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**A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR FRANK P. PETRONE
Huntington Listens to Those Who Can't Hear**

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Presenting: Mr. Steve Cuzzo, Mrs. Linda Jones, Supervisor Petrone, Mr. Leonard Urban, and Mr. Mark Tyree, Director of General Services for the Town of Huntington.

Persons with hearing loss should find it a little easier to follow the proceedings in the Town Board Room at Huntington Town Hall, thanks to the installation of a hearing loop that works with hearing aids and cochlear implants to improve the clarity of sound emanating from the room's audio system.

Huntington is the only Suffolk County town to have such a system, which has been installed at places such as the Museum of Modern Art, the New York Botanical Garden and the city's two baseball stadiums, Yankee Stadium and Citi Field. (Continued on Pg. 2.)

Supervisor Frank P. Petrone

**Councilman Mark Cuthbertson
Councilman Eugene Cook**



**Councilwoman Susan A. Berland
Councilwoman Tracey A. Edwards**



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR FRANK P. PETRONE, Continued
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“We invite everyone to attend our public meetings, and we feel it is important that those who do come can follow the proceedings without struggling to understand what is being said. ‘This loop helps bring government closer to residents with hearing loss and allows them to be part of the process,’” Supervisor Frank P. Petrone said.

The system, which cost \$8,000 was installed last November by North East Hearing of Miller Place. Installation entailed placing a copper wire in the floor throughout the room. The wire is connected to a control box and existing audiovisual equipment; the wireless technology magnetically transfers a microphone or television which should signal to the receivers in hearing aids or cochlear implants, improving quality. For those without either hearing instrument who need assistance, headphones attached to a lanyard are available (the headphones are sanitized after each use).

The system was installed after meetings with Centerport resident Len Urban, who frequently attended sessions held in the room - including the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals but was frustrated by his inability to understand what the board members were saying, even after getting a cochlear implant in 2013. Mr. Urban met with Town officials and shared research he had done into various systems. Mr. Urban also pointed out that a loop system was preferable to a headset system, which the Town had been considering. “A person with a bulky headset would stand out in a crowd and, therefore, many in need would not use them. A loop system required the push of a button with no fuss or embarrassment” Mr. Urban wrote in a recent newsletter of the Hearing Loss Association of America’s North Shore chapter.

Resources for Persons with Disabilities:

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

Phone: (631) 580-5100

Web: adrcinc.org/

Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network at the Northport VA Medical Center

Phone: (631) 543-2245

Web: davtnnorthport.org/

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

Phone: (866) 633-7365

Web: dol.gov/odep/

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind

Phone: (631) 930-9000

Web: guidedog.org/



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

Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation (LIAF)

Phone: (516) 767-6856

Web: www.liaf.org

NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness

Phone: (631) 271-2935

Web: nami-huntington.org/

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

Phone: (866) 946-9733

Web: opwdd.ny.gov/

SILO - Suffolk Independent Living Organization

Phone: (631) 254-1465

Web: www.siloinc.org

Special Olympics

Phone: (631) 254-1465

Web: nyso.org

Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities

Phone: (631) 853-8333

Web: suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/CountyExecutive/PeoplewithDisabilities.aspx/

Town of Huntington Office for Persons With Disabilities

Phone: (631) 351-3068

Web: HuntingtonNY.gov

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc.

Phone: (631) 880-7929

Web: ucp-suffolk.org/



Good Jobs, Good Careers,
and a Better Self-Supporting Future



The Social Security Administration offers a Ticket to Work program. The Ticket to Work program connects one with free employment services to help one decide if working is right for you, prepare for work, find a job or maintain success while you are working. Everyone age 18 to 64 who receives Social Security Disability Insurance and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because of his or her disability 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. If you are interested in participating in this program call the Ticket to Work Help Line at 1-866-968-7842 (V)/866-833-2967 (TTY) to verify your eligibility.



Swimming Classes for Persons with Disabilities

Swim classes for persons with disabilities are given at the Dix Hills Park Swimming Pool. The facility is fully handicapped accessible and features a mechanical chair lift that can accommodate those with more substantial disabilities. Contact **Parks and Recreation** for more information (631) 351-3089.

"TO THINE OWN
SELF BE TRUE"
WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE

*Come Join Us,
Our Not-for-Profits
& Business Booths*

RELAX
REFLECT
REVITALIZE

Town of Huntington
15th Annual Women's Networking Day
Thursday, October 20, 2016
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Larkfield - 507 Larkfield Road, East Northport

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the
Village Green, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington
\$12 per person - \$10 seniors - includes Lunch
RAFFLE PRIZES

For additional information, please contact
Rhonda Shepardson, Director of Women's Services at 631-351-3291 or Rshepardson@HuntingtonNY.gov



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***The Town of Huntington's
Citizens Advisory Committee
For Persons with Disabilities***



In conjunction with

The Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition



Presents



One Fish...Two Fish...What's In Your Fish?

a presentation that explores information about fish

How to Avoid Mercury & Get Your Omega-3's

Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 2 p.m.

Huntington Town Hall

100 Main Street, Room 114, Huntington

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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 Office of the Huntington Town Clerk. An application (either downloaded from the Town's website or obtained from Jo-Ann Raia, Town Clerk, 100 Main Street, Room 102, Huntington, New York 11743) must be completed by the applicant and the applicant's physician.

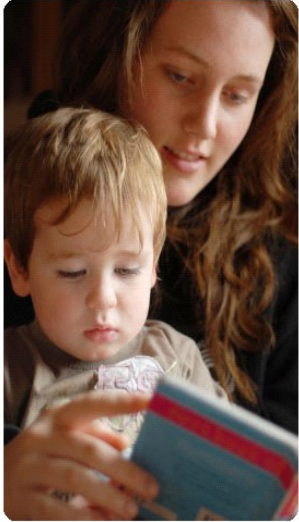
Huntington Town Clerk Jo-Ann Raia wishes to remind resident permanent Disability Parking Permit holders that there was a renewal by mail of all permanent (blue hang-tag) permits that expired on September 30, 2015. Renewal letters and applications were mailed in June and July of 2015 to those residents who were issued a permanent Disability Parking Permit from the Town Clerk's office. If you did not receive a renewal and are holding an expired Permanent you could be subject to a fine. Please destroy your old permit with the 2015 expiration date by cutting or shredding the permit so it is not mistaken with a current permit expiring in September 2018.

In order to renew your expired permanent Disability Permit, or for more information, please contact the Town Clerk's office at (631) 351-3206.

Handicapped Enforcement Program Needs Volunteers

The Handicapped Parking Enforcement Program needs volunteers to enforce handicapped parking and fire zone violations in the Town of Huntington. These volunteers identify and photograph any car parked in a designated handicapped space without a disability permit, or a car parked in a fire zone. When the volunteer turns the photos into the office, he/she signs an affidavit, and the violator receives a parking ticket in the mail. If you are interested in joining this worthy effort, please contact Mr. Sal Sanfilippo, Coordinator of Handicapped Parking Enforcement at 351-2839. You will receive an hour-long orientation and will be issued a digital camera. You will also receive a \$5.00 stipend per conviction.

ATTENTION HUNTINGTON RESIDENTS: Do You Need A Helping Hand?



- Planning a night out and need a babysitter?
- Need help with house cleaning and other chores?
 - Are you behind with your yard work?



Project Excel has local youth, ages 14-18, who are ready, able and willing to work. All youth have completed our Employment Workshop and have been screened.

Youth are available to be hired for:

**Babysitting
Mother's Helper
House Cleaning
Yard Work
Snow Shoveling
Leaf Raking
Garage Cleanout
Gardening**

For more information, please call
Project Excel at (631) 271-5499

Homeowner is responsible to pay youth for services rendered and liability insurance

Project Excel is funded by the Town of Huntington, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the Suffolk County Youth Bureau and various fundraisers and private donations.



Town of Huntington Citizens Advisory Committee

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Linda Jones
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Martin Mandelker
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Tamar Sherman
Liaison from Department of Human
Services - Jillian Guthman-Abadom, Esq.

The Town of Huntington Citizens Advisory Committee meets the third Wednesday in the months of January, March, April, May, June, September, October and November in Room 114 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The meetings are open to all residents.



Upcoming Huntington Town Board Meetings

June 7 at 2:00 pm (Tuesday)
July 12 at 2:00 pm (Tuesday)
August 16 at 2:00 pm (Tuesday)
September 13 at 7:00 pm (Tuesday)
October 19 at 6:00 pm (Wednesday)
November 10 at 2:00 pm (Thursday)
December 13 at 7:00 pm (Tuesday)

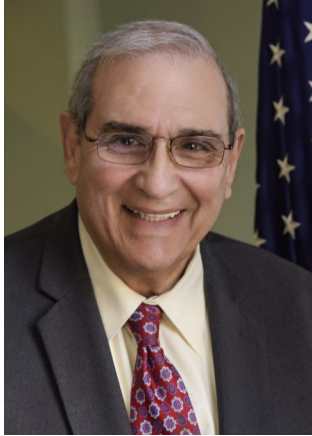
All Town Board Meetings are held at Huntington Town Hall,
100 Main Street, Huntington.
Meetings can also be viewed on the Town's public access channels
18 on Optimum and 38 on Verizon.



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Long Island, NY



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