Fact: The way the vaccine was developed is not new. Years of research had already been underway, which allowed scientists to bring it to the people who needed it to protect them from the virus safely and quickly. The vaccines were given to tens of thousands of people and side effects were monitored. The monitored side effects showed the vaccines were safe and effective in fighting off infection. The vaccines were then approved for emergency use by the FDA after reviewing the monitored side effects. Since FDA approval, the vaccines have been given to millions of people around the globe, and continue to be considered safe and effective.

Myth: I'm young and healthy, so I don't need to take the vaccine.

Fact: COVID-19 can cause serious problems such as mild or severe illness, development of symptoms that become chronic (meaning they never go away), hospitalization and death for people of all ages. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. If you get sick, you could also spread the virus to friends, family and others around you, which can lead to serious problems for them such as severe illness, hospitalization and death. Once they become sick, COVID-19 continues to spread to others. The vaccine can stop transmission, and will protect you and people around you from getting COVID-19.

Myth: If I have an underlying health condition, I cannot get the vaccine.

Fact: Adults of any age with underlying medical conditions that they've had for a while are more likely to get severely sick from COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine should be given to everyone, even those with known medical conditions. If you have any questions or concerns about your medical condition, you should speak with your doctor. Questions can also be answered at COVID-19 vaccination locations.

Myth: The vaccine can cause infertility or miscarriage.

Fact: There is no evidence that the vaccine causes infertility or miscarriage. It has been found safe for women who are planning a pregnancy, pregnant or breastfeeding. Getting vaccinated while pregnant will also protect your baby from COVID-19. You should speak with your doctor if you have any questions or concerns. Questions can also be answered at COVID-19 vaccination locations.

Myth: The vaccine contains a microchip or implant that can track you.

Fact: There is no microchip or any electronic component in the COVID-19 vaccine, or in any other vaccine, that can track you.



OSDIA DISTRICTS 1 AND 2 & THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
SUPERVISOR CHAD LUPINACCI

PRESENTS

THE 2021 LONG ISLAND SONS AND
DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

116th Anniversary of our Order's founding

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND PARADE

Columbus and America - The Truth Will Persevere Forever

GRAND MARSHALS FOR 2021

GRAND LODGE OF NY STATE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT ANTHONY NACCARATO

FORMER NY YANKEE LEGEND JOE PEPITONE

NEWS 12 L.I. ANCHOR RICH BARRABI

WRHU HOFSTRA RADIO PRODUCER/HOST & PRESIDENT AIAE CAV. JOSEPHINE MAIETTA

BROOKLYN DIOCESE VINCENT LEVIEN

Show Pride in Your Italian Heritage!!

March in the Long Island Columbus Day Parade!

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Main Street (25A) Huntington, Long Island

Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

Program at 10:30 a.m.

Start Time 12:00 p.m.

BREAKFAST LOCATION - TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

OPENING CEREMONY

ASSEMBLY AREA - TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

**BRING YOUR FAMILY ... BRING YOUR FRIENDS
AND CELEBRATE YOUR ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE!!**



**COVID is challenging
our community
and we're here to
help you cope ...**



Join the Virtual
Support Groups

2pm-3pm

Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays

6pm-7pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10am-11am

Saturdays



**Connect and gain support from
those who can relate.**

Enter Zoom ID & Passcode to Join:

Meeting ID: 939 2266 2794

Passcode: 659532



For More Information:

516-510-0282

projecthopeinfo@eac-network.org



Free, anonymous & confidential

NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID



A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health
Funded by FEMA



Here to **Talk**
Here to **Listen**
Here to **Support**

516-510-0282

Anonymous * Free * Confidential

NY Project Hope
Coping with COVID



Who Can Benefit

ANYONE Impacted by COVID-19

Uncertainty
Loss
Grief
Stress
Financial Strain



How We Can Help

Emotional Support Helpline

Educational Materials

Trusted Referrals



Mon-Fri
8a-8p

Sat
8a-4p



516-510-0282



nyprojecthope.org

News from the Town of Huntington - Senior Division...

These have been unprecedented times for all. The administration and staff of our Senior Division value and appreciate the community's generosity and resilience throughout the Covid 19 pandemic. Below are updates regarding the Senior Division's programs pertaining to the ongoing reopening procedures.

The Adult Day Care Program has resumed in-house services and continues to actively engage members (functionally impaired) and caregivers, with services and support. Our activities include interactive themed programs such as Jeopardy, Trivia, Bingo, etc. Dedicated staff provide musical entertainment, exercises and yoga. In addition, the program provides special presentations; seasonal and celebratory. We are adept at inspiring conversation on a variety of researched topics for the enjoyment of our members. Support services for caregivers are on-going.

Senior Citizens Beach House at Centerport Beach, 239 Little Neck Road, Centerport. Now open Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday Noon to 5 pm. (631) 261-9186. Entrance at front door only, senior membership card required, temperature taken daily, mask required indoors at all times (except when eating or drinking), and proof of vaccination required. Accommodations made if not vaccinated, with medical doctor's proof of exemption; if with an aide, aide must be vaccinated. Fifty person maximum allowed indoors. Future limited activities planned for indoors. Porch time is limited to 2 hours per group.

Senior Center Reopening of Activities. Gymnasium Only. Entrance by red awning door, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington. Classes Tuesday-Friday by reservation only. Call (631) 351-3253 one day ahead. Limited to registered seniors with current senior membership card, temperature taken daily, mask required indoors at all times (except when exercising or drinking), and proof of vaccination required. Accommodations made if not vaccinated, with medical doctor's proof of exemption; if with an aide, aide must be vaccinated. There are varied, limited activities per day based on instructor availability. Arrival is 15 minutes prior to activity start time, must enter and exit through red awning door. Maximum 30 people with reservation. Sample programs: Tai Chi, Bingo, Exercise, Fitness, and Chair Yoga.

The Congregate Frozen Meal pick up program occurs on Mondays between the hours of 12 pm and 2 pm at the **Senior Center** 423 Park Avenue, Huntington, for residents who are registered at the Senior Nutrition Center. The drive-by meal pick up program allows seniors to remain in their vehicles, check in, and give their voluntary contribution (suggested \$2.00 per meal/\$10.00 per week) before picking up five frozen meals prepared by Chef John. For information regarding how to register, please call the Senior Center (631) 351-3253.

Senior Center Dining Room has reopened and currently serves hot meals Tuesday-Friday (for those not picking up five meals on Monday of the same week) for a maximum of 50 people daily at 423 Park Avenue, Huntington. It is by reservation only. Must call (631) 351-3253 one day ahead between 9:00-11:30 am for next day meal, or call the Friday prior to reserve any or all meals on days Tuesday – Friday. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. No walk-ins. Limited to currently registered seniors. Vaccinated persons only with proof (accommodations made if not vaccinated, must show medical doctor's proof of exemption). Mask is required indoors (except when eating or drinking) and temperature taken daily. Suggested, voluntary, anonymous contribution of \$2.00 per meal.



IT'S OFFICIAL!

WE HAVE RE-OPENED!

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Department of Human Services

Senior Citizens Division

ADULT DAY CARE

423 PARK AVENUE

HUNTINGTON

631-351-3293

Email: Amy.Geist@HuntingtonNY.gov

COME & JOIN THE FUN!



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Senior Clubs meet at various locations throughout the township for activities and socialization. To inquire, please call Senior Center (631) 351-3253.

Home Delivered Meal deliveries include five frozen meals, delivered on Mondays and Tuesdays to homebound senior residents who are registered for the Home Delivered Meals Program. For information regarding how to register, please call the Senior Center (631) 351-3253.

The Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) continues to serve enrolled members, Monday-Friday as scheduled. For information, call the Senior Center (631) 351-3253.

The Notify Me program is an opportunity for residents to receive weekly electronic updates regarding a variety of pertinent town related topics. To register, please visit our website <https://www.huntingtonny.gov/content/13865/19050.aspx>

Residential Repair program continues to service our senior citizen population with minor home repairs on a safety first, priority driven basis. For information, call the Senior Center (631) 351-3253.

Senior Support Services are available at the Senior Center. Social Worker and senior advocates are ready to assist. Please call the Senior Center (631) 351-3253 to inquire.

The Telephone Reassurance program reaches out to the senior citizen population via phone for personalized communication and wellness checks on an ongoing basis.

**Senior Center staff is on-site to assist/answer questions by phone
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (631) 351-3253.**

Additional Town of Huntington Senior programming is available online. Please visit: www.HuntingtonNY.gov/Seniors

Town of Huntington Snow Berm Removal

The Office of the Highway Superintendent will remove the mound of snow from your driveway within the right of way caused by the plows if you are a person with a disability, meet the income eligibility criteria and you do not have an able-bodied person with whom you reside to remove the berm caused by the plow trucks.

This program requires annual re-registration. Starting in November, applications for the next winter storm season may be submitted. Applications for this program may be obtained by calling Janet Serrao in the Office of Disability Services at (631) 351-3068 or download application at HuntingtonNY.gov/snow-berm-removal

If you do not fall within the income guidelines and would like to get your snow berm removed/cleared, please contact the Human Services office in Town Hall at 631-351-3068 for a list of vendors **prior** to the snow fall. Office hours Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm.



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



Local public transportation is available Monday through Saturday. The Town of Huntington's HART system (631) 427-8287 and Suffolk County Transit (631) 852-5200 operate a network of regularly scheduled bus routes that serve many of the places seniors might want to travel, including the Senior Center. Buses are handicap accessible. Senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and Medicare cardholders are eligible to pay reduced fares.

Minibus service is also provided, at somewhat higher fares to persons who are prevented from using the regular buses because of a disability. This paratransit service is operated on a shared-ride, advance-request, curb-to-curb basis by HART (for rides entirely within the Town of Huntington) and Suffolk County's SCAT program (for rides within Suffolk but not entirely within the Town). Both agencies require prior enrollment by application. Personal travel assistance is limited. HART also extends paratransit service, with reduced priority, to non-disabled senior citizen residents who do not drive and do not have access to regular buses. Paratransit is not offered as a more convenient alternative to regularly scheduled buses.

HART Paratransit is now accepting applications to provide service for Town residents who wish to go to the following Health Care Facilities along Commack Road in Commack: Memorial-Sloan Kettering, St. Catherine & St. Charles Health & Wellness Center, and Stony Brook Advanced Specialty Care.

For information call:

**HART at (631) 427-8287 [TTY: (800) 662-1220]
SCAT at (631) 853-8337 [TTY: (631) 853-5658]
Bus schedules are available at the Senior Center**

**Paratransit hours of operation are:
Monday through Friday 6:55 am - 7 pm
Saturday 9 am - 6:55 pm**

HART has enhanced cleaning and sanitizing routines of their buses and monitor what the neighboring transit agencies are doing in order to continue keeping the community safe.

MTA Long Island Rail Road:

Approximately 85% of MTA Long Island Railroads are accessible via ramps and/or elevators. They are: Babylon, Rockville Centre, Seaford, Wantagh, Atlantic Terminal - Brooklyn, Jamaica, Penn Station, Woodside, Hempstead, Queens Village, Long Beach, Lynbrook, Patchogue, Hicksville, Huntington, Mineola, Northport, Port Jefferson, Flushing, Great Neck, Port Washington, Ronkonkoma, and Belmont Park. Elevator installation projects are underway or about to begin at Nostrand Avenue, Murray Hill and Floral Park stations.

The Long Island Railroad has also launched a new program called LIRR CARE, which help individuals with special needs receive assistance with the bridge-plate to board the train. To ensure adequate time for assistance, it is recommended customers call (718) 547-7227 at least two hours before the desired departure time. The customer should provide the date, departure time, where they will be departing from and the destination.

People with disability parking permits can always park for free at metered spaces within Huntington Village and at the Huntington LIRR Train Station parking lot all year long, as long as the vehicle has handicap license plates or displays a valid disability parking permit.

There is never a fee for parking in one of the six spaces in the parking lot in front of the Huntington LIRR Train Station dedicated for handicap parking next to the station house, as long as the vehicle has handicap license plates or displays a valid disability parking permit.

Individual Access Pass

You can get free or discounted use of parks, historic sites and recreational facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

To get your application visit: <https://parks.ny.gov/documents/admission/AccessPassApplication.pdf>

INCOMPLETE ACCESS PASS APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

PART ONE: Personal Information APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE SECTIONS A THROUGH D

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Birth Date Last 4 Digits of Social Security No.

Month Day Year
First Name

Street Address

Mailing Address (if different than street address)

Telephone Number

Office Use Only	
Disability Code	Certification Verification: _____
Approved By	1 2 3 4 5
Denial Code(s)	_____
Denied By	Notes: _____

Last Name

City or Town State Zip Code

City or Town State Zip Code

B. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Applicant must provide a copy of one of the following which must be in the name of the applicant or, in the case of a minor, in the name of the parent or legal guardian.

- A copy of a currently valid New York State Driver License or Non-Driver Identification card (do not send original).

OR

- A New York State tax return (IT 201 or IT 150) for the current, or if not yet filed, the preceding tax year (financial information may be hidden).



C. PHOTO (Only required for those under 18 years of age)

TAPE a current photo of the applicant; full-face view, passport size (2" x 2") with the name written on the back. Do NOT staple, glue, paperclip, or place tape on the front of the photo. Digital photos may be used but photocopies of photos cannot be accepted.

**This photo will be affixed to your pass.*

D. AUTHORIZATION & CERTIFICATION

I authorize the release of any pertinent medical information needed to process this application. I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge and believe and understand that any person who knowingly files a statement containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent act. **ANY FALSE STATEMENT MADE HEREIN IS PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS "A" MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 210.45 OF THE PENAL LAW.**

Applicant/Parent/Legal Guardian Signature
Parent or Legal Guardian must sign for applicants under 18 years of age

Date

PART TWO: Certification APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE SECTION A OR PHYSICIAN MUST COMPLETE SECTION B

PLEASE NOTE: The following are **NOT** acceptable proofs of disability:

- New York State Handicapped Parking Permit
- Medicare or Medicaid Card
- Social Security Statement
- Veterans Administration medical treatment card

Certifications from the following are **NOT** acceptable proofs of disability:

- New York State Employees Retirement System
- New York State Workers Compensation Board
- Insurance Company

A. ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION: Attach certification of one of the following issued within ONE YEAR of this application's date.

- BL Person who is blind:** Certification from the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped that the applicant has a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less or limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens.
- VA Veteran who has a disability:** Certification from the United States Veterans Administration or the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs that the applicant is a veteran of the wars of the United States with a 40% or greater service connected disability as certified by the United States Veterans Administration, or who has at any time been awarded by the Federal

government an allowance towards the purchase of an automobile or who is eligible for such an award. **Individual will receive Lifetime Liberty Access Pass.*

- DD Person who has a developmental disability:** Certification from the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities that the applicant is eligible to receive services from a program they license, operate, certify or fund.

- MH Person who has a mental disability:** Certification from the New York State Office of Mental Health that the applicant is receiving services from a program they license, operate, certify or fund.

B. PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION: To be completed by the physician only if the Organization Certification in Section A is not provided. **Physician must select** the applicable statement(s) and complete certification below within 6 months of the application date. A disabling condition is acceptable only if it causes one of the functional limitations listed below. **Handwriting other or additional conditions will not be accepted.*

___ **AM Person who has an amputated arm or leg:** has a fully or partially amputated or congenitally absent arm or leg, excluding the extremities of the hands (fingers) and feet (toes).

___ **DF Person who is deaf:** has profound hearing loss causing the person to primarily rely on visual communications (sign language, lip reading, gestures) and assistive technology.

___ **BL Person who is blind:** has a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less or limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens.

___ **WC Person who is non-ambulatory:** has a permanent disability which prevents them from being able to walk and therefore requires the use of a wheelchair at all times.

PHYSICIAN'S INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name SUFFIX

Street Address

Telephone Number

City or Town State Zip Code

License Number

I certify the following: the applicant is disabled as indicated by my selection of the applicable qualification; I am currently licensed and practicing in New York State; the above information is true to the best of my knowledge; I believe and understand that any person who knowingly files a statement containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent act. **ANY FALSE STATEMENT MADE HEREIN IS PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS "A" MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 210.45 OF THE PENAL LAW.**

Physician's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Physician's Stamp: _____



**Suffolk County
Executive Steven Bellone**

SUFFOLK CARES



**Food Delivery
Program for
those who are
Homebound
and in Dire
Need**

Call 311 if you are in need of food and do not have ANY access to transportation

- You will be asked a few questions as part of Suffolk's 311 assessment
- When approved for food delivery, you will receive a box of non-perishable food items within 24-30 hours of your request
- Non-perishable food items will be dropped at your place of residence-no contact with delivery person
- Call 311 Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00am-4:30pm (if you call on a Friday, food will be delivered on Monday)



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Town of Huntington Citizens Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 45th Anniversary

The Citizens Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was founded in 1976. It is comprised of residents from the Town who are interested in issues related to disabilities. Carmen Kasper, Director of Human Services is the liaison to this Committee.

The Town of Huntington Citizens Advisory Committee meets the third Wednesday in the months of: January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October and November from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The meetings are open to all residents. For more information, please contact: humanservices@huntingtonny.gov or call (631) 351-3304.



Marianne Iannaccone
Chair



Carmen Kasper, Director
Human Services



Dr. Alfred Huberman
Vice Chair



Maureen Donohue



Thomas Mangan



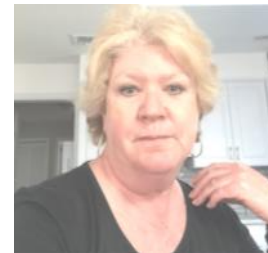
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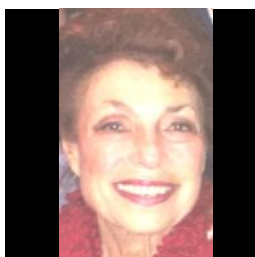
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Upcoming Huntington Town Board Meetings

September 14 - 2 pm
October 13 - 7 pm
November 4 - 7 pm
November 18 - 7 pm
December 14 - 2 pm



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Edmund J.M. Smyth

Most all Town Board Meetings are held at Huntington Town Hall,
100 Main Street, Huntington
Meetings can also be viewed on the Town's public access channels
18 on Optimum and 38 on Verizon.

Carmen Kasper

Director of Department of Human Services
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<https://www.huntingtonny.gov/content/13749/13861/16626/16628/default.aspx>

