



## TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

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## A Message From Supervisor Petrone

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I urge you to look through this Fall/Winter edition of the ACCESS Newsletter as it has numerous resources and articles that may be informative and helpful to you. Snow Berm Removal applications are now available for the 2013-2014 winter season. The Snow Berm Program is designed for residents with disabilities on a limited income who have no able-bodied person to remove the mound of snow from the apron of their driveway. This program requires annual registration so please remember that even if you filled out an application last year, you will still need to re-apply. Applications for this program are available on

our website or may be obtained by calling Janet Serrao in the Office of Handicap Services at (631) 351-3068 or by e-mail at [JSerrao@HuntingtonNY.gov](mailto:JSerrao@HuntingtonNY.gov). Winter is upon us and it is imperative that we plan ahead of time for the impact of hurricanes and winter storms. Make sure you have working flashlights with batteries in addition to a battery operated radio. It is recommended that you plan for a three day supply of water and canned or packaged food. One gallon of water per person per day is essential. Please don't forget to have an extra supply of medicines and copies of your prescript-

tions to take with you in case you need to go to a shelter.

In addition, I encourage residents with special needs, who are at risk during an emergency and require special planning involving sheltering and/or transportation, to register with the Joint Emergency Evacuation Program (J.E.E.P.) and Special Needs Registry. The JEEP database maintained by the Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management activates the list prior to an impending disaster. For more information please email [suffolkjeep@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:suffolkjeep@suffolkcountyny.gov) or call (631) 852-4900.

## Citizens Advisory Committee



The **Citizens Advisory Committee** is comprised of residents from the Town who are interested in issues related to disability. The Chairperson of the Committee is Marianne Iannaccone; Vice-Chairperson is Tamar Sherman; additional Board Members include Maureen Donohue, Trudy Exelbert, Janis Kaiser, Lee Levy, Thomas Mangan, Martin Mandelker and Beryl Trim.

Liaisons to the Citizens Advisory Committee are Jillian Guthman-Abadom, Esq. and Rhonda Shepardson, Esq. The group meets throughout the year. New members are welcome. For more information, call Jillian Guthman-Abadom, Esq. at (631) 351-3058 or email [jillian@abadom@HuntingtonNY.gov](mailto:jillian@abadom@HuntingtonNY.gov).

# Joint Emergency Evacuation Program (J.E.E.P.) & Special Needs Registry

The recent Super Storm Sandy left hundreds stranded in their homes, among those stranded were disabled individuals with special needs. If you are at risk during emergency situations and require special planning, which may involve transportation and/or sheltering, the Joint Emergency Evacua-

tion Plan (JEEP) may be of assistance. *The Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management* maintains the *JEEP* database and activates it prior to an impending disaster. This database will help the Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services (FRES) coordinate assistance to eligi-

ble disabled individuals with special needs. **You must apply ahead of time to be included.**

For more information, questions, or if you require assistance applying send an e-mail to [suffolkjeep@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:suffolkjeep@suffolkcountyny.gov) or call (631) 852-4900.

## Music and Dementia

It won't cure dementia, but it's a simple intervention that will help. Anecdotal accounts and clinical case studies document that when those with dementia are fitted with headphones and listen to music they remember their youth and become animated. Sometimes they sing, especially if it is religious music or

music they have sung to in the past. Often it seems to activate memories from their youth. As many people know, earlier memories tend to cling most tenaciously in the minds of people with Alzheimers and other forms of dementia. Listening to music from their younger days, many people with less profound

forms of dementia will be able to talk about people and places from their past. Paired with photographs, music can activate areas of the brain that seem otherwise inaccessible.

Published on May 5, 2013 by Nancy Darling, Ph.D. in Thinking About Kids.

## Instructions to Apply for a New York State Disability Parking Permit

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 Office of the Town

Clerk. An application (either downloaded from the Town's website or obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, 100 Main Street, Rm. 102, Huntington) must be completed by the applicant and the applicant's

physician. Call the Office of the Town Clerk at (631) 351-3206 for more information.



## 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 registration. Applications for this program are available and may be obtained by calling Janet Serrao

in the Office of Handicap Services at (631) 351-3068. You may also download our [Snow Berm Removal Application](#) from our website [HuntingtonNY.gov](http://HuntingtonNY.gov).

## Resources for the Disabled: Check these agency's out: they have lots of Services!

### **Town of Huntington Handi-capped Services**

Phone: (631) 351-3058

Web: <http://HuntingtonNY.gov>

### **Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network at the Northport VA Medical Center**

Phone: (631) 543-2245

Web: [http://](http://www.daytnnorthport.org/)

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

Phone: (631) 580-5100

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

### **Office of Disability Employment - U.S. Dept. of Labor**

Phone: (866) 633-7365

Web: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/>

### **Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind**

Phone: (631) 930-9000

Web: <http://www.guidedog.org/>

### **Music & Memory**

Web: <http://musicandmemory.org/>

### **Angela's House for Children**

Phone: (631) 979-2620

Web: <http://www.Angela'sHouse.org/>

### **New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)**

Phone: (866) 946-9733

Web: <http://www.opwdd.ny.gov/>

### **Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities**

Phone: (631) 853-8333

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

### **United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. of Greater Suffolk, Inc.**

Phone: (631) 232-0011

Web: <http://www.ucp-suffolk.org/>

## Agencies that Loan or Assist with Finding Equipment

- SILO- Suffolk Independent Living Organization, Ronkonkoma, NY 631-880-7929 (for Individuals with Disabilities living in Suffolk County) <http://www.siloinc.org/services/traid.php>
- ALS Association Equipment Loan Program, 1-800-672-8857 (For those registered with the ALS Association) [http://www.als-ny.org/index.php?page=ps\\_patientfamilyequipment](http://www.als-ny.org/index.php?page=ps_patientfamilyequipment)
- Arthritis Foundation, Melville, NY 631-427-8272
- The Society for Lending Comforts to the Sick, Smithtown, NY 631-265-1674
- MDA- Muscular Dystrophy Association, Lake Success, NY 516-358-1012 <http://static.mda.org/equipment.html> (For those registered with the MDA)
- Joey's Friends [http://joeysfriendstoo.org/Home\\_Page.php](http://joeysfriendstoo.org/Home_Page.php) (to assist in getting medical equipment for children)
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society- Long Island Chapter, contact: Marissa Baum 631-864-8337 (must have diagnosis and financial need) <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/nyh/programs--services/assistance/home-modification/index.aspx>

## Town Board Meetings

Dates for Fall/Winter

Tuesday, October 15th at 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 7th at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10th at 7 p.m.

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 of 18 on Optimum and 38 on Verizon.



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*Huntington*  
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*Long Island, NY*



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