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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Board Meeting	July 01, 2026 - 06:00 PM
Town Hall Closed	Jul 03, 2026
Zoning Board Meeting	July 09, 2026 - 06:00 PM
EOSPA Meeting	July 09, 2026 - 06:30 PM
Town Board Meeting	July 14, 2026 - 02:00 PM
Planning Board Meeting	July 15, 2026 - 06:00 PM
Zoning Board Meeting	July 16, 2026 - 06:00 PM
Zoning Board Meeting	July 23, 2026 - 06:00 PM

***Watch meetings LIVE on **Optimum 18, FIOS 38**,
or online <https://huntingtonny.gov/meetings>***

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR ED SMYTH



Happy July everyone –

This year is a history buffs' dream. The 250th Anniversary of our Country's Independence, has generated articles, documentaries, motion pictures and series, focused on the American Revolution.

I have read, watched and absorbed so much history surrounding the Revolutionary War and our nations' quest for independence – and, to my great interest, much of it happened right in our own back-yard.

Huntington's storied past is all around us. I live in Halesite, a hamlet named for the Revolutionary War hero, Nathan Hale, who volunteered to spy on the British for General George Washington.

As a spy, he wasn't very good. After five days as a spy, he was captured by the British and was hanged. But, as a patriot, he was a brave, valiant servant to the General and our Country.

The Town of Huntington has immortalized Nathan Hale in many ways. Not only is there a hamlet named for him, but there's also a roadway, Nathan Hale Drive, bronze plaques, light posts, statues and busts. All to say, his dedication, commitment and ultimate sacrifice, secured him the legacy of a hero.



In literature and history, the "bronze" hero is a flawless symbol of strength. In reality, flesh-and-blood heroes make mistakes, feel fear, and get tired. Their true sacrifice is grounded in the fact that they are mortal, not immune to mistakes or suffering. But the commitment to the cause is what cements those "heroes" in our memory.

As we begin this month with the celebratory fanfare of our 250th Anniversary of our nation's independence, we salute all of the amazing men and women who make those sacrifices. Those who serve our country in the military, the first responders, veterans, all public servants. All those who give more of themselves for the common good, regardless of what might occur as a result. Heroes are all around us, every day – fighting the good fight – doing what is right, embracing the notion that there probably won't be a plaque or statue, just perhaps a grateful community and ultimately, a grateful nation.

To all of our heroes, we salute you this 4th of July. Thank you, every day for your service.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Ed Smyth.

Ed Smyth
Supervisor



SUPERVISOR'S SIDENOTE

A brief look at some of the Town's recent initiatives



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

On Saturday, the Juneteenth Committee, in partnership with the Town of Huntington, celebrated Juneteenth Freedom Day. Attendees were welcomed to Heckscher Park for an afternoon of music, dancing, and much more.

Juneteenth, officially designated a federal holiday in 2021, recognizes the end of slavery in the United States and celebrates unity, diversity, and equality. Juneteenth Freedom Day invited residents, visitors, local vendors, artists, and members of the community to join in the celebration and engage with one another in a meaningful way.



The Department of Maritime Services has taken delivery of this year's oysters at Gold Star Beach



They aim to add another 500-1000 square feet of reef this season to the existing reefs inside Huntington's harbors.

Building and maintaining oyster reefs is a vital part of improving water quality in our region and the overall general health of our embayments. One single oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day. The reefs are built from oysters grown by the spat on shell program and obtained through the shell recycling program.

The Town of Huntington Trail Challenge began on Family Earth Day - take the challenge and check out Phragmites Park (pictured here)



A self-guided challenge to complete approximately 30 miles on any Town trails. The Town is highlighting Huntington's many walking, biking, and hiking trails. Phragmites Park was created by the deposition of dredge soil in the 1960s, resulting in a series of sandy waterfront trails. The town has proposed a future restoration of the wetlands in a component of the site, which would create a tidal impoundment to provide greater habitat diversity, thereby providing a sanctuary for many more species of birds and fish. Phragmite Park's trails offer views of Northport Harbor and Bird Island, and provide access to Betty Allen Nature Preserve across Route 25A.



Happy July Everyone –

Who doesn't love a holiday? Everyone has their favorite. Christmas and Thanksgiving are way up there for many. While others love those more solemn days that let them reflect on special moments in history or that impacts them personally. But, the one holiday that perpetually falls at the top of the list for me and my family, is the 4th of July!

What makes Independence Day so special is that, unlike many other holidays that are celebrated differently from family to family or by cultures, religions, and traditions, the Fourth of July is something we all share. Regardless of where we come from, our backgrounds, or our beliefs, we celebrate this day together because we are Americans. It is a day that reminds us of the freedoms we enjoy, the opportunities we have, and the pride we take in calling this country home.

The most important part of any holiday are the traditions that are associated with it. Whether it's gathering around the grill, watching a hometown parade, enjoying the day at the beach, or finding the perfect spot to watch fireworks light up the night sky, these traditions are what bring families, friends, and neighbors together year after year. They become memories that are passed down from one generation to the next, making each Independence Day a little more meaningful than the last.

This year feels especially exciting as we continue the countdown to America's 250th birthday. For some, it is a once-in-a generation milestone that gives us an opportunity not only to look back at our nation's remarkable history but also to look ahead with hope and optimism for the future. As communities across the country begin marking this historic occasion, we can all take pride in being part of the next chapter of the American story.

As you celebrate this Independence Day, I hope you enjoy time with loved ones, create new traditions, and take a moment to appreciate what unites us all. Thank you to everyone who helps make our country such a wonderful place to call home, and to our first responders who work tirelessly throughout the holiday to keep us safe. From my family to yours, have a safe, happy, and memorable Fourth of July. Happy birthday America!

Christine Geed



Liberty Creator & Publisher

Greetings from Jillian

Dear Residents:

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Huntington resident Rocco Laudo. It was especially meaningful because a few years ago, I had the privilege of celebrating the Eagle Scout achievement of his older brother, Jake.

To see two sons from the same family earn Scouting's highest rank is truly remarkable. The Eagle Scout designation represents years of hard work, perseverance, leadership, service to others, and a commitment to values that strengthen both character and community. These qualities are clearly reflected in both young men.

The Laudo family should take great pride in this accomplishment. Their support, encouragement, and dedication have helped shape two outstanding young men who serve as positive examples for their peers and our community.

It is always a joy to celebrate the achievements of Huntington residents, especially those who have worked so diligently to reach such an important milestone. I congratulate Rocco on this well-deserved honor and extend my best wishes to both Rocco and Jake as they continue to pursue their goals and make meaningful contributions wherever life takes them.

Wishing all our residents a happy, healthy, and enjoyable summer as we celebrate another wonderful year in the Town of Huntington!

Fondly,

Jillian





COUNCIL'S CORNER

Councilwoman Jennifer Hebert

Huntington PRIDE

I was thrilled to represent Huntington Town Council at the annual Long Island Pride Parade. The theme this year was “UNSTOPPABLE PRIDE”. The parade was a fabulous and fun event, with big crowds of friends and neighbors turning out to celebrate our LGBTQ+ community.



Let's Talk , Huntington

Looking forward to connecting with residents at my next Q&A at the Elwood Library, Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30PM. The series “Let's Talk, Huntington” is an opportunity for the community to come together in an open forum. All are welcome!

“LET’S TALK, HUNTINGTON – MONTHLY Q&A WITH COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER HEBERT.”

Councilwoman Jennifer Hebert invites all residents to join her for an open community conversation.

Your voice matters — we hope to see you there!


DATE	TIME	LOCATION
TUESDAY, JULY 7 TH	6:30-8:00	ELWOOD LIBRARY 1929 JERICHO TURNPIKE EAST NORTHPORT, NY 11731

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO:

- ASK QUESTIONS
- SHARE CONCERNS
- OFFER IDEAS
- LEARN ABOUT LOCAL INITIATIVES

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME.

CALL 631-351-3175 WITH ANY QUESTIONS



NAACP Fitness Walk-A-Thon

The NAACP Huntington Branch hosted their annual Membership & Fitness Walk-A-Thon at Heckscher Park in Huntington. I was delighted join the effort to support the good work of the NAACP in promoting healthy living, community engagement, and membership growth, all while getting my steps in with a scenic walk around Heckscher Park!



COUNCIL'S CORNER

Councilwoman Theresa Mari



HELPING THE COMMUNITY ONE EVENT AT A TIME!

Suffolk County Legislator Stephanie Bontempi and Huntington Councilwoman Theresa Mari present:

LOVE MY PET PHOTO CONTEST

Nominate your pet by submitting a photo by July 24th, 2026 via email to: MAWright@HuntingtonNY.gov
Please include your name, your pet's name, your email, and phone number

Seniors from the John J. Flanagan Center will be selecting a winner to be honored at the Town of Huntington Board meeting on August 11, 2026 at 2PM.

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON RESIDENTS!
for information call Michelle 631.351.3173

NALOXONE TRAINING

COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Learn from Barry Zaks of Huntington Drug & Alcohol Counseling Center to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and how to administer the reversal drug, Naloxone (Narcan).

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WHY GET TRAINED?

- Community Service Credit
- FREE Naloxone Kit
- Good on a Resume
- Empowerment and Confidence
- Save a life or a friend, family member or anyone.

Where: Huntington Town Hall
100 Main Street
Huntington
Town Board Room

When: Tuesday - July 28th, 2026
4:30 pm

To Register Call (631) 351-3173 or via QR code
Questions? email mawright@huntingtonny.gov
Students 14 years and younger need parental consent to attend.

LYME DISEASE INFORMATION AND PREVENTION SEMINAR

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. ADRIAN POPP

July 9, 2026 • 2:00 PM
(CHECK IN BEGINS AT 1:45)

CINEMA ARTS CENTRE
423 Park Ave
Huntington, NY 11743

Councilwoman Theresa Mari and Councilwoman Jennifer Hebert present

Protect and Purge: Shed & Shred Event

Tuesday, August 18TH, 2026
1:00pm - 3:00pm

John J. Flanagan Center
423 Park Avenue, Huntington 11743

This is A Drive Thru Event

paper must be in boxes only 4 boxes per car

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI PRESENTS

Pink in the Park

A Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Fair

October 4th 2026

10:30AM - Opening ceremony and Walk Around the Pond

11AM - 2PM - Entertainment and informational/product booths

Heckscher Park
Prime Avenue and Route 25A
Huntington, NY

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI AND THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON OPIOID AND ADDICTION TASK FORCE

PRESENT

THE ANNUAL WELLNESS WALK FOR HOPE

Walk for a cause & learn about important community resources to BE & STAY Healthy!

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026
9:30AM - 12:30PM
HECKSCHER PARK, HUNTINGTON



IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM TOWN CLERK, ANDREW RAIA

TRANSITION DOG LICENSE TO THE ONLINE RENEWAL PROCESS

By: *Jacob DiazGranados*

For many dog owners, licensing their furry family member has always been one of those important tasks that somehow ends up on the to-do list longer than expected. Finding the paperwork, making a trip to Town Hall, and remembering renewal deadlines can be a challenge even for the most organized pet parents. That is why Town Clerk, Andrew Raia, is excited to announce a new and convenient way to license your dog online now. The new digital renewal licensing system allows residents to renew a dog license from the comfort of their own home. The online system will offer 24/7 access, faster processing times, and the ability to track the status of your application in real-time. Whether you are relaxing on the couch with your Labrador, tossing a ball for your Golden retriever in the backyard, or trying to keep up with an energetic puppy, renewing your dog's license is now just a few clicks away. Renewal applications can be submitted digitally through the new secure online portal following the steps below. However, you are more than welcome to come to Town Hall to submit your renewal application if you choose to do so.

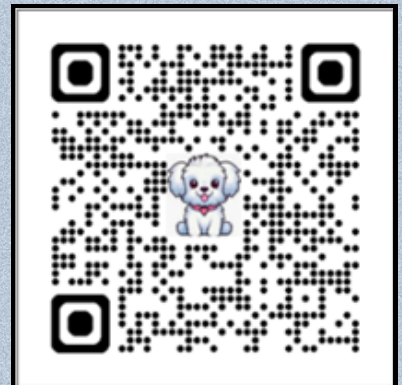
To renew your license using the new online portal, please follow these simple step:

1. Go to the Portal:

Navigate directly to the new online renewal portal at:
<https://townofhuntingtonny.portal.opengov.com>

2. Or scan the QR Code

SCAN ME



3. Log In or Create Account:

- If you already have an account, Log In with your existing email address and password.
- If you are a new user, you must Create an account using your email address and a secure password.

4. Start the Process: Once logged in, you can begin your renewal application by answering the questions as prompted.

5. Complete the Application: Follow the instructions within the portal to complete all required steps.

6. Completed Applications for new dogs: A new dog tag will be mailed to you once everything is submitted.

While the process has become easier, the importance of renewing your dog's licensing remains the same. A valid renewal license assists local authorities when identifying lost pets and helps reunite them with their owners more quickly. It also helps ensure dogs are up to date with required rabies vaccinations, supporting the health and safety of both pets and residents. The move to online licensing reflects the Town's commitment to making government services more accessible, efficient, and convenient. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk's office at (631) 351-3206 or reply by email icaracciolo@huntingtonny.gov. Thank you for your cooperation as this new system is implemented!



Town Clerk, Andrew Raia with his Goldendoodle, Teddy.



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HUNTINGTON CELEBRATES AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

Huntington's Heritage

A special series commemorating the 250th anniversary of our independence by exploring the people, places, and pivotal moments that shaped our town. Through stories of resilience, leadership, and community, the series reflects on Huntington's past while honoring the values that continue to define us today.

Exhibits planned for the Huntington's 250th anniversary include:

- "What Liberty Means Mean To Me" Video premier, Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Avenue, on July 17th
- "Revolutionary Voices" A Play by Jack Canfora - AT Walt Whitman Birthplace Association 246 Old Walt Whitman Road, on July 11th and 12th and August 15th
- Eclipse of the Sun Now, exhibition opens - Heckscher Museum of Art, 2 Prime Avenue, September 27th

Bringing 1776 to Life on Huntington's Village Green

The Day Huntington Heard the Declaration of Independence

By: Jacob DiazGranados

Long before fireworks lit the summer sky and backyard barbecues became an Independence Day tradition, Huntington played a role in one of the most significant moments in American History. On July 22, 1776, a swift notice was sent out to all residents of Huntington calling for an urgent gathering on the Village Green (intersection of East Main Street and Park Avenue). At this time, the Village Green was the center of Huntington. The Declaration of Independence was read publicly for the first time on Long Island, bringing the news of a brand-new nation to the local community and forever linking Huntington to the story of America's founding. Followed by the speech, the modified British Red Ensign of 1774 was lowered and the Huntington Liberty Flag was born by its residents in jubilation at their independence from Great Britain.

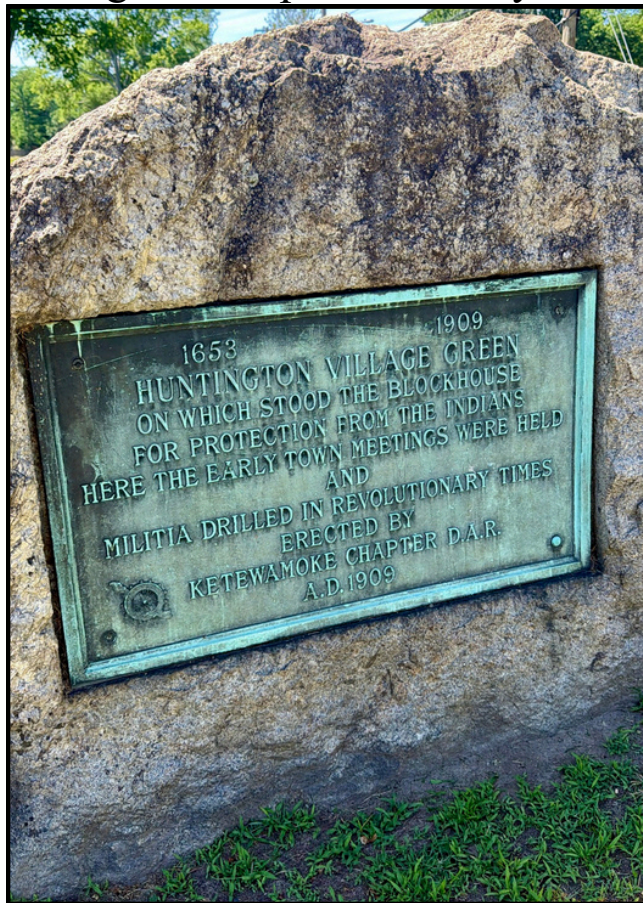


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Local patriots ripped the British Union Jack in the upper left corner and the name “GEORGE III” off of the flag, leaving the word “LIBERTY” on the opposite side. The flag was left with a simple red ensign with the word “LIBERTY” displayed in white letters on the front, which remains as the Huntington Liberty Flag to this day.

As a final act of rejoicing, the elated mob took the removed components of the former British flag and used them to stuff an effigy of King George III with gunpowder. They hanged the effigy of the King on a gallows and cheered as they set it afire and watched it explode into ashes. Afterwards, the patriots went to Platt’s Tavern across the street to continue the celebration where thirteen toasts were made in honor of the Thirteen Colonies. Historian Henry P. Johnston, in his 1878 book *The Campaign of 1776 Around New York and Brooklyn* remarked that “the people were in high spirits and some high spirits were in them” to describe the mood among the troops. The newly created flag was carried by the Suffolk Militia to the



Battle of Long Island in Brooklyn the next month in August of 1776. Unfortunately, the flag was captured by Hessian soldiers and destroyed. In 1974, the flag was declared the official flag of the Town of Huntington, which can be seen flying in the wind at the Village Green on the Liberty Pole. July 22, 1776 will be forever remembered as Huntington Independence Day.

That historic day is brought to life each year by the Huntington Militia through its annual Huntington Independence Day celebration at the Village Green and Dr. Daniel W. Kissam House. It is more than a reenactment, the event offers visitors an immersive journey into the sights, sounds, and experiences of Revolutionary-era Huntington.

This year the event will be held on Saturday, July 18th from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM at 423 and 434 Park Avenue Huntington. Throughout the day, guests can witness thrilling musket and cannon firing demonstrations as militia members recreate the military traditions of the period. There will also be a live reenactment of local patriots blowing up the effigy of King George III full of the scraps of the former flag and gunpowder. Living historians will showcase eighteenth century crafts, trades, cooking techniques, toys, games, and music, providing a glimpse into daily life during the Revolutionary War era. The celebration highlights the diverse cultures and voices that shaped Long Island's history. Visitors can enjoy performances by Montaukett Native American Dancers, meet a Walt Whitman reenactor, and learn about Huntington's rich heritage. A screening of "What Liberty Means" will offer guests an opportunity to reflect on the enduring meaning of freedom and democracy nearly 250 years after the nation's founding. Families will be able to collect Platt's Tavern coins, enjoy offerings from local food trucks, and explore the historic Dr. Daniel W. Kissam House, one of Huntington's most treasured colonial landmarks.

What makes this event especially profound is its connection to a historical moment that took place right here in the Town of Huntington because it provides us with an opportunity to experience history where it happened, honor the people who helped shape a new nation, and reflect on the enduring ideals of liberty, freedom, and self-government. While the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776, it was on July 22, 1776 that the document was first publicly read on Long Island, allowing local residents to hear the words that announced the birth of a new nation. That reading transformed an idea into a reality for the people of Huntington and helped spread the revolutionary spirit throughout Long Island. As America prepares to mark its 250th Anniversary, we cannot forget to also celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Huntington Independence Day. As a community, we must always remember the history and importance of July 22, 1776.





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HUNTINGTON CELEBRATES
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE



250th Anniversary Reenactment of Huntington Independence Day



- Recreation of the events on July 22, 1776
- Reading of the Declaration of Independence
- Musket and Cannon Firing demonstrations
- 18th century crafts, trades, cooking, toys/games, and music
- Tours of The Arsenal

Saturday, July 18, 2026 • 12pm – 5pm

The Arsenal and Huntington Green, 425 Park Avenue, Huntington

Rain Date: Sunday, July 19

One Life for Liberty

The Legacy of Nathan Hale

By: Jacob DiazGranados

What would you be willing to sacrifice for your country? At a time when the future of America hung in balance, a young schoolteacher named Nathan Hale answered that question with his life. At just twenty-one years old, Nathan Hale made a choice that would forever secure his legacy as one of the first heroes of the American Revolution. Knowing the risks, he eagerly approached General George Washington and volunteered to perform one of the most dangerous assignments of the wartime. On September 12, 1776, the Continental Army Captain crossed the Long Island Sound from Norwalk, Connecticut, and landed on the shore of Huntington Bay (present day Bay Road). Nathan Hale was a spy disguised as a Dutch schoolmaster and entered into enemy territory to gather intelligence on British forces and troop movements. In that time, any man who served as a spy was deemed to be “dishonorable” and unworthy of being a true gentleman. However, he justified his mission by claiming that any necessary duty for the betterment of the “public good” was indeed honorable.

During Hale’s mission, the British invaded Manhattan at Kip’s Bay (present day East River at 34th St.) and captured the majority of the island, prompting Hale to cross into New York City to gather any intelligence that he could bring back to General Washington. On September 20th, New York City was set ablaze and riots erupted, causing the British to be on high alert. The next night, Nathan Hale was stopped on a boat in Flushing Bay by a company of Queen’s Rangers. He was captured and brought in for questioning before British, General William Howe. Intelligence information, sketches, and valuable military information were all found on Hale and he willingly confessed his identity, rank, and objective as to why he crossed British lines. General Howe, without any form of trial, gave orders for his execution the next morning. The day was Sunday, September 22, 1776, Nathan Hale began marching at 11:00 AM until



he reached the Park of Artillery (present day northwest corner of 66th St. and 3rd Ave.) where he was executed by hanging after giving one final speech to the few people in attendance. While his final speech is famously immortalized with the phrase “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country,” no official transcript of his actual words exists. It is widely believed however, that Hale drew inspiration for his remarks from Joseph Addison’s 1713 play titled Cato, which contained the line, “What pity is it, that we can die but once to serve our country.” His words continue to inspire generations as a reminder of the price paid for freedom.



Though his mission was ultimately unsuccessful, Hale’s sacrifice became a powerful inspiration to his fellow Americans during the fight for freedom, which helped strengthen support for the Revolutionary movement. In Huntington, Hale is commemorated by the hamlet “Halesite” and Nathan Hale Drive on the North side of Main Street. Today, visitors can see a marble pillar dedicated to Nathan Hale at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building on Main Street and a large glacial boulder with three bronze plaques on Mill Dam Road.





The original statue of Nathan Hale was created by sculpture Frederick William MacMonnies in 1893. It is made of Bronze and stands eight feet tall at the steps of New York City Hall in City Hall Park. In addition, at the entrance of Town Hall there is a stone with a bronze plaque to honor Nathan Hale and a statue of Nathan Hale displayed in a case located on the first floor outside of the Town Clerk's Department, which was also made by MacMonnies. It is one of the two table size statues that exist today in the State of New York. The Town of Huntington Jo-Ann Raia Archives houses one and the Metropolitan Museum of Art has the other. These twin tabletop casts are about 28 inches tall and are made of bronze as well. Town Archivist, Antonia Mattheou shared with us an insightful description of the twin statues, "There are ropes tied around Nathan Hale's arms and ankles indicating he was captured, but his strong posture reflects the character of a strong man who realized and accepted his fate."

That was exactly the kind of man Nathan Hale was, strong and dedicated.

Nathan Hale is proof that history is not just shaped by war generals and big-time politicians. History is also shaped by ordinary people who are willing to make extraordinary sacrifices. Nathan Hale's bravery, willingness to risk it all, and unwavering devotion to the cause of independence has solidified himself as a lasting symbol of patriotism and as one of the country's earliest national martyrs. Nearly 250 years after his death, Nathan Hale's story reminds us all that a single act of courage can leave a lasting mark on a community, a nation, and history itself.



THE WHALING MUSEUM

Liberty at Sea



SECRETS & SPIES

Follow in the footsteps of the daring Long Island spies who helped win the Revolution! In this self-guided museum activity, discover the secrets of the Culper Spy Ring as you hunt for hidden messages around the museum and use historical ciphers to crack secret codes and collect clues. Complete your quest and earn a junior spy kit to use in your own covert ops! \$5 Member; Admission + \$10 Participant

July | Tues - Sun | 11 - 4PM



RED, WHITE & BLUE CRAFTS

Dive into a sea of patriotic fun with self-serve crafts inspired by red, white, and blue ocean creatures from around the world! Included with admission

July | Tues - Sun | 11 - 4PM



INK & INDEPENDENCE

Be a part of history with the Whaling Museum's most time-honored craft - scrimshaw carving! In honor of America's 250th, try your hand at this uniquely American folk art as you sketch, etch, and ink a scrimshaw-style keepsake with your own creativity! Both adults & kids welcome. \$5 Member; Admission + \$5 Participant

Fri, July 3 | 12 - 2PM



More Info
cshwhalingmuseum.org/liberty



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301 MAIN ST, COLD SPRING HARBOR, NY 11724

Councilwoman Theresa Mari • Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo
Supervisor Edmund J. Smyth • Assemblyman Keith Brown
Town Historian Robert Hughes proudly organize



Historic Cemetery Restoration

Please join us in preserving the final resting places of America's first heroes. Volunteers will help clean and maintain Revolutionary War burial sites across 20 historic cemeteries in our town, honoring their legacy for generations to come.

2 Sessions, 1 location - Saturday, July 25th, 2026

Session 1
10:00AM - 12:00PM
Northport Burying Ground

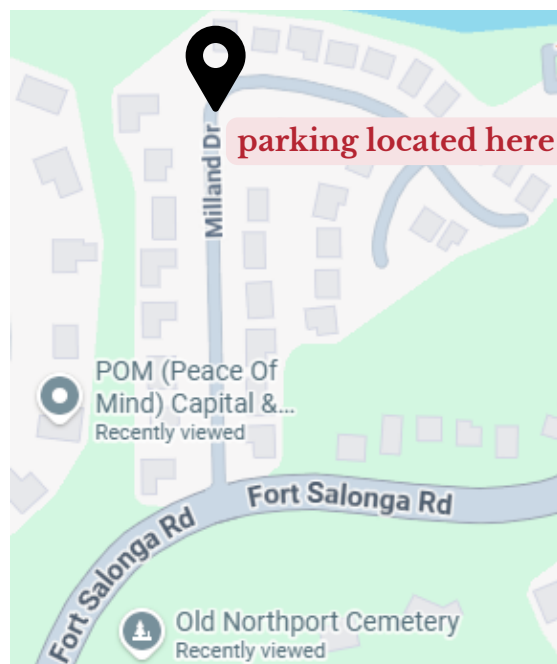


10:00AM

Session 2
12:00PM - 2:00PM
Northport Burying Ground



12:00PM



Reworld[™]

Sign up via the QR code.
Supplies (rakes, gloves, shovels) provided by:

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LIBERTY 250 EVENTS

JULY 2026

SATURDAY

11

11:00AM, 1:00PM & 3:00PM

"REVOLUTIONARY VOICES"

A PLAY BY JACK CANFORA

Walt Whitman Birthplace Association
246 OLD WALT WHITMAN ROAD

SUNDAY

12

11:00AM, 1:00PM & 3:00PM

"REVOLUTIONARY VOICES"

A PLAY BY JACK CANFORA

Walt Whitman Birthplace Association
246 OLD WALT WHITMAN ROAD

SUNDAY

12

10:00AM -- 5:00PM

SEA GLASS FESTIVAL

The Whaling Museum
301 MAIN STREET, COLD SPRING HARBOR

FRIDAY

17

3:00PM

"WHAT LIBERTY MEANS MEAN TO ME?"

VIDEO PREMIERE

Cinema Arts Centre
423 PARK AVENUE, HUNTINGTON

SATURDAY

18

12:00 - 4:00PM

HUNTINGTON INDEPENDENCE DAY HUNTINGTON MILITIA

The Village Green
INTERSECTION OF PARK AVENUE AND MAIN STREET

AUGUST 2026

The list of programs continued...

Date	Time	Organization	Event	Location
15TH	11:00AM, 1:00PM & 3:00PM	Walt Whitman Birthplace Association	"Revolutionary Voices," A Play by Jack Canfora	246 Old Walt Whitman Road
15TH	TBD	Suffolk County 250 Committee	Oyster Jamboree and Frolic	Port Jefferson Harbor

SEPTEMBER 2026

Date	Time	Organization	Event	Location
19th	tbd	Ketewamoke Chapter, NSDAR	Re-Dedication of Nathan Hall Monument	
24th	12:00PM - 2:30PM	Huntington Historical Society	Lunch & learn Sandi Brewster-Walker Indigenous People before 1872	TBD
27th	12:00PM - 5:00PM	Heckscher Museum of Art	Eclipse of the Sun Now, exhibition opens	Heckscher Museum of Art

OCTOBER 2026

Date	Time	Organization	Organization	Location
11TH	11:00AM, 1:00PM & 3:00PM	Walt Whitman Birthplace Association	"Revolutionary Voices," A Play by Jack Canfora	246 Old Walt Whitman Road
22nd	12:00PM - 2:30PM	Huntington Historical Society	Lunch & Learn: "Harlem Renaissance" with Tiarra Brown	TBD
24th	TDB	Suffolk County 250 Committee	Suffolk County Event	Manor of St. George

NOVEMBER 2026

Date	Time	Time	Event	Location
1ST	11:00AM, 1:00PM & 3:00PM	Walt Whitman Birthplace Association	"Revolutionary Voices," A Play by Jack Canfora	246 Old Walt Whitman Road
19th	12:00PM - 2:30PM	Huntington Historical Society	Lunch & Learn: "Colonial Tavern Food" with Diane Schwindt	TBD

DECEMBER 2026

Date	Time	Time	Event	Location
6th	11:00AM, 1:00PM & 3:00PM	Walt Whitman Birthplace Association	"Revolutionary Voices," A Play by Jack Canfora	246 Old Walt Whitman Road
19th	12:00PM	Ketewa.m.oke Chapter, NSDAR	Wreaths Across a.m.eric	Old Burying Ground



Happy 250th Birthday America

LAND OF THE FREE

By Erlindo R. DeLeon

I came from a land where the middle was missing
Where dictatorship wore a mask of law,
And corruption fed on the poverty below.
No safety net, no steady ground to stand on.

But I did not leave my dignity in the dust of the valley
I carried a quiet wealth across the ocean -
Not in suitcases, but in my hands and mind.
And the stubborn belief that life could be built from
scratch.

When I reached this new land across the sky and sea,
The path was not entirely smooth,
There were barriers to cross,
The subtle stings of race and class distinction.

Yet those obstacles did not define the destination,
For I found that human kindness and tolerance
Exist here in great numbers.
Warm hands extended in the quite spaces,
Led me to cross the barriers.

Now I walk on solid ground,
Survived the darkness of the past,
A sacred legacy of life,
A future built on LIBERTY and EQUAL RIGHTS.

LET'S GO AMERICA

By Mary Ann Romano, Ph. D.

Lets go America - the red, white, and blue.
Washington, Jefferson, and JFK too.

250, we made it this far.
USA, a bright shining star.

Liberty and justice are the basic core.
America, America is forever more.

America! Still!

By Anna Acconi

The sky lights up with flaring lights
While sounds of cheers flash out the night
We celebrate two and a half centuries
of this American experiment.
And we study its falls and rises amid impediments.

Land of the free! But, some disagree -
Are we still the land of the brave?
The home of the free?

We created a land of bounty wealth
But did we include all
of dubious health
of dubious wealth
Sins rest on the soul of our constitution:
The evils of manifest destiny

The unequal access to equality
The acceptance of slavery
Which enhanced our economy,
But cast shadows of evil on our anatomy.

We stood as a beacon of hope and of strength
And overcame errors that increased in length.
We held out our hands and sought retribution
Held strong to beliefs -
And survived

Despite all the wars, the conflicts and protest
We survived—we stood straighter and taller.
We grew—we changed—we survived.
Today, as we sit in review of the past
We ponder if this republic will last -
We ponder ... we ponder ...

Is America still the land of the free?
Is America still the home of the brave?
Is America still a shining city on a hill?
Is America still the best hope for a better future?

Yes! America still!
America! Still!

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Welcome to writings from the Town of Huntington
Senior Division's "Write to Share" senior group.
Celebrating America's 250th Birthday
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The below writings are from the "write to share" senior group. This group meets Fridays at 1:30 in the Town of Huntington Senior Center Library. It is a small, comfortable, intimate, supportive setting, where they share each other's creative writings. This month's theme: Happy 250th Birthday America

GOD BLESS AMERICA

She sings, "God bless America,"
Her voice is loud and strong
And in every word it's clearly heard,
He stands beside her through this song

She is poised and ever ready
To sing about this land we love
God's grace glows and flows inside her
With His light from up above

Her young heart is pure emotion
With true spirit soaring high
Across the oceans through the prairie
To where the mountains touch the sky

Little girl near three years old
With voice so loud and strong
Rising from your heart and soul
You wow us with your song

She sings, "God bless America,"
It is our home, sweet home
And this memory dear Diana
Papa gives you in a poem

Love Papa
October 7, 2002

AMERICAN EAGLE

By Richard Diem

In the winds golden streams
A breathtaking sight
High over the mountains
Aloft in swift flight

A bird of beauty and courage
That makes the heart sing
Through the sunrays of time
With broad sweeping wing

America's emblem of strength
Fearless and free
Carrying the message of freedom
For our country to see
A country of peace and good will
See the Eagle soars high
Over the plains and the mountains
Of our land's spacious sky

America, America,
God set His grace on thee
So crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

Meet Our Keynote Speaker, Ada Gracin

15th Annual Anne Frank Memorial Ceremony

By: Jacob DiazGranados

The Town of Huntington, in conjunction with the Suffolk Y JCC, will host its 15th Annual Anne Frank Memorial Ceremony on Friday, July 17th in commemoration of the resilience of all Holocaust survivors and the importance of ensuring that their stories live on. The memorial ceremony is held annually in mid-to-late July, midway between Anne Frank's birthday, June 12, and the date of her capture, August 4 at the home of the Anne Frank Memorial Garden, Arboretum Park, 48 Threepence Drive, Melville.

The Anne Frank Memorial Garden was unveiled by the Town in June 2010 and serves as tribute to Anne's legacy of belief in the goodness of humanity. The garden captures the journey of Anne Frank's life, featuring a circular pathway that surrounds the garden, leading to an iron lace sculpture of a young girl's dress. The sculpture was created by artist Thea Lanzisero, representing her resilience and vulnerability.

The Town of Huntington in conjunction with
the Suffolk Y JCC
Proudly presents the

**15th ANNUAL
ANNE FRANK
MEMORIAL
CEREMONY**

Featuring Holocaust
Survivor Ada Gracin

**Friday, July 17, 2026
ARBORETUM PARK
48 Threepence Drive, Melville
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

(In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place in the Town Board Room, Huntington Town Hall, 100 Main Street, Huntington)

Dr. Dave Bennardo Jennifer Hebert Edmund J. Smyth Brooke A. Lupinacci Theresa Mari
Councilman Councilwoman Supervisor Councilwoman Councilwoman

The ceremony will begin at **11:00 AM and last until 12:30 PM**. In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place in the Town Board Room, Huntington Town Hall, 100 Main Street Huntington. This year's ceremony will feature Holocaust survivor, Ada Gracin.



Ada Gracin was born in Poland in 1936. As an only child, Ada Gracin had a happy childhood in Lodz until war broke out and her parents fled to Lviv, Poland. They eventually moved further eastward to Soviet Georgia, where her younger brother, Abraham, was born. Facing hardships in a new region, Ada and her family managed to survive the war in a city called Kutaisi. Upon their return to Poland, Ada's family learned of the tragedies and immeasurable loss of life, and found a family living in their home. Knowing they could not stay in Poland, they went to live in the Feldafing Displaced Persons Camp in Germany, where they remained from 1945 until 1948. The family immigrated to the United States in March 1949 on board the U.S.S. General W. M. Black and settled in New York. Ada remained very close with her brother, Abraham, who sadly passed away in the fall of 2025. Ada currently resides in Melville.

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI AND NORTHWELL HEALTH



present:



LYME DISEASE INFORMATION AND PREVENTION SEMINAR

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. ADRIAN POPP



July 9, 2026 • 2:00 PM

(CHECK IN BEGINS AT 1:45)

CINEMA ARTS CENTRE

423 Park Ave

Huntington, NY 11743



TO REGISTER SCAN QR CODE OR CALL
MICHELLE WRIGHT - 631-351-3173



"Together we can spread
awareness, support those
affected, and promote
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Let's Walk, Huntington

**Join Councilwoman Hebert
July 5th at 12:00PM
as she takes on the
Huntington Trail Challenge!**

**Meet up at
Dix Hills Park-Woodland Trail Loop
and let's go
Hiking with Hebert!**



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NALOXONE TRAINING

COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS





Learn from Barry Zaks of Huntington Drug & Alcohol Counseling Center to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and how to administer the reversal drug, Naloxone (Narcan).



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WHY GET TRAINED?

-  Community Service Credit
-  FREE Naloxone Kit
-  Good on a Resume
-  Empowerment and Confidence



Where:

Huntington Town Hall
100 Main Street
Huntington
Town Board Room

When:

Tuesday - July 28th, 2026
4:30 pm

Save a life or a friend, family member or anyone.

To Register Call (631) 351-3173 or via QR code
Questions? email mawright@huntingtonny.gov
Students 14 years and younger need parental consent to attend.



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“LET’S TALK, HUNTINGTON – MONTHLY Q&A WITH COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER HEBERT.”

Councilwoman Jennifer Hebert invites all residents to join her for an open community conversation.

Your voice matters — we hope to see you there!

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
TUESDAY, JULY 7TH	6:30–8:00	ELWOOD LIBRARY 1929 JERICHO TURNPIKE EAST NORTHPORT, NY 11731

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO:

- ASK QUESTIONS
- SHARE CONCERNS
- OFFER IDEAS
- LEARN ABOUT LOCAL INITIATIVES

ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME.

CALL 631-351-3175 WITH ANY QUESTIONS



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Slow Down, Stay Safe on the Water This 4th of July

Remember the 5 MPH Speed & No-Wake Zones

By: Jacob DiazGranados

As boaters take to the water this Fourth of July weekend to celebrate our nation's 250th Anniversary of its independence with family and friends, safety should remain the top priority. With the celebration of the Fourth of July, comes fireworks, so the Town will be implementing temporary 5 mile-per-hour speed zones to ensure that our waterways are safe during and after the planned fireworks displays.



You may ask yourself, “Why does the Town implement these temporary speed zones?” It is due to the overwhelming number of boats that are expected to enter our waters starting July 1st and straight through the holiday weekend. This year over a thousand boats are expected for the 250th Anniversary of our Countries’ Independence. If viewing fireworks from the water, maintain a safe distance from launch sites and be aware of restricted areas.

With increased boat traffic expected across local waterways, adhering to posted no-wake zones and low-wake zones is more important than ever. No wake zones are designated areas where vessels must operate at a slow speed, creating minimal wake. These zones are often established near marinas, docks, swimming areas, and shorelines to protect people, property, and wildlife. Excessive wakes can damage boats, erode shorelines, and create dangerous conditions for other boaters, kayakers, paddleboarders, swimmers, and other recreational users. The dangers that a wake from a speeding boat creates can potentially destabilize a smaller or overcrowded boat. Unfortunately, this exact scenario tragically played out several years ago in 2012. Victoria Gaines, a young Huntington resident, lost her life days before her 8 birthday after the boat she was riding on capsized in Oyster Bay after a Fourth of July fireworks display.

The holiday weekend is one of the busiest times of the year on the water, making responsible boating essential. **Before leaving the dock operators should always remain alert and:**

- Maintain a safe speed and abide by the speed limit and no-wake zones
- Avoid alcohol consumption while operating the vessel
- Exercise caution at dusk and after dark when visibility is reduced
- Check that the boat's navigation lights are functioning properly
- Verify that your fire extinguishers are fully charged and mounted in an easily reachable location.
- Ensure that there are enough life jackets onboard for every passenger
- Examine that your flares are not expired and that your horn sounds
- Pack a well-stocked first aid kit and a basic marine toolkit for repairs



Please designate a sober captain before leaving the dock because **boating while intoxicated is just as serious of a crime as driving while intoxicated.** Boating under the influence puts yourself, your loved ones, marine life, and other boaters at risk. Boats can be much larger than a car or an SUV and operating on water is very different than operating a vehicle on land, adding alcohol into that equation is a deadly combination. Huntington's Harbor Patrol are out patrolling the waters from 7 AM until 2 o'clock in the morning every day, on call 24/7, to ensure the safety of our waterways. In addition, the Harbormaster's office will be out on the waters supporting the Suffolk County Marine Bureau as they always do, cracking down on speeders, intoxicated boaters, conducting boat stops, ensuring boats are operating safely, have the proper equipment and required documentation, and are adhering to the capacity limits in place to prevent unnecessary tragedies.

In 2019, New York State officially enacted Brianna's Law, a law that requires all operators of motorized watercraft to complete a state-approved boating safety course. Brianna's Law was named after Brianna Lieneck, an eleven-year-old girl who was killed in a tragic boating accident in 2005. (<https://www.huntingtonny.gov/boating-safety>) Suffolk County's Safer Waterways Act requires boat operators to take a safety course and have the certificate displayed on board the vessel. Under the banner of the Town's Victoria Gaines Boating Safety Program, the Town now offers advanced boating safety courses. You can also check the Town's website or the Neptune Sail and Power Squadron website for upcoming dates.

(<https://www.huntingtonny.gov/boater-safety>) It is now a state law that if you are going to be at the helm of a boat, safety classes are mandatory. To register for classes email: neptune11743@gmail.com or call (631) 824-7128.





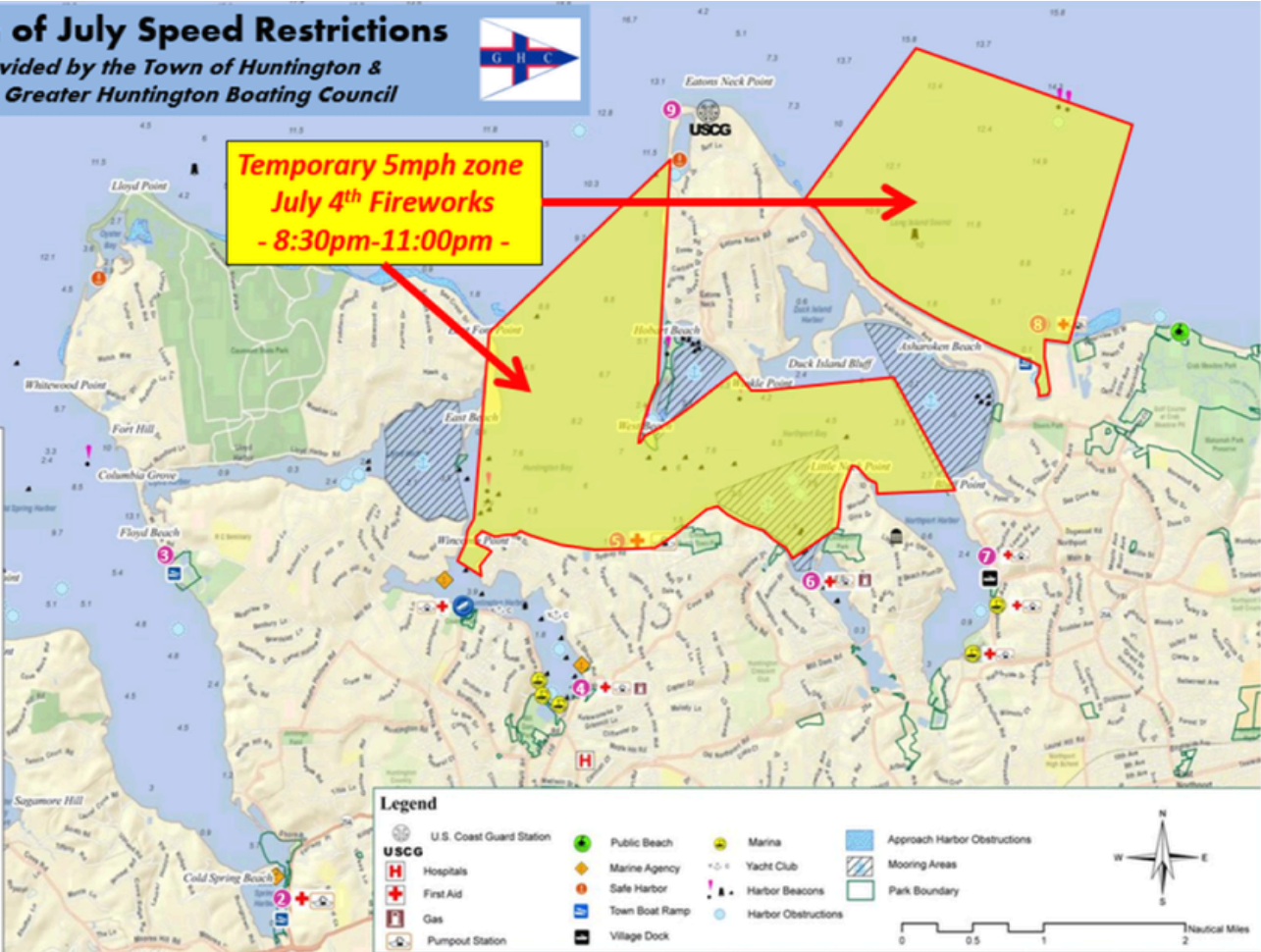
Fourth of July Speed Restrictions

Provided by the Town of Huntington & The Greater Huntington Boating Council



**Temporary 5mph zone
July 4th Fireworks
- 8:30pm-11:00pm -**

- Boating Emergency Pickup Stations**
- 2 Powles Dock
Lat: 40 Deg 51' 31"
Long: 73 Deg 27' 74"
Cold Spring Harbor F.D.
631-480-4772
 - 3 Lloyd Neck Bath Club
Lat: 40 Deg 51' 31"
Long: 73 Deg 27' 74"
Cold Spring Harbor F.D.
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 - 5 Huntington Bay Club
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Cold Spring Harbor F.D.
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 - 6 H.B.C.A. Doc
Lat: 40 Deg 51' 31"
Long: 73 Deg 27' 74"
Cold Spring Harbor F.D.
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 - 7 Northport Yacht Club
Lat: 40 Deg 51' 31"
Long: 73 Deg 27' 74"
Cold Spring Harbor F.D.
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 - 8 Soundview Boat Ramp
Lat: 40 Deg 51' 31"
Long: 73 Deg 27' 74"
Cold Spring Harbor F.D.
631-480-4772
 - 9 U.S. Coast Guard Station
Lat: 40 Deg 51' 31"
Long: 73 Deg 27' 74"
Cold Spring Harbor F.D.
631-480-4772



The Fourth of July Speed Restrictions map is available at every Huntington marina and yacht club. It will also be shared on the Town's website: <https://huntingtonny.gov/> and posted on our social media pages (Instagram & Facebook) @townofhuntington for all boaters and passengers entering Huntington's waterways. As families and friends gather to celebrate the Fourth of July on the water, taking a few simple safety precautions can help ensure that the holiday is remembered for great memories and not for preventable accidents. Safe boating starts with responsible choices, courtesy towards fellow boaters, and a commitment to putting safety first every time you leave the dock. No matter what you do this holiday weekend, whether it be on land or on sea, the Town of Huntington would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Independence Day!

Click [here](#) for a closer view of the map!



Scan QR Code for closer view of the map

What's Taking Shape Along Huntington Harbor?

New Life to Huntington Waterfront

By: Jacob DiazGranados

If you have recently passed by the American Legion Hall Post 360 on Mill Dam Road, you may have noticed construction activity along the waterfront. While it may look like just another work site today, it is actually the latest piece of a much larger vision taking shape along Huntington Harbor. The new construction marks the next phase of the Town of Huntington's Harbor Walk project, an ongoing effort to create a more connected, accessible, and attractive waterfront for residents and visitors alike. Years in the making,



the initiative is gradually transforming portions of the harbor into inviting public spaces where people can walk, gather, and enjoy the beauty of one of Huntington's most iconic natural assets. The Harbor Walk project is the result of more than three years of collaboration between the Supervisor's Office, Councilwoman Theresa Mari, and the Town's Engineering, Planning, and Maritime departments. Their shared goal is to enhance the waterfront experience while preserving the character and charm that make Huntington Harbor a destination for boaters and families.

Funding for the project was secured through the support of Suffolk County Legislator Stephanie Bontempi and New York State Assemblyman Keith Brown. Grants from the Suffolk County Jump Start program, New York State, and the Municipal Grant Funding program have all helped turn this long-term vision into reality. The latest improvements behind the American Legion Hall build upon the success of previous waterfront enhancements at Halesite Marina Park, located behind the Halesite Fire Department. For generations, Huntington Harbor has served as the heart of the community's maritime identity. The Harbor Walk project seeks not only to beautify the shoreline but also to strengthen residents' connection to the water and create spaces that can be enjoyed for years to come. And this is only the beginning. As construction progresses, residents can look forward to seeing Huntington Harbor continue its transformation one waterfront improvement at a time.



Huntington Prepares a Semiquincentennial Time Capsule

Written by Nicolas Aronov / Contribution acknowledgment to Tyler Wheeler

(Town Clerk Andrew Raia & former Town Clerk Jo-Ann Raia)



To celebrate the 250th anniversary of United States Independence this year, the Town of Huntington is launching an exciting project to capture a snapshot of our community in 2026. We are officially building and filling a historic time capsule.

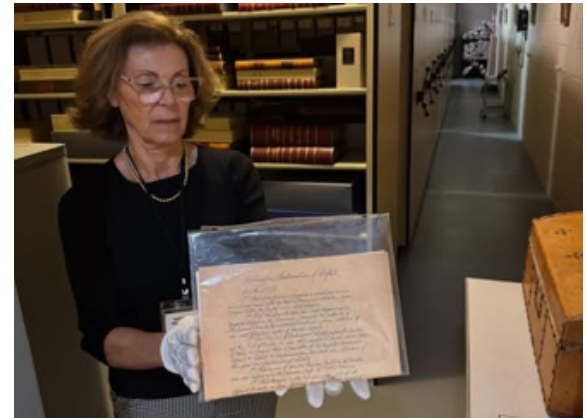
Town Supervisor Ed Smyth is partnering with Town Clerk Andrew Raia, Town Historian Robert Hughes, and Town Archivist Antonia Mattheou to bring this project to life. Every Town Department is participating, contributing unique items that represent their daily operations, technology, and dedicated staff.

The time capsule is a true community effort:

- The capsule will be constructed entirely in-house by our Department of General Services employees.
- It will be officially sealed by December 2026.
- It will be safely stored in the Jo-Ann Raia Records Center and Archives.
- Future Huntington employees and residents will unseal the capsule 50 years from now, in the year 2076.

This very article, along with our July 2026 Liberty news magazine, will be proudly tucked inside the capsule for future generations to read.

(Town Archivist Antonia Mattheou)



A Special Message for the year 2076

If you are reading this in the year 2076—hello from 2026! To give you a little sample of sports culture and local life today: as of this July, the New York Knicks are the NBA Champions, breaking a 53-year championship drought.

- To help our future residents understand how we run things today, here is a quick look at Huntington by the numbers in 2026:
- Service / Info 2026 Details
- Town Main Phone Number: (631) 351-3000
- HART Bus Senior Fare: 75 cents
- Current Parking App: Passport App
- Huntington Animal Shelter Location: 106 Deposit Road, East Northport

We wonder what your phone numbers, bus fares, and tech look like in 2076. Until then, we are proud to preserve our history for you.



(Commemorative Town of Huntington Liberty Endures 2026 Coin)

Oyster Reefs Making Waves

Oyster Season Kicks Off with a Fresh Delivery of Oysters to Gold Star Beach

By: Jacob DiazGranados

The waters off Gold Star Beach are getting a natural boost thanks to a growing oyster restoration effort that is already making a measurable impact on Huntington's harbor ecosystem. On Tuesday, June 16th the Cornell Cooperative Extension in partnership with the Rotary Environmental Action Coalition of Huntington (REACH) and the Town of Huntington, deployed thousands of oyster spat-on-shell at Gold Star Beach as part of the Huntington-Northport Oyster Reef Project. Over 200 REACH volunteers helped work on the nursery rafts delivery. This year's delivery was divided in half. Half of the oysters were delivered to Gold Star Battalion Beach, and the other half will be delivered to Woodbine. In total, the program hopes to add another 500 to 1,000 square feet of reef this season to the existing reefs inside the harbors.





REACH
Rotary
Environmental Action
Coalition of Huntington



The project's mission is to improve water quality, restore marine habitat, and support the town's maritime heritage for the benefit of all residents, boaters, baymen, and future generations. Oysters are known as ecosystem engineers and nature's water filters, and for good reason. A single adult oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water each day, removing excess nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus, which improves overall water quality and helps prevent the conditions that lead to harmful algal blooms (HAB). Each spat-on-shell contains multiple young oysters that will continue to grow and contribute to the health of the harbor. The results have been impressive. Project data shows an 85 percent retention rate of the oysters deployed throughout the season. With approximately more than 400,000 oysters now established on local reefs, they have the potential to filter nearly 20,000,000 million gallons of water every day. Beyond cleaner water, the oyster reefs are creating valuable habitat for marine life. Areas of the harbor once described as a "moonscape" are now becoming vibrant underwater ecosystems, providing shelter and feeding grounds for fish, crabs, and other marine species.

A key part of the effort involves collecting and recycling oyster and clam shells year-round. Rather than ending up as waste, these shells are cured in Huntington and later used as substrate for oyster spat-on-shell production at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Hatchery in Southold. To date, the program has produced 403,874 oysters for our local waters. Throughout the year, the program grows spat-on-shell oysters during the summer to create a network of spawner sanctuaries in closed waters, cultivates sugar kelp during the winter in Town embayments to reduce excess nitrogen and other impurities, and collects half-shells of clam and oyster year-round to be recycled and cured in Huntington and used as substrate for spat-on-shell production. As the oyster population continues to grow, so too will the environmental benefits.

To read further on the project and keep up with updates throughout the season, you can access these websites:

- REACH- The Oyster Reef Project: (<https://theoysterreefproject.org/>)
- Cornell Cooperative Extension- (<https://cals.cornell.edu/cornell-cooperative-extension>)

Click [here](#) to view a video from Garret Chelius, Deputy Director of the Department of Maritime Services, who filmed the oysters being delivered to Gold Star!



**SUPERVISOR SMYTH,
COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI
AND THE TOH OPIOID AND ADDICTION TASK FORCE PRESENT**

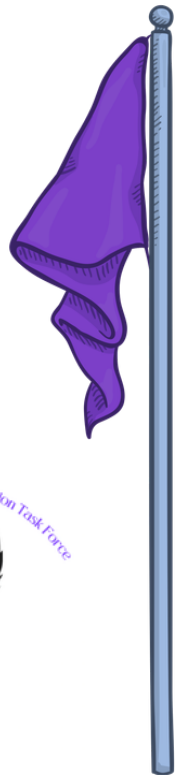
Huntington Goes Purple

**RECOVERY MONTH FLAG-
RAISING AND PRESS
CONFERENCE**

Join us as we kick off Recovery Month by honoring recovery journeys, supporting loved ones, and bringing the community together to raise awareness and strengthen pathways to healing.

**August 31, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Veterans Plaza - Huntington Town Hall
100 Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743**

For information call Michelle Wright 631-351-3173



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COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI AND THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON OPIOID AND ADDICTION TASK FORCE



PRESENT



THE ANNUAL WELLNESS WALK FOR HOPE

Walk for a cause & learn about important community resources to BE & STAY Healthy!

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026
9:30AM - 12:30PM
HECKSCHER PARK, HUNTINGTON

RESOURCES

Recovery, Mental Health, & Wellness Information

Face and rock painting, therapy dogs, and so much more!

Free Food
&
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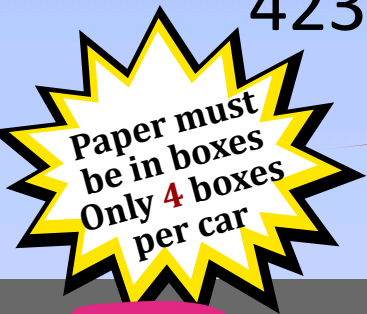
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*Councilwoman Theresa Mari and
Councilwoman Jennifer Hebert present*

Protect and Purge: Shed & Shred Event

Tuesday, August 18TH, 2026
1:00pm - 3:00pm

John J. Flanagan Center
423 Park Avenue, Huntington 11743



This is A Drive Thru Event



For Information call 631.351.3173

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COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI PRESENTS



Pink in the Park

A Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Fair

October 4th, 2026

10:30AM - Opening ceremony and Walk Around the Pond

11AM - 2PM - Entertainment and informational/product booths



**Heckscher Park
Prime Avenue and Route 25A
Huntington, NY**

Councilwoman Theresa Mari, a breast cancer survivor herself, is dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of the Huntington community through proactive initiatives and active community engagement.

**To become a vendor
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A Parade of Champions

Huntington Honors the New York Knicks & the Huntington Blue Devils

By: Jacob DiazGranados



Saturday, June 13, 2026 will forever be a day to remember because the Town of Huntington won all around. For generations of fans, it was the moment they had been waiting for. The New York Knicks defeated the San Antonio Spurs 94-90 in Game 5 of the NBA Finals and captured the NBA Championship. After 53 long overdue years, the Knicks finally brought a title back home to New York. This ignited celebrations nationwide, including at our very own watch party at the Chapin Rainbow Stage in Heckscher Park on June 8th for Game 3 of the NBA Finals.

Over a thousand Huntington residents packed Heckscher Park to watch Game 3 and cheer on New York's hometown team as it was broadcasted on a large screen for families and friends to enjoy. Dressed in blue, orange, and white, the crowd enjoyed the evening from their lawn chairs, snuggled up in blankets with plenty of snacks and treats. The watch party event would not have been possible without the hard work and collaboration of our Town departments. A huge thank you to Public Safety, General Services, Parks, I.T., Environmental Waste Management, Highway, and Human Services for your teamwork and dedication in making this night an enormous success. A special thank you to the Suffolk County Police Department for their tremendous presence before, during, and after the game and their commitment to public safety, which helped make the event safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for everyone.

Following the overwhelming turnout for our Knicks watch party, the Town Team were inundated with requests to continue holding watch parties throughout the remainder of the NBA Finals Tournament. As these events required significant coordination, the Town brainstormed a bigger, better idea following the Knicks' title victory: hosting our own celebratory New York Knicks Championship Parade. It was a no-brainer, given the number of loyal Knicks fans in our community.



Hosting this Championship Parade would be the perfect opportunity for all of us to come together one last time to celebrate a historic victory that was decades in the making and truly unifying. It was our goal to bring together fans of all ages to celebrate this memorable moment and to showcase our spirit and pride that makes our town so special.



At the same time the Knicks were winning for New York, the Huntington High School girls' lacrosse team was winning for Huntington. This season, the girls' lacrosse team racked up a few wins, starting with its second consecutive Suffolk Crown, followed by a consecutive



Long Island Championship, and finally topped off with the first state championship in program history at Grady Field at SUNY Cortland. The Blue Devils were led to victory by co-head coaches Megan Marinelli and Christopher Taylor and won the NYSPHSAA Class A title after a 9-6 victory against the defending champions, the Penfield Patriots. This victory ended a state championship drought that had lasted for 31 years. The Blue Devils last reached the state title game in 1995, where they lost the title match to Cicero-North Syracuse by a single goal. The 1995 season was the inaugural year of the NYSPHSAA championship tournament. The 1995 team was under the leadership of former head coach Mary Paar, who developed the Huntington High School girls' lacrosse program back in 1988. Following the Blue Devils' historic and long-awaited win, the Town Team believed that they would be the perfect addition to our New York Knicks Championship Parade.



The Town came together in a spirited celebration on Tuesday, June 23 as residents lined the streets to honor two groups of champions: the New York Knicks and the Huntington High School girls' lacrosse team, fresh off their championship victories. The parade stepped off at 4:30 PM on Sabbath Day Path, across from Town Hall, and carried through Heckscher Park to the Chapin Rainbow Stage. Family, friends, and community members stood along the route as they cheered on Huntington's hometown heroes.



Following the parade, the festivities continued with a community gathering featuring live music from a DJ, free giveaways, food, and special recognition for the girl's lacrosse team. Chick-fil-A Huntington, one of the event's sponsors, provided complimentary food for attendees, while Palacios Law Group, another event sponsor, handed out lacrosse themed cupcakes to help commemorate the occasion. There was also an unlimited ice cream truck that add to the festive atmosphere. Elected officials joined the festivities to honor the team's accomplishments. During the special recognition ceremony, players were presented with commemorative championship T-shirts and banners celebrating their remarkable achievement and dedication throughout the season presented by Town Supervisor Ed Smyth and Councilwoman Jennifer Hebert on behalf of the Town of Huntington. The players also received proclamations recognizing their championship season from New York State Assemblyman Steve Stern, on the state level, and Suffolk

County Legislator Rebecca Sanin, on the county level. Each official praised the athletes for their hard work, perseverance, sportsmanship, and for serving as role models for young people throughout the community. What began as a celebration of the New York Knicks became an unforgettable tribute to local excellence, highlighting the unity and love that defines our Huntington community.

Congratulations

Not to mention, Huntington is the epicenter of champions. Our local sports programs are absolutely on fire this year:

- Shoutout to both the Boys and Girls Cold Spring Harbor High School Lacrosse Teams for bringing home their own State Championship victories!
- Congratulations to the Half Hollow Hills Girls Flag Football Team for going an undefeated 19-0 and capturing the Class A State Championship!

To all the athletes, the dedicated coaches, and the families who supported them every step of the way: Thank you for making the Town of Huntington so incredibly proud!



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JULY

AUGUST

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SUNDAY - 7/12 4:00 PM JANE AUSTEN'S MANSFIELD PARK EASTLINE THEATRE	MONDAY - 7/20 8:30 PM MOVIE NIGHT GOAT	WEDNESDAY - 7/8 8:00 PM HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY BAND	THURSDAY - 7/9 8:00 PM HUNTINGTON MEN'S CHORUS	FRIDAY - 7/10 8:00 PM THE NORTHSORE POPS CONCERT BAND
SUNDAY - 7/19 6:30 PM JUST WILD ABOUT HARRY BENEFIT	MONDAY - 7/27 8:30 PM MOVIE NIGHT THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SEARCH FOR SQUAREPANTS	WEDNESDAY - 7/15 8:00 PM HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY BAND	THURSDAY - 7/16 8:00 PM SOL Y SOMBRA SPANISH DANCE	FRIDAY - 7/17 8:00 PM THE SUFFERS
SUNDAY - 7/26 4:00 PM LONG ISLAND DANCE CONSORTIUM	MONDAY - 8/10 8:30 PM MOVIE NIGHT THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE	WEDNESDAY - 7/22 8:00 PM HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY BAND	THURSDAY - 7/23 8:00 PM SHAKEDOWN SOUNDS X REACT SOUND EVENTS	FRIDAY - 7/24 8:00 PM NASSAU POPS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
SUNDAY - 8/2 4:00 PM DARLENNE GRAHAM & THE SHADES OF GREEN BAND KIDS SHOW	MONDAY - 8/17 8:30 PM MOVIE NIGHT WICKED FOR GOOD	WEDNESDAY - 7/29 8:00 PM HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY BAND	THURSDAY - 7/30 7:00 PM D'ADDARIO SUMMER JAM BENEFIT	FRIDAY - 7/31 8:00 PM BEST OF COUNTRY TRIBUTE
SUNDAY - 8/9 4:00 PM DINO SAFARI ADVENTURE KIDS SHOW	THURSDAY - 8/6 8:00 PM NY TO BOSTON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOSTON	THURSDAY - 8/13 8:00 PM STEVIE MAC	FRIDAY - 8/7 8:00 PM FEARLESS THE TAYLOR SWIFT EXPERIENCE	SATURDAY - 8/1 8:00 PM YACHT ROCK GOLD EXPERIENCE
SUNDAY - 8/16 4:00 PM ZABO CIRCUS KIDS SHOW	FRIDAY - 8/14 8:00 PM DANCE ANTHEMS HOUSE MUSIC DJ NIGHT	FRIDAY - 8/21 8:00 PM JUST LIKE PINK TRIBUTE	SATURDAY - 8/8 8:00 PM THAT MOTOWN BAND	SATURDAY - 8/15 8:00 PM BROADWAY UNDER THE STARS
THURSDAY - 8/20 8:00 PM BLINK-180WHO? DOOKIE TRIBUTE	FRIDAY - 8/22 8:00 PM DISCO UNLIMITED	SATURDAY 9/5 8:00 PM LORDS OF 52ND STREET		

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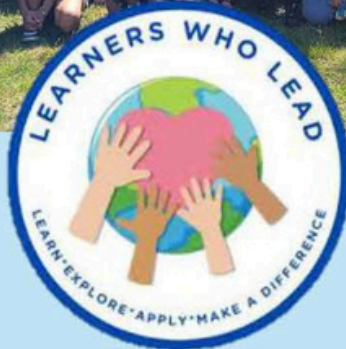
WOODHULL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Celebration of Service

A special thank you, from a Town of Huntington Community Service Partner – the students, teachers, staff and administration of the **Woodhull Intermediate School** in Huntington and their **Leaders Who Lead** Program.

“Thank you to our community partners and organizations for welcoming our students and supporting their service-learning experiences.

Your kindness, guidance, and collaboration helped our *Leaders Who Lead* grow as leaders and make a meaningful difference in our community. We are truly grateful for your support”!



The Town of Huntington welcomes the opportunity to work with our school districts and the students on projects and initiatives that better the community. These service-related collaborations are a win/win for everyone - the Town, the school, the students and the community.

Any school district that would like to partner with the Town of Huntington on any service projects are welcome to contact the Town's Department of Parks and Recreation.



Woodhull Intermediate's **Leaders Who Lead** in action at Centerport Beach & Playground.





JULY

TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
7	TopGolf & Lunch 11:30 am - 3:00 pm \$60	8	Bayville Adventure Park 11:00 am - 4:30 pm \$60	9	Adventureland After Dark 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm \$60
14	**Skyzone & Lunch** 11:00 am - 3:00 pm \$60	15	Custom Cookie Baking/Decorating & Lunch 11:30 am - 3:30 pm \$60	16	Fire Island (1) 8:00 am - 4:00 pm \$40
21	Splish Splash & Lunch 9:00 am - 5:00 pm \$70 (\$55 no lunch)	22	Make Your Own Sushi Lunch + Dave & Busters 11:30 am - 5:00 pm \$65	23	Bowling, Lazertag, Arcade & Lunch @ The Main Event 11:00 am - 4:00 pm \$55 <i>must be 48 inches or taller</i>
<p>*YDA @ BUNGER SURF CLINIC - MON. - 7/27, 7/28, and 7/29* 8:30 - 3:30 PM - \$500 NO PREVIOUS SURF EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM LUNCH NOT INCLUDED NO REFUNDS/CREDITS/SUBSTITUTIONS ALLOWED - ADDITIONAL WAIVER REQUIRED</p>					

MIDDLE SCHOOL DROP-IN: FRIDAYS 3:30 - 6:00 PM
 SPEND TIME WITH FRIENDS WHILE SAFE AND SUPERVISED
 - FREE SNACK, PLAY VIDEO GAMES, WATCH MOVIES & TV,
 PAINT, CRAFTS, LISTEN TO MUSIC OR JUST HANG OUT.
 OPEN TO YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 5-8 IN FALL 2026.

NEED TO EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS? CHECK OUT THE COMMUNITY IMPACT TEAM ON MONDAYS! 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24 - A YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



AUGUST

TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
4	Hibachi Lunch & Movie 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm \$65	5	Sewing with Truly Made & Lunch/ Ice Cream 11:00 am - 2:00 pm \$60	6	**Tiki Action Park & Lunch** 11:00 am - 4:00 pm \$55 <i>Must be 58 inches or taller for single rider</i>
11	Fishing & Lunch 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm \$25	12	Pottery Painting @ Claytime & Lunch 11:30 am - 2:30 pm \$50	13	**Horseback Riding & Lunch** 10:30 am - 2:30 pm \$35
18	Fire Island (2) 8:00 am - 4:00 pm \$40	19	Candle Making @ Fire and Wixx & Lunch 11:00 am - 3:30 pm \$55	20	**Rock Climbing & Lunch** 10:30 am - 2:00 pm \$55

- ALL ADVENTURES REQUIRE A PERMISSION SLIP
- PARTICIPANTS MUST TRAVEL AS A GROUP TO THE DESTINATION AND CANNOT BE PICKED UP/DROPPED OFF AT ADVENTURE SITES.

****SOME ADVENTURES REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL WAIVER****
 ADVENTURES MARKED WITH LUNCH INCLUDE FOOD
 ALL OTHER MEALS MUST BE PACKED OR PURCHASED

ONLINE REGISTRATION KICKS OFF TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND AT 6:00 PM AT YDAONLINE.ORG/PROGRAMS (VISIT FOR INDIVIDUAL ADVENTURE INFO)
ALL OTHER REGISTRATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY JUNE 3rd AT 11:00 AM AND IS ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

NOTE: \$30 bank fee for all returned checks. All sales are final. YDA will not, under any circumstances, issue cash refunds. A YDA credit minus a \$10 cancellation fee, will only be granted if cancellations are received at least one week prior to the Adventure. Open to youth entering grades 5 - 12 in September 2026 (AND ages 10 through 18 at the time of Adventure). No subs, credits, or refunds for YDA @ Bunger Surf Clinic- NO EXCEPTIONS - For questions please call: 261-7901 or email info@ydaonline.org



SUMMER FUN with REACH CYA

For middle and high school youth from Commack and Half Hollow Hills who are entering Grade 6 through high school.

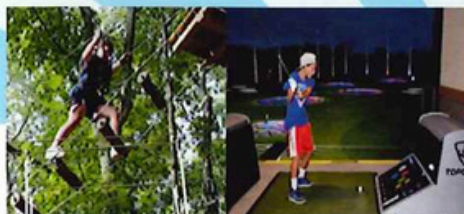
JULY 2026

AUGUST 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Special Waivers are required for several trips. Please follow online instructions and deadlines.				
Reminder! No open shoes or flip-flops on Go-Carts!	7 2 VANS ESCAPE Room at Puzzle Break 11:15-3:00 \$41	8 BUS TOP GOLF & lunch 10-1:30 \$38	9 2 VANS HORSEBACK TRAIL RIDE 10:45-2:30 \$69	10 2 VANS TIKI PARK Go Carts, Mini Golf & lunch at Burger King 11:45-4:00 \$39
13 2 VANS CAPTREE FISHING 12:45-5:45 \$55	14 2 VANS URBAN AIR Dix Hills & Lunch 11:45-3:00 \$46 No Transportation	15 RPM Indoor Go-Carts & Lunch 11:45-2:30 \$60 No Transportation	16 ZIP LINE at U Adventure Park 1:30-5:30 \$50 No Transportation	When you see LUNCH or ICES it's included!
20 2 VANS KAYAK, PADDLE-BOARD, Ices 11:30-4:30 \$72	21 2 VANS HORSEBACK TRAIL RIDE 10:45-2:30 \$69	Trips which include transportation depart and return to the REACH office.	23 BUS SPLISH SPLASH 9-5 \$85	
27 BUS DAVE & BUSTERS & lunch 11:15-3:30 \$65	28 2 VANS ROUND1 Immersive Bowling, Arcade, Ping Pong, & Lunch 11:15-3:30 \$59	29 2 VANS GRAFFITI T-SHIRT @ GraffLab Pizza & Ices 10:15-2:15 \$59		31 2 vans WHAT'S COOKING 10:45-2:00 \$53

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
TRANSPORTATION VARIES BY TRIP Bus and van trips depart from and return to REACH CYA office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus: 40 youth • Vans: 10 youth per van • No Transportation: Transportation will not be provided for local trips. Participants will be responsible for own transportation. 				
3 2 VANS TIKI PARK Go Carts, Mini Golf & lunch at Burger King 11:45-4:00 \$39	4 	5 RPM GO CARTS & PIZZA 11:45-2:30 \$60 No Transportation	6 ADVENTURELAND 12:45-5:00 \$42 No Transportation	7 2 VANS HIBACHI Lunch & MOVIE 11:30-4 \$49
10 Sign up for community service activities!	11	12	13	14
3 DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE For Middle & High School Students Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10am-12:30pm \$30 Location: REACH CYA office. Earn 7.5 hours of credit. Each day includes fun & creative community service projects and snack.				

Register Online! **Online Registration**
 begins Sat., May 9, 2026 at 9:00am
 go to www.reachcya.org
 OR <https://signupforms.com/registrations/46133>
SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER EARLY



SUMMER TRIPS 2026



Tri Community & Youth Agency

www.tricya.org

(631) 673-0614



July 2026

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3 Agency Closed
6	7 Dix Hills Pool 12:30pm-5pm	8 Robert Moses Beach 9:30am-3pm	9 Brooklyn Museum & Botanical Gardens 9am-6pm	10 Paintball 10am-4pm (must wear sneakers and pants)
13	14 Dix Hills Pool 12:30pm-5pm	15 Robert Moses Beach 9:30am-3pm	16 Adventureland 4pm-10pm	17 Bounce 12:15pm-3:45pm
20	21 Dix Hills Pool 12:30pm-5pm	22 Fishing 9am-2pm	23 Bronx Zoo 8am-6:30pm	24 SPYSCAPE NYC* 9:30am-7pm
27	28 Dix Hills Pool 12:30pm-5pm	29 Robert Moses Beach 3pm-8pm	30 Canoeing (ages 13-18) 9am-2pm	31 Museum of Natural History 9am-6pm

Summer Program Schedule

Begins July 6th

Ends August 21th

Huntington

Art Classes: Daily 4-5pm

Basketball: Mondays 1-3pm

(Need permission slip - off site)

Cooking: Wednesdays 1:30-3pm

Drop In: Mon-Sat 1-5pm

Flag Football: Mondays 7-9pm

(Need permission slip - off site)

Golf: Mondays 9:15am-12:15pm

(Need permission slip - off site)

Healthy Habits: Thursdays

Karaoke: Fridays 3-4pm

Library: Wednesdays 1:30-2:30pm

Podcast: Tuesdays 4-5pm

Reading: Tuesdays & Wednesdays
3:30-5pm

Soccer: Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm

(Need permission slip - off site)

South Huntington

Drop In WWHS: Mondays 1-5pm

Drop In Stimson MS: Mondays 1-5pm

August 2026

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4 Dix Hills Pool 12:30pm-5pm	5 Robert Moses Beach 9:30am-3pm	6 Graff Lab 1pm-4:30pm United Skates 5:30pm-9pm	7 Adventureland 11am-5pm
10	11 Dix Hills Pool 12:30pm-5pm	12 Robert Moses Beach 9:30am-3pm	13 Splish Splash (ages 13-18) 8am-7pm	14 No Programs/ Backpack Giveaway
17	18	19	20	21

Summer Trips are FREE

Please send your child with a bathing suit, change of clothes, snack money, hat, sunblock & towel on:

- Robert Moses Beach
- Dix Hills Pool
- Canoeing
- Splish Splash

Registration

Date: Wednesday, May 27th

Time: 5:30pm-7pm

Location: 809 New York Ave
(behind Phenix Salon Suites)

Trips are for youth aged 10 and up (except Canoeing and Splish Splash)

Sneakers required for SPYSCAPE

HUNTINGTON (Admin Office)
809 New York Avenue
Huntington, NY 11743
PHONE: 631-673-0614
FAX: 631-470-4738

SOUTH HUNTINGTON
Walt Whitman High School
301 West Hills Road
Stimson Middle School
401 Oakwood Road

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Cold Spring Harbor High School
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9:15 - 10:45 AM
On Ice Skills



11:00 - 12:00 PM
Lunch



12:15 - 1:15 PM
On Ice Games



1:30 - 3:15 PM
Outdoor Sports / Pool



3:30 PM
Dismissal



SESSIONS



SESSION I
JULY 27 - JULY 31



SESSION II
AUG 3 - AUG 7



SESSION III
AUG 10 - AUG 14



SESSION IV
AUG 17 - AUG 21



SESSION V
AUG 24 - AUG 28

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SESSION I July 13 - July 17

SESSION II July 20 - July 24

SESSION III July 27 - July 31








SESSION IV Aug 3 - Aug 7

SESSION V Aug 10 - Aug 14

SESSION VI Aug 17 - Aug 21

SESSION VII Aug 24 - Aug 28

DAILY ITINERARY

	9:15 - 10:00 AM	Off Ice Training
	10:00 - 10:45 AM	Arts & Crafts
	11:00 - 11:45 AM	On Ice
	12:00 - 12:30 PM	Lunch
	12:45 - 1:30 PM	On Ice
	2:00 - 3:00 PM	Pool Time (Full Day Only)
	3:30 PM	Dismissal

COST:

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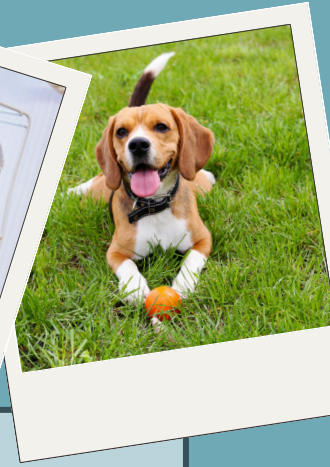
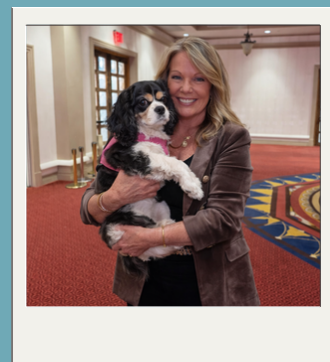
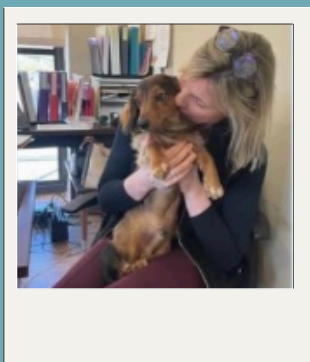
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Seniors from the John J. Flanagan Center
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the Town of Huntington Board meeting on
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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON RECOGNIZES 2026 SCHOLAR ATHLETES



The Town of Huntington proudly celebrated its 2026 Scholar Athlete Award recipients, honoring outstanding students from each local high school who have demonstrated excellence in academics, athletics, leadership, and service. Supervisor Ed Smyth, Councilmembers Dr. Dave Bennardo, Brooke Lupinacci, Theresa Mari, and Jennifer Hebert presented the awards at a special ceremony, highlighting the achievements of these exceptional student-athletes.

CONGRATULATIONS



2026

WE WISH YOU CONTINUED
SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS!



COMMACK HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR ED SMYTH



Samantha Skaggs has excelled both academically and athletically at Commack High School, maintaining a 3.7 GPA while earning 36 college credits. A three-year varsity soccer player, she helped lead Commack to its first state championship and also competes in flag football. Samantha will attend Sacred Heart University to study nursing.

Emerson Atkin excelled both in the classroom and on the track, maintaining a 99 weighted GPA while earning multiple All-League, All-County, and All-Sectional honors. One of New York's top triple jumpers, he will attend University of Massachusetts Amherst to study Mechanical Engineering and compete in track and field.



ELWOOD-JOHN H. GLENN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR ED SMYTH



Erika Hartough has excelled at John Glenn High School as a member of the National Honor Society and World Language Honor Society and a four-year varsity track athlete and captain. She will attend Quinnipiac University to pursue a combined degree in Occupational Therapy after earning All-League honors and competing at the county and state level.

Jake Piacenti has a weighted GPA of 96, is Magna Cum Laude, and was recognized as an AP Scholar. Three-year member of the varsity soccer team and served as team captain during his senior season. He was named All-Division twice, All-County once, and was selected to play in the Suffolk Senior All-Star Game. He will attend Arcadia University, where he has been selected to continue his soccer career at the Division III level.



HARBORFIELDS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN DR. DAVE BENNARDO

Riley Lyons has excelled in academics and athletics, carrying a 107+ GPA while earning multiple honors, and four-time New York State Scholar-Athlete recognition. A four-year soccer player and two-year track athlete involved in several academic and science programs, she will attend University of Virginia to study Biology.



Leo Lin, Harborfields High School's Class of 2026 Valedictorian, has excelled academically and athletically as a four-year scholar-athlete in cross country and track. He will attend Carnegie Mellon University to study Electrical Engineering after earning honors including National Merit Commended Student and multiple AP awards.

WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN DR. DAVE BENNARDO

Kritz "George" Taku ranks in the top five percent of his graduating class and has earned honors including AP Scholar with Distinction, the AP Capstone Diploma, and the Seal of Biliteracy. A multi-sport captain and All-League athlete, he will attend Northeastern University to study Public Health on a pre-med track.



Maria Petkovits has excelled academically, athletically, and in service at Walt Whitman High School, ranking in the top 10% of her class with a 103+ GPA and completing seven AP courses. A six-year varsity swim team captain and multi-sport athlete, she earned All-League and All-County honors and will attend SUNY Oneonta to swim competitively and study Dietetics..

**COLD SPRING HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTED BY COUNCILWOMAN BROOKE LUPINACCI**



Kaitlynn Hanna has excelled at Cold Spring Harbor High School while serving as electrical captain of the robotics team and participating in tennis, music, and student organizations. She will attend University of Michigan this fall to continue her studies and build on her strong foundation in problem-solving and leadership.

Tyler Donaldson has excelled as a scholar, athlete, and leader at his high school, serving in honor societies and student government while maintaining a strong academic record. A four-year varsity soccer goalkeeper and multi-sport athlete who overcame a serious injury, he will attend University of Virginia this fall.

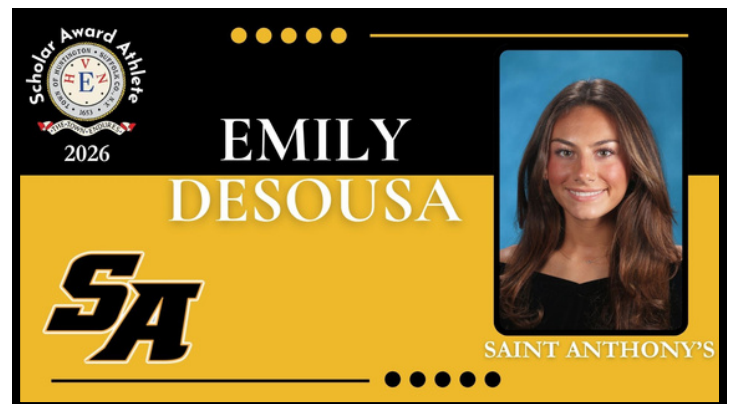


**ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTED BY COUNCILWOMAN BROOKE LUPINACCI**



David McCue is a standout scholar-athlete at St. Anthony's High School, earning a 96 GPA along with High Honor Roll and National Honor Society recognition. A captain in lacrosse and an All-State football player, he helped lead championship teams and will continue his lacrosse career at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Emily DeSousa excelled as a student-athlete at St. Anthony's High School, earning multiple academic awards while also leading her soccer teams to league and state championships. A standout in soccer and track and field, she will continue her academic and athletic career at Union College this fall.



HALF HOLLOW HILLS EAST HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTED BY COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI

Emma Crawford has excelled as a scholar-athlete at Half Hollow Hills East, maintaining a 97.52 GPA while earning membership in multiple honor societies. A four-year varsity soccer and lacrosse player and senior captain, she will attend University of Tennessee this fall.



Logan Pascarella is one of Half Hollow Hills East's most accomplished wrestlers, earning over 100 varsity wins along with All-League and All-County honors. A strong student with a 93.73 GPA, he will continue his education at Hunter College this fall.

HALF HOLLOW HILLS WEST HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTED BY COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI



Lia Cavorti is an outstanding scholar-athlete from Half Hollow Hills West, earning All-State honors while maintaining a 97.5 GPA and demonstrating strong leadership on the field. She will continue her academic and athletic career at Long Island University as a Division I athlete.

Sal Caiazzo is a top scholar-athlete at Half Hollow Hills West, excelling as a four-year varsity starter and earning All-County honors while maintaining a 97.38 GPA. He will continue his academic and athletic career at University of Vermont.



HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTED BY COUNILWOMAN JENNIFER HEBERT



Jolie Weinschreider is an accomplished scholar-athlete from Huntington High School, maintaining a 100+ average while earning numerous academic honors and leading multiple honor societies. A three-sport captain in soccer, basketball, and lacrosse, she will attend Rutgers University to study Psychology.

Banny Soc Concua is a standout student-athlete at Huntington High School, excelling as a captain in football and track while earning All-Division and All-County honors. He will continue his academic journey at University of Delaware to study Finance.

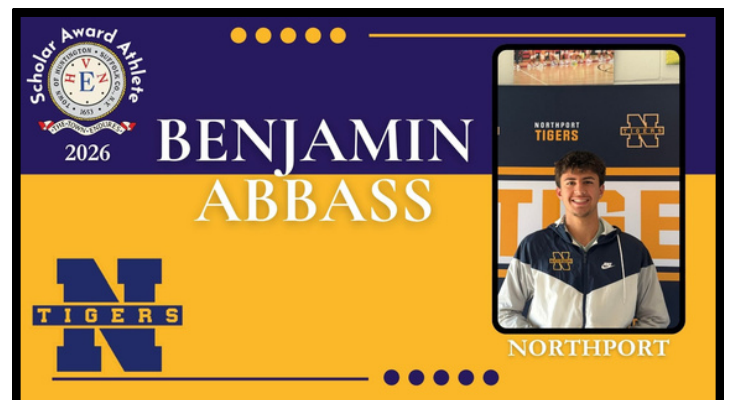


NORTHPORT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTED BY COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER HEBERT



Jillian Ryan has excelled academically and athletically at Northport High School, earning a 4.0 GPA and a 99.68 weighted average while taking AP, IB, and honors courses. A multi-sport captain in softball, basketball, and volleyball, she will continue her academic and athletic career at SUNY Oneonta to study Education.

Ben Abbass is a standout scholar-athlete at Northport High School, earning a 4.0 GPA, graduating Magna Cum Laude, and serving as Class President while excelling in multiple honor societies. A four-year varsity track and cross-country athlete and DECA state qualifier, he will attend Villanova University to study Civil Engineering.



GARDINER FARM STAND

REOPENS JULY 1ST
DAILY | 10AM - 6PM
LOLLIPOP TRAIN OPENS JULY 11TH
SATURDAYS | 10AM - 2 PM



900 PARK AVENUE

Owned by the GCHA

Corner of Little Plains & Park Ave.

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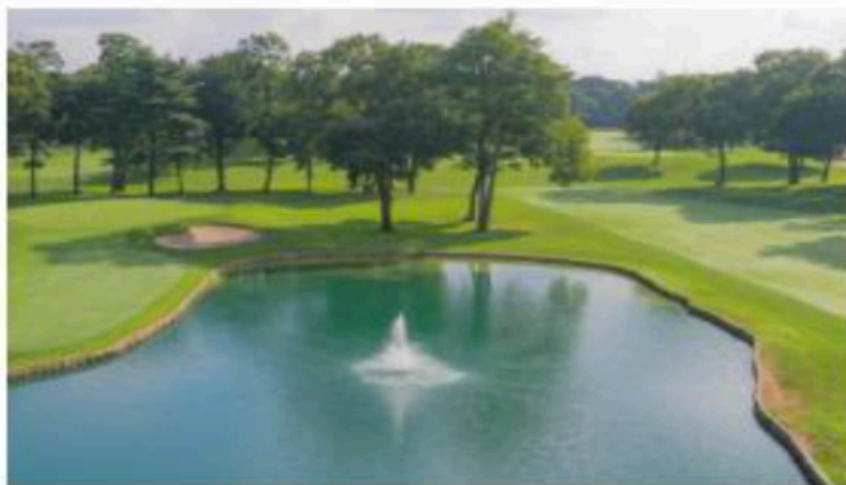


The Huntington Lions Club

67th

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

CELEBRATING 92 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY



The Huntington Lions Club
Golf Committee
P.O. Box 304
Huntington, N.Y. 11743



OUR 92nd YEAR OF
SERVICE TO OUR
COMMUNITY

HUNTINGTON LIONS CLUB

67th CHARITY GOLF OUTING

Monday - August 10, 2026

10:00 AM REGISTRATION
SHOTGUN START AT 12:00 PM

GOLF PACKAGE INCLUDES:

GREEN FEES, GOLF CART,
BREAKFAST & LUNCH,
REFRESHMENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY,
DINNER, OPEN BAR, RAFFLES
AND MUCH MORE ...

\$400.00 PER GOLFER
(\$150.00 NON-GOLFER DINNER AND COCKTAILS)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

10:00 AM
REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST
& DRIVING RANGE
12:00 PM
SHOT GUN START
LUNCH & SNACKS ON COURSE
5:00 PM
COCKTAILS & DINNER ON THE TERRACE
AWARDS CEREMONY

*In the event of inclement weather and the
greens keeper decides the course is
unplayable, the outing will be rescheduled.*

COCKTAILS AND DINNER WILL GO ON

Please join us on
Monday - August 10, 2026
for
The Huntington Lions Club
67th Annual Golf Outing
at
Woodside Club
225 Muttontown Road
Muttontown, NY 11791
516-802-2900



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Questions:
John 631-421-1021
theoldcoach23@aol.com

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please place me in a foursome: _____ ; or

Include my entry with the following players:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Enclosed Payment:

_____ \$400.00 per Golfer

_____ \$150.00 pp. Cocktails & Dinner Only

_____ \$ _____ Sponsor

_____ Total Enclosed


Mail registration with check to:

The Huntington Lions Club
Golf Committee
P.O. Box 304
Huntington, N.Y. 11743

PREPARE TODAY. PROTECTED TOMORROW.

BE READY BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES

**Town of Huntington
2026
Emergency Preparedness Brochure**



The seal of the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, N.Y., established in 1653. It features a central shield with the letters 'H', 'E', and 'Z' in red and blue, and a red 'V' above them. The shield is surrounded by a yellow rope border. The text 'TOWN OF HUNTINGTON' is on the left, 'SUFFOLK CO., N.Y.' is on the right, and '1653' is at the bottom. A banner below the seal reads 'THE TOWN ENDURES.' The background of the entire graphic is a dark, stormy sky with rain and a bright lightning bolt.

THE TOWN ENDURES.

Town Board

Dr. Dave Bennardo Councilman	Edmund J. Smyth Supervisor	Jennifer Hebert Councilwoman
Brooke A. Lupinacci Councilwoman		Theresa Mari Councilwoman

BE AWARE - BE PREPARED.

CHECK OUT OUR 2026 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BROCHURE!

PRINTED COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL, ALL TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARIES, AND THE JOHN FLANAGAN SENIOR CENTER.

YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS IT ON THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON'S WEBSITE [HERE](#).

TRASH & RECYCLING INFO



JULY 2026

SAFELY DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AT THE TOWN'S STOP* FACILITY

*Stop Throwing Out Pollutants!

Town residents can ensure the continued health and safety of our drinking water and the environment by bringing their hazardous household wastes to the Town's **STOP** Facility. The **STOP** Facility is located at the **Town Recycling Center**: This **STOP** Facility Accepts Hazardous Material from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 641 New York Avenue, Huntington (¼ mile north of Huntington Commons (formerly known as the Big H shopping center)) Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

When bringing hazardous waste to the **STOP** Facility:

- Bring waste in its original container if possible. Secure items for transport.
- Bring a maximum of 5 gallons of hazardous waste or one large capacity sealed lead acid (SLA) or lithium ion battery per person per day.
- Do not leave waste in a hot, unventilated vehicle for long periods of time.
- Do not smoke near chemical products.

If you have any further questions or concerns, call 631-446-3653 or visit:

www.HuntingtonNY.gov/STOP

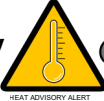











ITEMS ACCEPTED AT STOP FACILITY

Acids	Flammable	Paint Stripper
Aerosol Cans	Liquids	Paint Thinner
Ammonia	Flares	Photo Chemicals
Antifreeze	Fluorescent	Solvents
Bleach	Lamps	Spot Removers
Bug & Rodent Killers	Household	Pool Chemicals
Car Batteries	Rechargeable	Thermometers
Chemistry Sets	Batteries	Thermostats
Degreasers	Kerosene	Varnish
Disinfectants	Lacquer	Waste Oil
Drain Cleaner	Marine Batteries	Weed Killers
Fertilizer	Mercury	Wood
	Oil Based Paint	Preservatives
	Oven Cleaners	

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT STOP FACILITY *

Ammunition	Fire Extinguishers	Regular Garbage
Any items generated from a business	Fireworks	Smoke Detectors
Biological Waste	Infectious Waste	Syringes
Explosives	Medical Waste	Unlabeled
	Radioactive	Materials
	Materials	

*Call the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) at 631-444-0375 for proper disposal info

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			NOTE: On Heat Advisory or Air Quality Alert days: Collection may begin as early as 5:00 a.m.    1		TOWN HALL CLOSED TRASH PICKUP IS SCHEDULED	Independence Day 4
			 8			
			 15			
			 22			
			 29			
For more info: www.HuntingtonNY.gov/trash     						

Town of Huntington Recycling Center Hours of Operation:

Tuesday - Saturday

8:00 AM - 3:45 PM

Gates close at 3:45PM. Residents have until 4PM to complete drop-off.

641 New York Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743

(631) 427-6377

ELECTED OFFICIALS



Supervisor

Edmund J. Smyth
631-351-3030



Councilman

Dr. Dave Bennardo
631-351-3172



Councilwoman

Jennifer Hebert
631-351-3175



Councilwoman

Brooke A. Lupinacci
631-351-3174



Councilwoman

Theresa Mari
631-351-3173



Huntington Town Hall
100 Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743



Superintendent
of Highways
Andre Sorrentino
631-499-0444



Town Clerk
Andrew Raia
631-351-3216



Receiver of Taxes
Jillian Guthman
631-351-3217

Code Enforcement 631-351-3167
**Bureau of Administrative
Adjudication (BAA)** 631-351-3146
Public Safety - (24/7) 631-351-3234
SCPD - 2nd Precinct 631-854-8200

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Accessory Apartments	631-351-3009	Historian	631-351-3244
Animal Control	631-754-8722	Human Services	631-351-3304
Assessor's Office	631-351-3226	Maritime Services	631-351-3192
Attorney	631-351-3042	Parks & Recreation	631-351-3089
Beach Information	631-351-3089	Planning	631-351-3196
Building & Housing	631-351-2821	Recycling Center	631-427-6377
Cat Shelter	631-651-9788	Refuse	631-351-3239
Community Development	631-351-2881	Senior Citizens	631-351-3253
Comptroller	631-351-3038	Solid Waste Management	631-754-4999
Diversity Programs	631-351-3304	STAR Office	631-351-3306
Emergency Management	631-351-3162	Streetlighting	631-351-3259
Engineering	631-351-3151	Traffic Safety	631-351-3053
Environmental Waste	631-351-3186	Traffic Violations	631-351-2840
Fire Prevention	631-351-3138	Youth Bureau	631-351-3061
Harbormaster	631-351-3255	Veterans Affairs	631-351-3012
HART Bus	631-427-8287	Zoning Board of Appeals	631-351-3123