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- Thank you to everyone who contributed articles, photos, and their valuable time to make this issue of The Liberty possible.

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR ED SMYTH



Welcome to February –

It has been quite some time since we have experienced a winter like the one we are seeing this year. It seems that every week Mother Nature is delivering another wintery forecast to keep us on our toes. From frigid temperatures to snow, ice, and even blizzard conditions, we truly have experienced it all.

No matter the forecast, the Town of Huntington has stepped up to meet each challenge. I would like to commend Superintendent of Highways Andre Sorrentino, Bill Musto, Director of General Services, and their dedicated crews for the outstanding job they have done responding to each weather event and keeping our roads and facilities safe.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the Department of Public Safety, Environmental Waste Management, HART Bus staff, and Information Technology Department for working together on snow removal and general storm response efforts to help get our Town back up and running in a timely manner.

Thank you to our Town residents for doing your part, removing vehicles from roadways, staying off the roads during and immediately after snowfall, and shoveling out fire hydrants near your homes and businesses.

Important Storm & Safety Reminders

- Emergency Town-related messaging and updates are posted at the top of the Town's website, www.huntingtonny.gov, in the red banner area.
- Power outages can be reported to PSEG through psegliny.com/outages or by calling 800-490-0075.
- Excess snow is being collected from the streets of Huntington and placed at Mill Dam Park, creating very large snow berms. The Town of Huntington would like to advise residents to avoid these snow berms. These berms consist of packed snow and ice and may contain air pockets that could cause collapse. Please refrain from climbing on these and all snow berms at all Town parks and prevent children from accessing them. Should you require assistance, please visit tohhelp.com.

Community Highlights & Important Dates

- The Winter Olympics begin this month on February 6th. We wish the very best of luck to Team USA as they compete on the world stage.
- February is Black History Month, a time to honor and reflect on the achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history. I encourage residents to attend the event "From the Ground Up: The Power of Us" on February 12th at 6:30 PM at Walt Whitman High School.
- Valentine's Day is also this month. Whether you are celebrating with a partner, family, or friends, I wish everyone a Valentine's Day filled with kindness and love.
- In recognition of American Heart Month, the Town Senior Center will be hosting a "Have a Healthy Heart" presentation by the American Heart Association on Friday, February 27th at 1:30 PM in the Senior Center's Dining Room. All seniors are encouraged to attend this informative and important program.

As always, the safety of our residents remains our top priority. Thank you for your continued patience, cooperation, and commitment during the winter season.

Stay safe and warm,

Ed Smyth
Supervisor



SUPERVISOR'S SIDENOTE

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



Energy & Innergy Resource Fair

The Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the Community Development Agency, presented the Energy & Innergy Resource Fair at the Flanagan Center. Attendees had the chance to learn more about energy assistance opportunities, local community development resources, and wellness support. Many thanks to the Department of Human Services and the CDA for their continued dedication to and support for Huntington's residents.



Coffee with a Cop

The SCPD 2nd Precinct hosted Coffee with a Cop, a monthly event which brings our residents and local law enforcement officers together to build relationships based on trust and mutual understanding. We had the opportunity to meet the new Inspector Markus Rivera. We look forward to working with him.

Inauguration Ceremony at Town Hall

I was honored to be sworn in for another term along with my colleagues Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo, Councilwoman Jennifer Hebert, and Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino. We are honored to be serving the residents of the Town of Huntington. Thank you Councilwoman Mari for hosting this beautiful ceremony. Thank you to all those who came together to make this possible.



Volunteers needed to help protect shorebirds habitats



Retired US Fish and Wildlife Service employee Steve Sinkevich is looking for volunteers to count eggs, put up fencing perimeters, and collect data on three types of birds: the Piping Plover, Least Tern, and the American Oystercatcher. Interested contact Garrett Chelius, Director of the Department of Maritime Services, at (631) 351-3255.

hello February.

Welcome to February Neighbor –

What a wonderful start to the new year! I wrote last month about keeping the holiday spirit alive through the new year and committing yourself to kindness and incorporating it into your daily lives. I hope that you have been able to keep up with your resolutions and that kindness has been shining through.

Although February is the shortest month of the year, it features a host of opportunities to not only embrace others but, better yourself. **National Heart Health Month** is celebrated to raise awareness about heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States. Each year, the American Heart Association encourages Americans to adopt a heart-healthy routine for themselves and their families through education, lifestyle changes, like diet and exercise, and managing blood pressure. Another way to help build awareness is by participating in events like **National Wear Red Day** to support women's heart health on February 6th.

February is also **Black History Month (BHM)**! While this observance does get highlighted in our schools, we want more than just our children to be aware of black history and all that it means. In this edition of the Liberty, we have articles about the origins of **Black History Month**, some important figures who lived and still live in Huntington, and local events in our town to honor these celebrations.

One of my favorite events this month is the Winter Olympics!

The 2026 Winter Olympics, officially the XXV Winter Milano Cortina Olympic Games 2026, will take place from the 6th to 22nd of February at sites across Lombardy and Northeast Italy. I can't wait to park myself in front of the TV and cheer on my favorite athletes from around the world but, most especially team USA!

With the spectacular opening ceremonies, 116 events in 8 sports, and then the closing ceremonies, there will definitely be something for everyone. **Go USA!**



Being a sports lover, the other natural favorite for me this month is the **Super Bowl!** **Super Bowl 2026** will be played on Sunday, February 8th at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California and feature the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks. There are so many reasons to watch this annual sports event. Whether you are either cheering on a favorite team, waiting for the festive half time show, or eating some terrific food, Super Bowl Sunday is always a favorite pastime for millions.

This month is truly so exciting. If you are not into one event, there is truly a host of others to get your heart pumping or reflect and honor. Whatever you choose to do to celebrate February, I still encourage you to continue to practice committing small acts of kindness. Just one act a day can make a world of difference! Don't forget, **Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17th!**

Just in case you need some inspiration, here is a list of other observances happening this month. Pick one, two or, ten and make the best of the shortest month of the year -

Major Observances

- **Black History Month**
- **Valentine's Day**
- Presidents' Day
- **Groundhog Day**
- Chinese New Year/Lunar New Year

Monthly Themes

- National Embroidery Month
- **Creative Romance Month**
- Library Lovers' Month
- **National Bird Feeding Month**
- Mardi Gras

Other Notable Days & Themes

- **Health & Awareness: American Heart Month**, World Cancer Day (Feb 4).
- **Food & Fun: National Pizza Day (Feb 9)**, National Chocolate Fondue Day (Feb 5), National Snack Food Month.
- **Culture & History: Freedom Day (Feb 1)**, Rosa Parks Day (Feb 4), International Day of Women and Girls in Science (Feb 11).
- **Community: Random Acts of Kindness Day (Feb 17)**.



Happy February!
Christine Geed
Publisher



THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON



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Dr. Dave Bennardo



Councilwoman
Jennifer Hebert



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Edmund J. Smyth



Councilwoman
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Councilwoman
Theresa Mari

UPCOMING FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Planning Board Meeting **February 04, 2026** **6:00 PM**

Zoning Board Meeting **February 05, 2026** **6:00 PM**

Town Board Meeting **February 10, 2026** **6:00 PM**

Zoning Board Meeting **February 12, 2026** **6:00 PM**

Planning Board Meeting **February 25, 2026** **6:00 PM**

Zoning Board Meeting **February 26, 2026** **6:00 PM**

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

EVENTS THIS MONTH

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

2/12 - 7PM
Walt Whitman High School

VALENTINES DAY MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

2/14 - 10AM -2:30PM
Huntington Town Hall

PRESIDENT'S DAY

2/16 - TOWN HALL CLOSED
Huntington Town Hall

250TH TOUR OF JOSEPH LLOYD MANOR

2/28 - 11AM & 2PM
Preservation Long Island

2026 Huntington Town Board Meetings

100 Main Street, Huntington, New York
Town Board Room

JANUARY 6th 2:00 PM

FEBRUARY 10th 6:00 PM

MARCH 10th 2:00 PM

APRIL 14th 6:00 PM

MAY 5th 2:00 PM

JUNE 9th 6:00 PM

JULY 14th 2:00 PM

AUGUST 11th 2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 15th 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 6th 2:00 PM

NOVEMBER 5th 6:00 PM (THURSDAY)

NOVEMBER 17th 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 8th 2:00 PM

All meetings open to the public, as per New York State Open Meetings Law

All meetings on a Tuesday unless otherwise noted





COUNCIL'S CORNER

Councilwoman Jennifer Hebert

Serving the residents of Huntington during my first month on the Town Council has been both an honor and an incredibly exciting experience. From attending community events and meeting with local organizations to working alongside my colleagues on the Town Board, I have been inspired by the passion, dedication, and pride that define our community.

In just these first weeks, I have had the opportunity to listen to residents, learn more about the issues that matter most to our neighborhoods, and begin the important work of moving Huntington forward in a thoughtful and inclusive way. Whether engaging with our schools, supporting local businesses, or participating in civic initiatives, I am grateful for the warm welcome and open dialogue I have received.

I look forward to building on this momentum in the months ahead and continuing to serve our community with care, collaboration, and a strong commitment to the people of Huntington.

A picture is worth a thousand words, and the moments captured here offer a glimpse into just how grateful and excited I am to serve and be fully engaged in the Huntington community.



The Huntington Inaugural Ceremony

Thank you all for your faith in me. I'm truly humbled by the opportunity to serve the Huntington community.

Big day! My very first board meeting as a Huntington Town Councilwoman and it was amazing! At the risk of sounding corny, I feel like I'm exactly where I'm meant to be.



The Halesite Fire Department

125 years of service to our community. It was an honor to take part in their celebration.

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Councilwoman Theresa Mari



The End of an Era

It was an honor to celebrate the remarkable career of 2nd Precinct Inspector Kevin Williams. Inspector Williams has dedicated years of outstanding service to protecting and serving our community, and we are deeply grateful for his leadership and commitment.

I wish him all the best in a well-earned and happy retirement, and thank him sincerely for his service to the Town of Huntington.

A New Chapter Begins—

Congratulations Markus Rivera - the new Inspector of the Suffolk County Police Department 2nd Precinct. Inspector Rivera brings strong leadership and a clear commitment to public safety, and we are fortunate to have him stepping into this role.

I look forward to working together with Inspector Rivera and the dedicated officers of the 2nd Precinct as they continue their important work protecting our neighborhoods and fostering strong relationships with our residents.



The Return of Project Prom

The 4th Annual Project Prom, helping ensure every student can enjoy a memorable prom night—at no cost. We are seeking donations of new and gently used prom dresses and suits.

Drop-off Location: John J. Flanagan Center
423 Park Avenue, Huntington
(Use Youth Bureau Entrance)
9AM–5PM | Now through April 16

Project Prom Event: April 29 | 4–6 PM
Your donation helps students attend prom with confidence and dignity.

Questions? Contact Michelle Wright at 631-351-3173

I continue to feel both energized and grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of the Town of Huntington. The start of the year has already been filled with meaningful conversations, community engagement, and important work alongside my colleagues and dedicated town staff.

As the year continues, my focus remains on supporting our families, seniors, veterans, students, and businesses, while advancing initiatives that strengthen our neighborhoods and enhance quality of life throughout Huntington.

I look forward to the months ahead and to continuing my commitment to this community with purpose, compassion, and a strong dedication to the people we serve.



Huntington Town Highway Department



**Highway Superintendent
Andre Sorrentino**

IMPORTANT SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION

As we enter into the peak month of winter, Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino is asking residents, *“If the forecast calls for more snow, please remove cars from the roadside”*. It is important to keep streets as clear as possible so our Highway Department crews can thoroughly plow each roadway curb to curb. If necessary, work with your neighbors to share driveway space to get every vehicle off the road.



Also, during and immediately following snowfall, please avoid driving so that plowing and de-icing crews are able to do their job efficiently. With your help, we can get Huntington's roads safe and passable as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PUBLIC SAFETY SNAPSHOT

SNOW AND ICE COVERED SIDEWALKS

Dear Residents,

As we move through the winter season, we would like to kindly remind everyone of the Town's requirements regarding snow and ice removal from sidewalks to help keep our community safe and accessible for all.

Per Town Code §173-16, the owner, tenant, and/or occupant of any property that fronts or abuts a public street is responsible for maintaining all adjoining sidewalks (front, rear, and sides) and keeping them free and clear of snow and ice.

Please note the following timeframes:

- Residential properties: Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after snowfall has ended.
- Commercial properties: Snow and ice must be removed within 12 hours after snowfall has ended.
- The hours between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. are not counted when calculating these time requirements.

Timely removal is important, as property owners, tenants, and occupants may be held liable for injuries or property damage resulting from snow- or ice-covered sidewalks.

Failure to comply may result in fines, as outlined in Town Code §173-19, with penalties increasing for repeat violations and for properties with greater sidewalk frontage.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping keep our sidewalks safe and walkable for neighbors, pedestrians, and visitors—especially children, seniors, and those with mobility challenges.

Thank you for doing your part and for helping make our town a safe and welcoming place during the winter months.

Warm regards,

**Town of Huntington
The Department of Public Safety**

Winter Time Trash Tips

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.HUNTINGTONNY.GOV/TRASH](https://www.huntingtonny.gov/trash)



Branches must be tied in bundles no larger than 2 x 2 x 4 ft. or 5 inches in diameter. Leaves and clippings must be bagged or placed in uncovered cans. Scan the QR code to find out what day your yard waste gets collected.



Call your carter to arrange for pickup of appliance and large metal items. Do not place items at the curb until the night before your scheduled collection date.



To find your Carter and Collection Days scan QR code or go to:



Garbage collection begins at 6:00 a.m. Recycling collection begins at 5:00 a.m. Place covered garbage cans curbside **no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before** collection.



The Town of Huntington hard at work to ensure there's sNOW problems....



The Town of Huntington's Highway Department crews, led by Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino, have been working around the clock to ensure our business districts, roadside parking, and parking lots are free of snow and accessible to business owners and customers. They continue to clear snow in Huntington Village, Huntington Station, Greenlawn, and Cold Spring Harbor. Supervisor Ed Smyth and the Town Board extend their sincere thanks to the crews in the Highway Department, General Services, Public Safety, and Environmental Waste Management, as well as our HART Bus staff, for their diligence and tremendous efforts to keep our streets clean and clear and our town running as efficiently as possible.

Excess snow is being collected from the streets of Huntington and placed at Mill Dam Park, creating very large snow berms. The Town of Huntington would like to advise residents to avoid these snow berms. These berms consist of packed snow and ice and may contain air pockets that could cause collapse. Please refrain from climbing on these and all snow berms at all Town parks and prevent children from accessing them.



In anticipation of extreme cold in the Long Island area, and following the recent snowstorm, the Town Board would like to advise residents to be sure to check on their elderly neighbors and friends. With frigid temperatures this weekend and snow melt beginning soon, in addition to other hazards that may become prevalent during this time of year, Huntington's senior citizens are at their most vulnerable and may require assistance with a variety of tasks. Please be sure to check in on them, inquire as to their needs and condition, and help them where you are able.

As a reminder, should you require assistance, please visit tohelp.com.
We are here to help.

2026 Town Hall Closure Dates



- 1/19/26** MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
- 2/16/26** PRESIDENTS' DAY
- 5/25/26** MEMORIAL DAY
- 6/19/26** JUNETEENTH
- 7/3/26** INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 9/7/26** LABOR DAY
- 10/12/26** COLUMBUS DAY
- 11/3/26** ELECTION DAY
- 11/11/26** VETERANS DAY
- 11/26/26** THANKSGIVING
- 11/27/26** THANKSGIVING
- 12/24/26** CHRISTMAS EVE
- 12/25/26** CHRISTMAS DAY

2026

★ TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ★ INAUGURATION

The inauguration of Supervisor Edmund J. Smyth, Andre Sorrentino, Highway Superintendent, Dr. Dave Bennardo, Councilman, and Jennifer Hebert, Councilwoman. Special thank you to our Emcee Theresa Mari!

The 2026 Town of Huntington inauguration went wonderfully! Every re-elected and newly elected official said such beautiful words highlighting their current and future appreciation, dedication, and commitment to our town.

It is so incredibly exciting to see our leaders swear to uphold the values of our town and promise to strive to do better for our community.



To watch the inauguration follow this link!

[**2026 INAUGURATION**](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL OPEN SPACE & PARK FUND

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EOSPA) MEETINGS

2026

The EOSPA Committee was formed in 1998 to develop criteria for acquisition of ownership, rights in interests in land for active- and passive-parkland and recreational use, and preservation of open space.

February 12

July 9

March 12

August 13

April 9

September 10

May 14

October 8

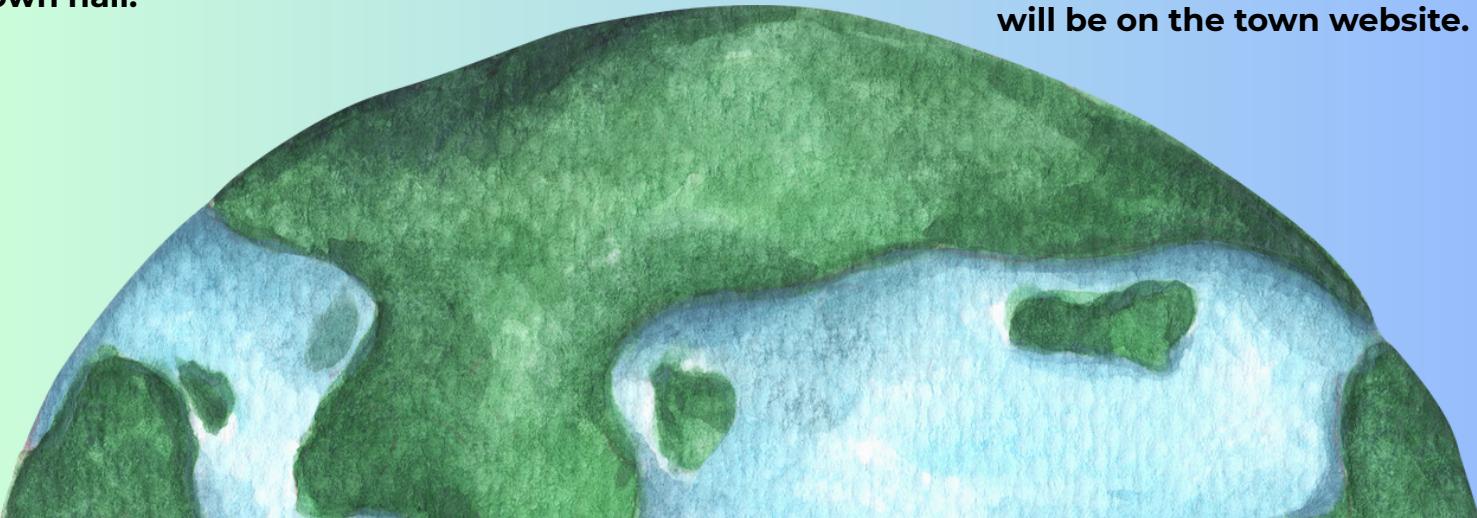
June 11

November 12

All meetings held at 6:30pm at town hall.

December 10

All meetings are open to the public. Any meeting changes will be on the town website.





CAN YOU COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE?



DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF
HUNTINGTON'S TRAILS!

Learn more at huntingtonny.gov/trails-guide and explore Huntington's shorelines, nature preserves, and parks!

- GET STARTED**
- PICK A TRAIL**
- COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE**



CHANGE YOUR LIFE, ONE MILE AT A TIME

For questions email ehguerrero@huntingtonny.gov
or call (631) 351-3072

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EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST!

THEME: FAMILY EARTH DAY

AGES 8-12 ONE ENTRY PER CHILD

POSTERS MUST BE ORIGINAL ARTWORK CREATED BY THE PARTICIPANT

POSTER SIZE: 21 X 30 ON POSTER BOARD

ACCEPTED MATERIALS: CRAYONS, MARKERS, COLORED PENCILS,
PAINT, OR COLLAGE

NO DIGITAL ARTWORK OR COPYRIGHTED IMAGES

ARTIST'S NAME, AGE, SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE), AND CONTACT
INFORMATION MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE BACK

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**ALL POSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 6TH
AT TOWN HALL**

**100 MAIN STREET, HUNTINGTON
ATTENTION: MICHELLE WRIGHT**

ALL SUBMITTED POSTERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT TOWN HALL AND/OR
DURING FAMILY EARTH DAY ON APRIL 25TH AT
ELWOOD PARK

WINNING POSTERS WILL RECEIVE RECOGNITION DURING THE FAMILY
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AND AT A APRIL TOWN BOARD MEETING.

ADDITIONAL RULES

**BY SUBMITTING A POSTER, PARTICIPANTS GRANT THE TOWN OF
HUNTINGTON PERMISSION TO DISPLAY AND REPRODUCE THE
ARTWORK FOR PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES
POSTERS WILL NOT BE RETURNED**

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**COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI,
THE HUNTINGTON YOUTH BUREAU
and the SCPD 2nd Precinct are seeking**



Prom Attire Donations

****ONLY NEW AND GENTLY USED
GOWNS AND SUITS ACCEPTED****



**DROP OFF DONATIONS OF DRESSES & SUITS
AT THE JOHN J. FLANAGAN CENTER
(USE YOUTH BUREAU ENTRANCE)
9AM – 5PM UNTIL APRIL 16TH , 2026**

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IT IS OFFICIALLY

February

THERE ARE SO MANY REASONS TO CELEBRATE!

This month is home to numerous celebrations from widely recognized ones like Black History Month and the love filled holiday of Valentines day, to more obscure events like National Pizza day and National thank a Mail Carrier day. February also includes, President's Day, Groundhog's Day, Mardi Gras, and often includes the Chinese New Year!

February is truly a wonderful all encompassing month full of excitement, education, and reflection.

One of many events we will spotlight in this issue is February being recognized as National Heart Month. National Heart Month is celebrated every February to raise awareness about heart disease, which is the leading cause of death in the U.S. The goal is to encourage Americans to adopt healthier lifestyles and learn about managing risks.

How to get involved: Learn CPR, donate to American Heart Association, or just wear red!

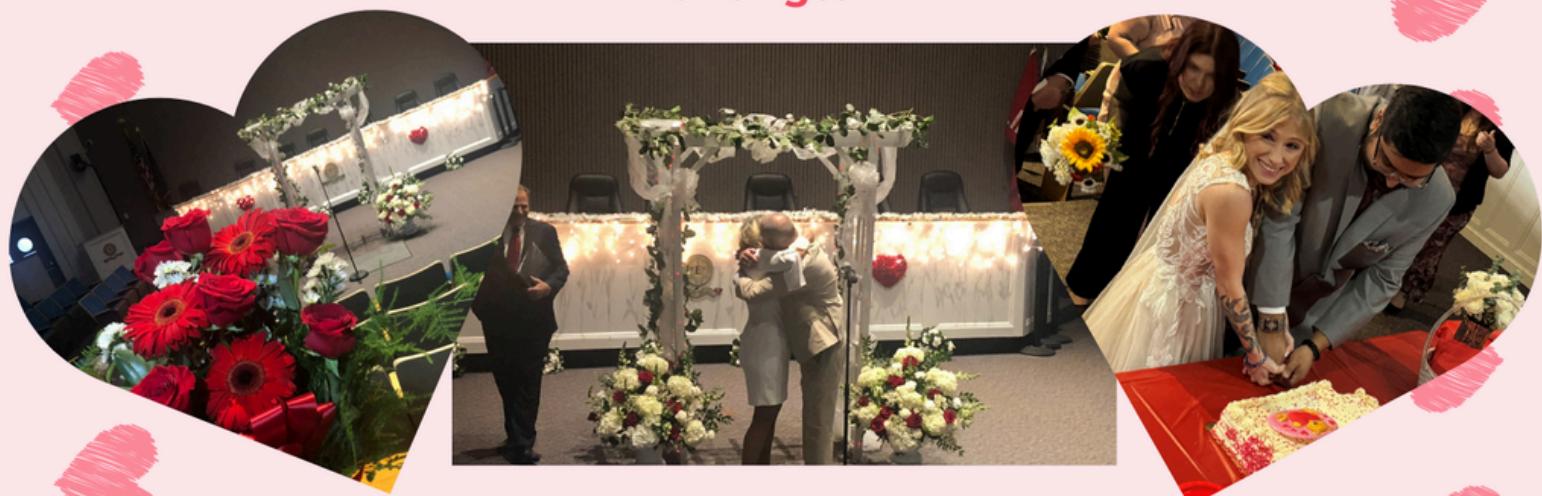
Huntington Town Clerk Announces Valentines Day Marriage Ceremonies

Come get married on the most romantic day of the year! Huntington Town Clerk Andrew Raia will be performing 10 romantic ceremonies for 10 happy couples. Ceremonies are by appointment only. Register now while space is available. There is no charge for the couple and their guests are welcome to attend the ceremony and reception!

**FEB
14**

**Town Hall
100 Main
Street,
Huntington**

**10:00AM
- 2:30PM**



**To make an appointment please call Laura Conte in
the Town Clerk's office at 631- 351- 3216 or email
araia@huntingtonny.gov**

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF HEARTS

The human **Heart**, a vital organ for a healthy life and the **Heart of Love**, also vital. Young love, Puppy love, first love, everlasting love and new love. Socialization, a feeling of purpose, a feeling of belonging and that another cares about you. Conversation, a smile, time, listening, friendship, shared laughter and sometimes tears.

Sharing three very special couples from the Senior Center.

He, a Probation Supervisor for Nassau County and she, an Adoption Supervisor for Nassau County . Town of Huntington residents since 1971. While raising their son and daughter and very involved with their school and activities, Roseann opened her own business, ROL Sales. They since have been blessed with 4 grandchildren.

In addition to joining other groups, they joined the Senior Center 17 years ago and attend at least three times a week. The exercise and fitness classes have made a big difference in maintaining their healthy life style— Roseann has lost 30 pounds since attending!

Both feel stronger and the social interaction and their new friendships have been priceless. They enjoy Parties, Socials, Educational presentations, Fashion Show participation, Special Events, Veteran Support and so much more! They frequent the Senior Beach House, to enjoy the beautiful views, games, book club, barbeques and socialization.

Pearls of Wisdom – Overlook a lot!

Stay Active- Join Clubs -Eat Out Occasionally -Put Yourself out there- Don't Stay Home!



**ROSEANN AND BOB-
MARRIED 55 YEARS**



**ANITA AND FRANK -
DATING**

Laura moved to Centerport with her husband 47 years ago and built a successful career in the hotel industry. Always active and generous with her time, she volunteered with several organizations, including the Senior Center. After the loss of her husband in 2025, the support of family and friends helped her heal. She returned to the Senior Center and resumed her Friday volunteer role as coffee server.

Ray, grew up in Oyster Bay and moved to East Northport 47 years ago. He is a Vietnam Era Army Veteran. He worked as a Surveyor and was in the Scrap Metal Business. In addition, he enjoyed caddying at the Mill River Country Club. Now he volunteers at the Northport VA and is a pool shark at the Senior Center!

Laura and Ray met at the Senior Center while Laura was serving coffee. Ray joked about wanting sambuca in his coffee, sparking laughter and an easy connection. After Ray nervously asked Laura to a dance, she said yes—and they've been talking, texting, and seeing each other every day since.

Together they are navigating the new dating ways, both figuring out how to purchase movie tickets through a machine, exploring new restaurants and hoping a 9:30pm movie showing wasn't too late, finding them both asleep, past their bedtime! She finds him extremely thoughtful, very kind, respectful and makes her laugh. Ray finds Laura extremely comfortable to talk to and be with! "They both had a past, they are together in the present and do not care about the future".



**LAURA AND RAY -
IT ALL STARTED WITH
A CUP OF COFFEE!**

February Happenings at the Senior Center with Heart and Soul!



- Lovely Piano Music with Charles ❤ Tuesday, Feb. 3
- DJ Charlie to Dance with your Darling! ❤ Friday, Feb. 6
- Allen's Guitar Music "For All You Sweethearts!" ❤ Tuesday, Feb. 10
- "In the Mood Music" with Stuart Markus ❤ Tuesday, Feb. 17

Romance Piano Songs with Remy ❤ Monday, Feb. 23

February Fling with DJ Bob ❤ Wednesday, Feb. 25

♥ *Join us in the Senior Center's Dining Room 12:30pm* ❤

Special Events



Valentine's Day Party with Mark Danti
Friday, February 13 ❤ 12:30– 2:00 pm

Celebrating **BLACK HISTORY**

Black History Celebration with Rev. Jerome City Smith
Friday, February 20 ❤ 12:30– 2:00 pm



♥ Couples HOT SEAT Trivia Game
Thursday, February 26 ❤ 1:30 pm



“Have a Healthy Heart” Presentation by
American Heart Association
Friday, February 27 ❤ 1:30 pm

LIBERTY 250



Huntington's Heritage

Huntington's Heritage is 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:

- **Revolutionary Incidents in Huntington: Occupation and Resistance**, at the **Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building**, opening **January 25**
- **George Washington's Grand Tour of Long Island in 1790 and the Culper Spy Ring**, at **Town Hall**, opening in **January**
- **Becoming the United States: Colonial America to Reconstruction**, at the **Cold Spring Harbor Library**, **February 3-26**
- **Art of the American Revolution**, at the **Cold Spring Harbor Library**, **May 4-21**
- **Early Long Island Furniture and Decorative Arts**, at **Preservation Long Island Gallery**, **Cold Spring Harbor**, opening in **June**
- **Eclipse of the Sun Now**, at **Heckscher Museum**, opening **September 27**

LIBRARY 250 EVENTS

February 2026

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
TUESDAY 3RD	<i>Exhibit: Becoming the United States: Colonial America to Reconstruction</i>	COLD SPRING HARBOR LIBRARY 95 HARBOR ROAD CSH	DURING LIBRARY HOURS
SUNDAY 8TH	<i>An Afternoon with George Washington</i>	COLD SPRING HARBOR LIBRARY 95 HARBOR ROAD CSH	2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
THURSDAY 12TH	<i>Invisible Patriots: African Americans in the Nation's Intelligence Story</i>	HALF HOLLOW HILLS LIBRARY 55 VANDERBILT PARKWAY CENTERPORT	2:00 A.M.
MONDAY 16TH	<i>Ink & Independence</i>	THE WHALING MUSEUM 301 MAIN STREET CSH	11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
THURSDAY 19TH	<i>Lunch & Learn with Jeff Richman "patriots project"</i>	CEFALU 138 E. MAIN STREET HUNTINGTON	12:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
THURSDAY 19TH	<i>Yankee Stargazers</i>	ZOOM	7:00:00 P.M.
THURSDAY 26TH	<i>Book Club: Loyalty by Avi</i>	COLD SPRING HARBOR LIBRARY 95 HARBOR ROAD CSH	4:30 P.M.
SATURDAY 28TH	<i>250th Tour of Joseph Lloyd Manor</i>	PRESERVATION LONG ISLAND 1 LLOYD LANE LLOYD HARBOR	11:00 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.

WHAT DOES LIBERTY MEAN TO YOU?

LIBERTY is one of the inalienable rights specified in the Declaration of Independence.

The Pledge of Allegiance promises **LIBERTY** for all.
Patrick Henry demanded **LIBERTY** or Death.



LIBERTY 250

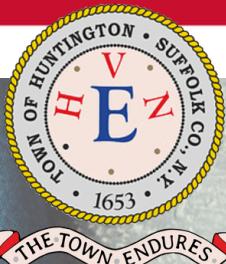
HUNTINGTON CELEBRATES
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

The Huntington Historical Society invites you to share your thoughts on **LIBERTY** as part of **LIBERTY250**—Huntington's celebration of 250 years of American Independence. The brief interviews (1-2 minutes) will be recorded for release later this year.
Please stop by one of the libraries below. No registration required.

MARCH 3	5:00-7:00 PM	Huntington Station Branch
MARCH 11	2:00-4:00 PM	Northport
MARCH 12	2:00-4:00 PM	South Huntington
MARCH 18	2:00-4:00 PM	Half Hollow Hills
MARCH 19	5:00-7:00 PM	Half Hollow Hills
MARCH 25	2:00-4:00 PM	Huntington
MARCH 26	2:00-4:00 PM	East Northport

*For more information contact the Huntington Historical Society (631) 427-7045
www.huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org*

LIBERTY 250



The United States, as Abraham Lincoln observed, is a nation conceived in Liberty. Indeed, Liberty is one of the inalienable rights enumerated in the Declaration of Independence. Patrick Henry demanded Liberty or Death. The Pledge of Allegiance promises Liberty for all. The official flag of the Town of Huntington is the Liberty flag.

In short, Liberty is a fundamental value upon which this country was created. We all know that. But how often do we stop to think about what Liberty means? Sometimes something so fundamental ends up being taken for granted. As we celebrate 250 years of American Independence, it is an appropriate time to stop and think about what Liberty means to us. That is why the Huntington Historical Society is inviting residents to share their thoughts on Liberty and what it means to them.

Partnering with libraries throughout town, the Historical Society will be videotaping brief interviews with residents on the topic. These one- to two-minute videos will be compiled into a longer presentation that will allow us to engage with our past, present and future. The finished product will create for future generations a record of what we Huntingtonians of 2026 think about Liberty and to demonstrate that Liberty endures.

The completed video is expected to be shown at a special reception on July 17, the evening before Huntington Independence Day celebration on the Village Green.

The interviews will be taped at local libraries on in March as indicated in the schedule below. Please stop by to share your thoughts.

No registration required.

Article and information
provided by
Robert C. Hughes
Town Historian

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March 11	2:00-4:00PM	Northport
March 12	2:00-4:00PM	South Huntington
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March 19	5:00-7:00PM	Half Hollow Hills
March 25	2:00-4:00PM	Huntington
March 26	2:00-4:00PM	East Northport

Exhibits planned for the Huntington's 250th anniversary continue to grow and include:

FEBRUARY

Date	Time	Organization	Event	Location
3rd	During Library hours	Cold Spring Harbor Library	Exhibit: Becoming the United States: Colonial America to Reconstruction	95 Harbor Road, CSH
8th	2:00PM - 4:00PM	Cold Spring Harbor Library	An Afternoon with George Washington	95 Harbor Road, CSH
12th	2:00AM	Half Hollow Hills Library	Invisible Patriots: African Americans in the Nation's Intelligence Story	55 Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills
16th	11:00AM - 1:00PM	The Whaling Museum	Ink & Independence	301 Main Street, CSH
19th	12:00PM - 2:30PM	Huntington Historical Society	Lunch & Learn with Jeff Richman "patriots project"	Cefalu - 138 E. Main Street, Huntington
19th	7:00PM	Huntington Zone Area Libraries	Yankee Stargazers	Zoom
26th	4:30PM	Cold Spring Harbor Library	Book Club: <i>Loyalty</i> by Avi	95 Harbor Road, CSH
28th	11:00AM & 2:00PM	Preservation Long Island	250th Tour of Joseph Lloyd Manor	1 Lloyd Lane, Lloyd Harbor

MARCH

Date	Time	Organization	Event	Location
3rd	5:00PM - 7:00PM	Huntington Historical Society	What Does Liberty Mean to Me Interviews	Huntington Station Library
11th	2:00PM - 4:00PM	Huntington Historical Society	What Does Liberty Mean to Me Interviews	Northport Library
12th	2:00PM - 4:00PM	Huntington Historical Society	What Does Liberty Mean to Me Interviews	South Huntington Library
18th	2:00PM - 4:00PM	Huntington Historical Society	What Does Liberty Mean to Me Interviews	Half Hollow Hills Library
19th	5:00PM - 7:00PM	Huntington Historical Society	What Does Liberty Mean to Me Interviews	Half Hollow Hills Library
25th	2:00PM - 4:00PM	Huntington Historical Society	What Does Liberty Mean to Me Interviews	Huntington Library
26th	2:00PM - 4:00PM	Huntington Historical Society	What Does Liberty Mean to Me Interviews	East Northport Library
19th	12:00PM - 2:30PM	Huntington Historical Society	Lunch & learn: Zach Studenroth Long Island schoolhouses	Cefalu 138 E. Main Street
25th	6:30PM - 8:00PM	The Whaling Museum	"Beyond the Book" Book Club: The Indispensables	301 Main Street, CSH
26th	6:00PM-8:00PM	Huntington Historical Society & Walt Whitman Birthplace Association	Unfinished Revolutions	Walt Whitman Birthplace
26th	7:00PM - 8:00PM	Cold Spring Harbor Library	The Road to Revolution, Part I (Lecture)	95 Harbor Road, CSH

APRIL**The list of programs continued**

Date	Time	Organization	Event	Location
9th	7:00PM - 8:30PM	Cold Spring Harbor Library	The Road to Revolution, Part II (Lecture)	95 Harbor Road, CSH
11th	12:00PM - 4:00PM	1653 Foundation & Huntington Historical Society	Founders Day	Kissam House, 4343 Park Avenue
16th	12:00PM - 2:30PM	Huntington Historical Society	Lunch and Learn: Kimberly Phyfe Culper spy ring	TBD
19th	2:00PM	Cold Spring Harbor Library	The Ride: Paul Revere and the Night That Saved America with Author Kostya Kennedy	95 Harbor Road, CSH
23th	9:30AM - 3:30PM	Huntington Town Archives & Huntington Historical Society	Bus Tour inspired by George Washington's 1790 Visit	Meet at the Flannagan Center

MAY

Date	Time	Organization	Event	Location
4th	During Library hours	Cold Spring Harbor Library	Exhibit: Art of the American Revolution	95 Harbor Road, CSH
14th	TBD	Heckscher Museum & Huntington Historical Society	Democracy Dinner	TBD
16th	12:00PM - 5:00PM	Heckscher Museum	Long Island Biennial Opens (theme is connected to the 250th)	Heckscher Museum of Art
17th	2:00PM	Cold Spring Harbor Library	Island Winds Chamber Ensemble Presents: The Music of America	95 Harbor Road, CSH
21st	12:00PM - 2:30PM	Huntington Historical Society	Lunch & Learn: "History of the Purple Heart" with Phillip Griffin	TBD
28th	2:00PM	Cold Spring Harbor Library	Art Talk: Neoclassicism in Revolutionary a.m.erica (Lecture)	95 Harbor Road, CSH

JUNE

Date	Time	Organization	Event	Location
TBD		Preservation Long Island	"Long Island is My Nation 50th Anniversary" Furniture Exhibition	161 Main Street, CSH
6th	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Daughters of the a.m.erican Revolution	Nathan Hale Fund Raiser	Six Harbor Brewery
11th	TBD	Huntington Historical Society & Huntington African American Museum	Community Conversation	Huntington Historical Society & Huntington African American Museum

The list of programs continued

Date	Time	Time	Event	Location
July				
12th	10:00AM - 5:00PM	The Whaling Museum	FYI - Sea Glass Festival	301 Main St & DNA Labs
17th	TBD	Huntington Historical Society	"What is Liberty Mean to me?" Video premerie	TBD
18th	12:00PM - 4:00PM	Huntington Militia	Huntington Independence Day	The Village Green
September				
19th	tbd	Ketewa.m.oke 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				
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				
19th	12:00PM - 2:30PM	Huntington Historical Society	Lunch & Learn: "Colonial Tavern Food" with Diane Schwindt	TBD
December				
19th	12:00PM	Ketewa.m.oke Chapter, NSDAR	Wreaths Across a.m.erica	Old Burying Ground

For Information about these events:

CONTACT

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Huntington Historical Society
209 Main St, Huntington, NY 11743

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
SOUTH HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FROM THE GROUND UP: THE POWER OF US

**FEBRUARY 12, 2026
DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM, PROGRAM 7 PM**

**WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL
301 WEST HILLS ROAD,
HUNTINGTON STATION**

PERFORMANCES, VENDORS & A LIGHT DINNER
WILL BE SERVED. FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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Dr. Dave Bennardo
Councilman

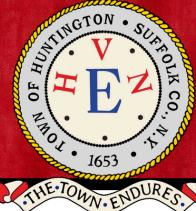
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HUNTINGTON HERITAGE



JOHN WILLIAM COLTRANE



Born on September 23, 1926, in Hamlet, North Carolina, John Coltrane was immersed in music from an early age. Following in the footsteps of his father, who played several instruments, Coltrane began studying music as a child. He was heavily influenced by jazz greats such as Lester Young and Johnny Hodges, which ultimately led him to focus on the alto saxophone.

During World War II, Coltrane was called to military service and performed with the U.S. Navy Band. After the war, his career accelerated rapidly. He performed on the tenor saxophone with the Eddie Vinson Band, collaborated with Jimmy Heath, and later joined the Dizzy Gillespie Band. While his passion for experimentation was already evident, it was his time with the Miles Davis Quintet in the late 1950s that proved transformational. Coltrane later reflected that "Miles' music gave me plenty of freedom," an artistic openness that would inspire him to pursue his own musical vision.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1926

- JULY 17, 1967

A Love Supreme, composed in Coltrane's Dix Hills home on Candlewood Path, transcended music. The album not only redefined jazz but also contributed to a broader cultural awakening, helping to shift global perceptions of African American artistry, spirituality, and intellectual depth. Its influence extended far beyond North America, resonating with audiences around the world.

John Coltrane passed away in 1967 from liver disease, but his legacy continued to grow. His music remains a staple in motion pictures, television, radio, and live performance, embraced by listeners of all backgrounds. In 1972, A Love Supreme was certified Gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for sales exceeding 500,000 copies in Japan. Both A Love Supreme and My Favorite Things were later certified Gold in the United States in 2001. Coltrane was posthumously honored with a Grammy Award in 1982 for Best Jazz Solo Performance for Bye Bye Blackbird, and in 1997 he received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Coltrane and his wife, Alice Coltrane—a renowned pianist and composer in her own right—moved into the Candlewood Path home in 1964. Their children were born there, and the family remained in the house until 1973. During that time, Alice Coltrane recorded albums in the basement of the home, further cementing the residence as a site of extraordinary musical creativity.

Recognizing its historical and cultural significance, Councilwoman Susan Berland and Councilman Mark Cuthbertson proposed legislation in May 2004 to designate the house as a historic landmark. The resolution was unanimously approved by the Town Board, following advocacy led by Steve Fulgoni, who played a key role in saving the home from demolition. The property was subsequently acquired by the Town of Huntington through the Environmental and Open Space and Park Fund and is now stewarded by Friends of the Coltrane Home in Dix Hills.

HUNTINGTON HERITAGE



Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church



Incorporated in 1843, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is the oldest African American church in Huntington and a cornerstone of the community's religious and cultural history. Located at 291 Park Avenue, the church has served generations of congregants for more than 175 years, standing as a testament to faith, perseverance, and unity. Many of the original founders and their families are laid to rest in the cemetery behind the church, creating a lasting physical and spiritual link between past and present.

On June 5, 1843, Bethel AME was formally incorporated with the election of five trustees. The following year, in 1844, the congregation purchased a building known as "The Seminary," establishing a permanent place of worship. By the mid-19th century, the church became known as Bethel AME of Huntington—a name it proudly carries today.

Bethel AME Church continues its mission under the leadership of Rev. Anthony Mitchell. A devoted servant-leader, Rev. Mitchell has dedicated his life to ministry, education, and community uplift. Born and raised in East Harlem, he pursued his academic studies alongside a deep spiritual calling, earning advanced theological degrees while faithfully serving within the AME Church. Over more than three decades of service, he has championed youth development, launched afterschool and summer programs, advocated for vulnerable communities, and strengthened congregations through compassionate pastoral care and practical leadership.

From its earliest days to the present, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church remains a beacon of faith and fellowship—honoring its rich legacy while continuing to welcome all who seek spiritual guidance, community, and hope.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an extremely important month to put a spotlight on. This month helps our society remember and reflect on the discrimination and mistreatment that Black people have experienced and provides the opportunity to ensure that history does not repeat itself.

To truly appreciate and honor Black History Month, it is important to understand its history. Black History Month (which was originally just one week!) was founded by Carter G. Woodson in 1926. Woodson chose February to honor the birthdays of two Americans he believed were important in Black history: Fredrick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.

Today we celebrate Black History Month by cementing the difficult journey of the Black community into our minds. The core goals of this month are to honor Black history and Black heroes and to ensure an equitable future for all Americans.

All information from ASALH- The Founders of Black History Month

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



JUPITER HAMMON:

Hammon was the first Black poet to be published in the United States. He was born into slavery in Lloyd Harbor to the Lloyd family, but was

encouraged by them to get an education. He later became a leader in the African American community and attended abolitionist and Revolutionary War societies.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON:

Washington was born into slavery in Virginia. He was freed at age 9. He worked in salt furnaces and coalmines as a child,

but was determined to educate himself. He soon prospered in school and earned a degree at Hampton Institute (currently Hampton University). He quickly became one of the most influential civil rights leaders of the 19th century.

IMPORTANT FIGURES IN BLACK HISTORY WHO LIVED IN HUNTINGTON



JOHN COLTRANE:

Coltrane, a renowned jazz musician, lived in Dix Hills from 1964 until his death in 1967. In his Dix Hills home he produced some of his most notable music

like "A Love Supreme". Today, a historic marker sits outside the Coltrane home. The Town of Huntington maintain the grounds and are working in partnership to restore the home for public use.



SAMUEL BALLTON:

Ballton was born into slavery in Virginia. He successfully escaped, but later went back to free his wife. They ultimately moved to Greenlawn in Huntington.

Here he made a name for himself as "The Pickle King" as he grew 1.5 million pickles in one season. He went on to encourage the growth of Greenlawn by developing land and building houses. He later brought workers from the south to work on the farms and build homes.



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HOMETOWN HEROES



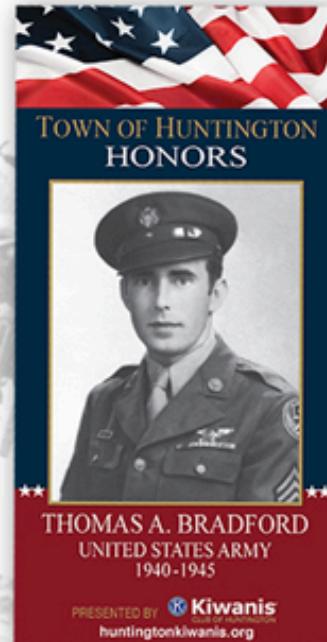
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- Includes military photo, name, branch and service years on both sides.
- Displayed on lamp posts in the Town of Huntington from Memorial Day to Veterans Day 2026.
- Printed on heavy-duty, double-sided 18" x 36" vinyl.
- All proceeds benefit needy children, the elderly and veterans' programs.
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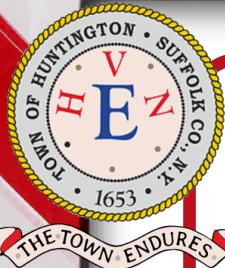


For more information go to Huntingtonkiwanis.org or call 631 991-2001
Military Tribute Banners for our 2026 program can be reserved now.

Please include self-addressed, stamped envelope for photo return
or email your photo: herobanners@huntingtonkiwanis.org

Emailed photos must be hi-resolution (at least 300 dpi) jpg picture format.
or order online: www.huntingtonkiwanis.org

To renew your banner for 2026 please send a check for \$100 with your
name and the name of the Military Hero being honored,
To Kiwanis Club of Huntington PO box 251 Huntington NY 11743



Greenlawn American Legion Mobile Flag Drop

For over 10 years, our community has provided a dignified way to retire worn American flags. We collect approximately 1,000 flags each year, which are later properly burned in accordance with U.S. Flag Code.

2026 FLAG DROP BOX SCHEDULE

Feb 2 – Mar 2	
Half Hollow Hills Community Library – Melville	
Mar 2 – Apr 1	
Northport Public Library	
Apr 1 – May 1	
East Northport Public Library	
May 1 – Jul 1	
South Huntington Public Library	
Jul 1 – Aug 3	
Huntington Station Public Library	
Aug 3 – Sep 1	
Huntington Public Library	
Sep 1 – Oct 1	
Harborfields Public Library	
Oct 1 – Nov 2	
Elwood Public Library	
Nov 2 – Dec 1	
Commack Public Library	
Dec 1 – Jan 4	
Cold Spring Harbor Public Library	

The Town of Huntington has a Flag Drop Box located in the lobby at Huntington Town Hall - 100 Main Street, Huntington

Long Island Figure Skaters Shine on National Stage, Earn First Alternate Honors for 2026 Olympics

Four elite figure skaters from Long Island competed on the national stage at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in St. Louis, each vying for a spot on Team USA for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan–Cortina.



Audrey Shin and Balazs Nagy

While none were selected to the final Olympic roster, their performances placed them among the nation's best highlighted by Northport native **Audrey Shin** and partner **Balazs Nagy** being named first alternates to the Olympic team.

Shin, 21, and **Nagy** delivered a standout showing in the pairs' competition, finishing fifth overall with a score of 185.10. Their strong performance throughout the week kept them in Olympic contention until the final skate.



Oona and Gage Brown

Although no Long Island skaters are scheduled to compete in the Olympics this year, their presence at the U.S. Championships and sustained Olympic contention reflected years of dedication and elite-level achievement. All four athletes brought pride to Long Island by competing at the highest level of American figure skating.

In ice dance, Bay Shore siblings **Oona** and **Gage Brown** concluded their national championship run with a sixth-place finish, posting a combined score of 194.31. Competing for one of three Olympic ice dance spots, **the Browns** demonstrated consistency across both segments of the competition. **Gage** said, “The crowd was phenomenal. This season hasn’t been easy, and we’re really proud of how we finished.”

The Browns had earlier placed sixth in the rhythm dance and maintained that standing through Saturday night’s free dance, earning strong audience support as they wrapped up their season.

THE 2026 WINTER OLYMPICS: A NEW CHAPTER IN OLYMPIC HISTORY



For over a century, the Olympic Games have stood as the world's premier celebration of athletic excellence, unity, and international competition. First held in Athens in 1896, the Olympics initially brought together athletes from around the globe for a single summer competition. As winter sports gained popularity, the Winter Olympics debuted in 1924 in Chamonix, France, expanding the Olympic movement to snow and ice. For decades, the Summer and Winter Games were held in the same year, a tradition that continued until 1992, when the Winter Games took place in Albertville, France. To allow each event its own spotlight, the International Olympic Committee shifted to a staggered schedule, beginning in 1994, separating the Summer and Winter Olympics by two years. That evolution has allowed both editions of the Games to grow in scale, visibility, and global impact.

MILANO CORTINA 2026: TWO CITIES, ONE OLYMPIC VISION



The 2026 Winter Olympics, officially known as Milano Cortina 2026, will take place from **February 6 to February 22, 2026**, welcoming approximately 2,900 of the world's top winter athletes. For the first time in Olympic history, the Games will be co-hosted by two cities—Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo—with events spread across northern Italy, including venues throughout Lombardy and the Northeast region.

This shared-host format reflects a modern Olympic vision, blending historic alpine settings with contemporary urban arenas while reducing the need for large-scale new construction. The result will be the most geographically widespread Winter Olympics to date, with competition sites connected by Italy's existing infrastructure and landscapes.

The 2026 Olympics tradition will reach a historic milestone as Italy hosts one of the most geographically ambitious Winter Games ever staged.

The official start of the Games will be marked by the **Opening Ceremony on Friday, February 6**, held at the iconic San Siro Stadium in Milan. The ceremony will begin at **2:30 p.m. Eastern Time**, with a prime-time encore presentation scheduled for 8:00 p.m. ET. In keeping with the dual-host concept, the 2026 Games will feature two Olympic cauldrons—one located at Arco della Pace in Milan and the other at Piazza Dibona in Cortina d'Ampezzo—symbolizing unity across regions and traditions.



The artistic vision for the Opening Ceremony carries the theme "Armonia," emphasizing harmony between sport, culture, landscape, and people. Italian creative director Marco Balich, a veteran of 16 Olympic ceremonies, will oversee the production. Beyond the stadium, cultural celebrations will take place throughout northern Italy, highlighting the nation's heritage, creativity, and longstanding connection to winter sports.

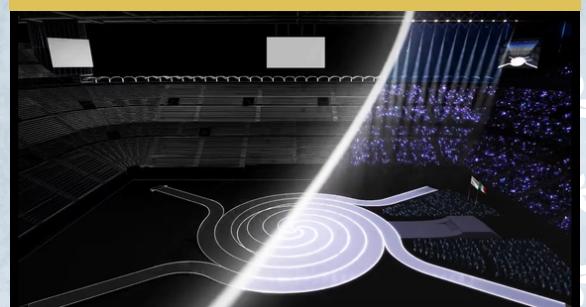
LOOKING AHEAD

With its dual-city format, rich history, and expansive reach, the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics promise to deliver unforgettable moments on snow and ice while honoring the evolution of the Olympic Games themselves. As athletes prepare to compete at the highest level, Italy is set to offer the world a Winter Olympics defined by innovation, tradition, and harmony.

For more information about the 2026 Olympics go to <https://www.olympics.com/en/milano-cortina-2026>

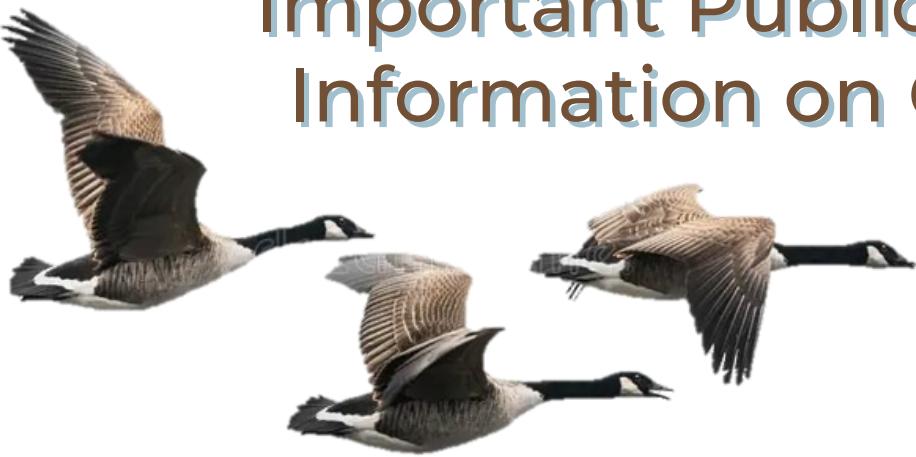
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ARMONIA": A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND SPORT



Huntington Animal Control

Important Public Safety Information on Geese



The Town of Huntington has been made aware of recent reports of deceased geese found in and around Heckscher Park. Since early January, approximately six geese carcasses have been identified, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has been notified to conduct avian influenza (bird flu) testing. At this time, no positive cases have been confirmed. Please note that official test results may take up to one month to be finalized.

As we await the results, the Huntington Animal Control and Public Safety Department would like to share the following important precautionary information with the community:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BIRD FLU IN OUR AREA

- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), often called bird flu, continues to be detected in wild birds across New York State and the U.S., mostly in waterfowl like ducks and geese. New York State agencies are monitoring bird populations and investigating reports of sick or dead birds.
- There are currently no confirmed human cases of bird flu in New York State, and the public health risk remains low. National guidance from public health authorities continues to emphasize low risk for the general public.

WHAT RESIDENTS SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT DO

- **Do not handle dead or sick birds** — even though no positive cases have been confirmed here, it's best to avoid direct contact.
- If you encounter a dead goose near Heckscher Park or elsewhere in the town, you may:

*Call the Town of Huntington Animal Control Division at [631-754-8722](tel:631-754-8722)
Or [submit a Q-Alert online](#) and we'll coordinate pickup and testing as needed*



- If contact with a carcass is unavoidable (e.g., for cleanup crews), wear gloves and a face mask, and avoid touching your face.
- Keep pets leashed and away from wildlife. Birds can carry viruses and other diseases that may pose a risk to animals.
- If you or a household member develops flu-like symptoms after potential exposure, call your healthcare provider before visiting so that appropriate infection control precautions can be taken.

For more information about avian influenza and reporting suspected cases, visit the NYSDEC's Avian Influenza reporting page at <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/wildlife-health/animal-diseases> and follow guidance from Suffolk County health officials.



Town of Huntington Community Development Agency



IMPORTANT UPDATE EVENT DATE CHANGE

COMMUNITY FOOD GIVEAWAY

New Date: February 7th

1:00pm – 3:00pm

1268 NY Ave Huntington Station, NY 11746

*Delivery is available to those who cannot pickup
Huntington Residents ONLY*

SIGN UP TODAY!



<https://bit.ly/communityfoodgiveaway1>

For more information contact Melina Pascual 631-351-3345

CAREER AND INNOVATION FAIR



**PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR ED SMYTH,
COUNCILWOMAN THERESA MARI AND
THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**



We invite local businesses, organizations, and professionals to participate in our Career & Innovation Fair. This event aims to help students explore career options, discover new industries, and gain motivation for the road ahead by learning directly from those in the field.

Event Dates & Locations



Participation is free.

A table and designated space will be provided.



*For registration or information contact
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631-351-2881*



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JUSTICE FOR YOUTH, BY YOUTH

THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON YOUTH COURT'S NEW CLASS OF DELEGATES ARE SWORN IN

On December 2, 2025 the Huntington Youth Court held its annual induction ceremony in the Town Hall Board Room, where nearly 50 students were officially sworn in. The room was filled with family members, community leaders, and supporters as Youth Court Director Manuel Zelaya, Jr. welcomed the incoming class and reflected on the program's lasting impact in the Town of Huntington.

The ceremony marked the conclusion of a ten-week training process, during which students met twice weekly to study conflict resolution, juvenile law, courtroom procedure, and professional conduct. Participants learned how to serve in every judicial role—judges, attorneys, bailiffs, and jurors—and demonstrated their readiness through mock trials and a formal “bar exam,” guided by local attorneys who volunteered their time and expertise.

The new delegates were formally sworn-in by Councilwoman Theresa Mari. The Councilwoman is an attorney who has dedicated her career to advocating for children and families. Mari led the students in reciting their oath of service, officially welcoming them as officers of the Huntington Youth Court and applauding them for their discipline and commitment.



Youth Court offers an alternative to the traditional juvenile justice system for first-time offenders accused of minor infractions. Through its peer-led model—often described as “justice for youth by youth”—cases are heard by trained student panels who assign restorative sanctions focused on education, accountability, and connection to community resources, including programs offered through the Huntington Youth Bureau Institute.

During the ceremony, Town Board members underscored the importance of service and leadership. Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo encouraged the students to embrace their roles and lead with integrity, while former Councilman Salvatore Ferro expressed gratitude for their willingness to give back to the community through meaningful public service.



Now in its third decade, Youth Court remains a cornerstone program of the Huntington Youth Bureau and a model for communities nationwide. Its success is made possible through the continued support of the Town of Huntington, its elected officials, and dedicated funding partners. As the newest class begins its service, the Town proudly celebrates their commitment to justice, empathy, and civic responsibility—values that will guide them both inside and beyond the courtroom.



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NYS K-12 SCHOOL COMPOSTER CONTEST



IS YOUR SCHOOL INTERESTED IN COMPOSTING CAFETERIA FOOD SCRAPS AND USING THE FINISHED COMPOST ON SCHOOL GROUNDS? IF SO, WE INVITE YOU TO ENTER THE "NYS K-12 SCHOOL COMPOSTER CONTEST". THE NYS ASSOCIATION FOR REDUCTION, REUSE, AND RECYCLING (NYSAR3) IS PARTNERING WITH THE COMPANY ECODRUM TO FACILITATE THIS STATEWIDE CONTEST AND TO PROMOTE THE BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING AT OUR SCHOOLS. THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE AN **ECODRUM 410 IN-VESSEL COMPOSTER**, VALUED AT \$25,000 (INCLUDING SHIPPING). THIS UNIT IS CAPABLE OF TAKING IN **55 POUNDS OF FOOD SCRAPS PER DAY** AND PROCESSING IT INTO A NUTRIENT-RICH SOIL AMENDMENT WE KNOW AS COMPOST.

**\$25,000
VALUE!**

SCAN ME!



<https://forms.gle/obCBJopbLyBTav3M8>

Submission Deadline:

**Sunday, March 15th,
2026 @ 11:59 PM**



HUNTINGTON

Family Center

"La Casita"

SERVICES

◆ **Community Advocacy, Information and Referral (CAIR)**

- Helps individuals and families in times of need

◆ **Community Partnerships Including:**

- Baby Blessings, Project TOY, and Best First Day

◆ **Programs for School-Aged Youth and Families**

- Contact our Youth Specialists for more information: 934-300-2875
- Programs offered after school, evenings and weekends

◆ **Health and Welfare Council of Long Island Programs (HWCLI)**

- Health Insurance for 65+, Blind or Disabled through DSS
- Health Insurance for under 65 through NYS

◆ **Suffolk County DOL Employment Services**

◆ **Suffolk County DSS**

- SNAP Assistance, TANF, childcare program, etc.

◆ **PSEG LI Utility Assistance**

◆ **Social Workers**

- Provide Individual/Group Counseling and Workshops, Crisis Intervention



Walk-Ins are Welcome or Request an Appointment

**Please note that some service hours vary and it is recommended to call before.*

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Friday - 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Wednesday - 12:00PM - 8:00PM



1264 New York Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746



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HUNTINGTON

Centro de Familia

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SERVICIOS

♥ Apoyo Comunitario, Información y Referencias

Community Advocacy, Information and Referral (CAIR)

- Asistencia para personas y familias en momentos de necesidad

♥ Colaboraciones comunitarias que incluyen:

- Bendiciones para Bebés (Baby Blessings), Proyecto Juguetes (Project TOY) y Mejor Primer Día (Best First Day)

♥ Programas Para Jóvenes de Edad Escolar y Familias

- Contacte a nuestros especialistas en juventud al 934-300-2875 para obtener más información
- Programas ofrecidos después de la escuela, por la tarde y los fines de semana

♥ Programas del Health and Welfare Council of Long Island (HWCLI)

- Seguro médico para personas mayores de 65 años, personas ciegas o con discapacidad a través del Departamento de Servicios Sociales (DSS)
- Seguro médico para menores de 65 años a través del Estado de Nueva York (NYS)

♥ Servicios de Empleo del Departamento de Trabajo del Condado de Suffolk (DOL)

♥ Departamento de Servicios Sociales (DSS) del Condado de Suffolk

- Asistencia SNAP, TANF, programa de cuidado infantil, etc.

♥ Asistencia con PSEG LI y Servicios de Utilidades Públicas

♥ Trabajadores Sociales

- Ofrecemos Consejería y Talleres Individuales y Grupales, e Intervención en Crisis

Se Aceptan Visitas Sin Cita Previa o se Puede Solicitar Una Cita.

*Tenga en cuenta que algunos horarios de servicio varían, por lo que Recomendamos llamar con anticipación.

Lunes, Martes, Jueves - 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Viernes - 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Miercoles - 12:00PM - 8:00PM



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REACH OYSTER CAM GOES LIVE AT GOLD STAR DOCK

The **REACH** Oyster Cam is officially up and running

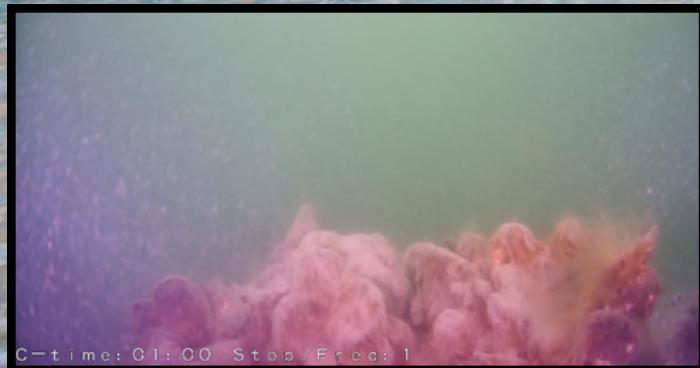


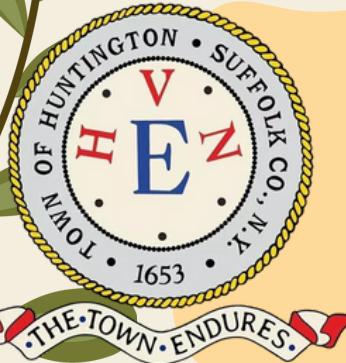
[CCE Suffolk Oyster Hatchery Livestream](#)



A live, real-time view of the oyster reef located just off **Gold Star Dock**. This unique livestream provides residents, students, and environmental enthusiasts with a window beneath the surface—showcasing the thriving marine habitat that plays a critical role in improving local water quality.

The Oyster Cam is part of the ongoing work of **REACH** – the Environmental Action Coalition of Huntington, a public-private partnership between the Town of Huntington, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County Marine Program, and local Rotary Clubs. Together, REACH partners are committed to protecting and restoring Huntington's coastal ecosystems for the benefit of bathers, boaters, baymen, and future generations.





CALLING ALL BIRD ENTHUSIASTS!

Retired US Fish and Wildlife Service employee Steve Sinkevich has kindly volunteered to monitor the Town of Huntington's protected shorebird habitats. He is seeking assistance in this project and is requesting help from volunteers.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- ✓ to count eggs
- ✓ put up fencing perimeters
- ✓ collect data on three types of birds:
 - federally threatened and New York State (NYS) endangered piping plover (*Charadrius melanotos*)
 - the NYS threatened least tern (*Sterna antillarum*)
 - the federally protected American Oystercatcher (*Haematopus palliatus*)

Those interested in assisting Mr. Sinkevich in a volunteer capacity please contact Garrett Chelius, Director of the Department of Maritime Services, at (631) 351-3255.



Environmental Waste Management:

PROTECTING OUR
WATER,
STRENGTHENING
OUR FUTURE

JOHN CLARK - DIRECTOR

Town Hall
Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Phone: (631) 351-3186
EWM@huntingtonNY.gov

Most residents never see the inside of a pump station or a treatment tank – but every day, the work of Environmental Waste Management keeps our wastewater system running safe, quiet, and reliable. In 2025, the department focused on strengthening aging infrastructure, guarding against pollution and illegal dumping, and making the Sewer District more resilient for decades to come.

Upgrading Critical Treatment Infrastructure

At the heart of the Huntington Sewer District are the tanks and equipment that handle everything once it leaves our homes and businesses. In 2025, the department completed several major upgrades that go directly to the reliability and performance of the system.

The sludge thickening tank – originally installed in 1985 – received a full mechanical rehabilitation, including new gearbox, shaft, and scraper, with custom-fabricated parts installed in June 2025. Work also continued on rehabilitating the primary clarifiers, the large tanks that allow solids to settle out of wastewater. After decades of service, units 1 through 4 have already been rebuilt, and Primary Clarifier #5 is now being overhauled, with completion expected in the third quarter of 2025.

In addition, the sludge dewatering press, which prepares material for final disposal, underwent a significant overhaul completed in February 2025. With new components and thorough cleaning, the press is now achieving sludge cake in the mid-20% range – an important efficiency improvement that helps reduce disposal volume and cost. These behind-the-scenes upgrades ensure the plant can keep doing its job effectively, even as equipment ages and regulatory standards continue to tighten.



Stopping Problems Before They Reach the Plant

Environmental Waste Management also focused on the “upstream” side of the sewer system – the miles of pipes and manholes that carry wastewater to the treatment plant. Keeping this network in good shape protects both public health and the environment.

To guard against illegal dumping of scavenger waste and grease into isolated manholes, the department began installing locking manhole covers in key locations. Four were installed in April 2025, with more planned for 2026. These measures help prevent harmful substances from entering the system, where they can damage biological treatment processes or clog pump stations and sewer mains.

At the same time, the department continued an ongoing manhole rehabilitation program, repairing deteriorated structures and addressing safety hazards, while also reducing stormwater infiltration that can overwhelm the system during heavy rain. A related effort used flow meters placed in select manholes to identify where rainwater and groundwater (known as inflow and infiltration, or I&I) are entering the pipes. The most recent sanitary sewer evaluation study was completed in May 2025 and will now be performed annually. By pinpointing problem areas, staff can target repairs, eliminate illegal connections, and protect system capacity for actual wastewater rather than stormwater.

Building Resilience and Security into Every Layer

In 2025, the department also moved forward with projects that strengthen both the physical and operational resilience of the Huntington Sewer District. Pump stations in Centerport, which lift wastewater from lower elevations so it can continue flowing by gravity to the treatment facility, received a series of improvements: repairs to back-flow prevention equipment, work inside wet wells, a new fuel tank gauge, lighting and painting upgrades, and electrical panel enhancements. Repairs to a wood retaining wall at Pump Station No. 1 are scheduled to begin in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Recognizing the critical nature of wastewater infrastructure, the department also advanced security upgrades at the Huntington Sewage Treatment Plant and key pump stations. New interior and exterior dome cameras, access-controlled door locks for sensitive control rooms, and additional surveillance at several pump stations will help protect vital equipment from tampering or threats.

All of this work is complemented by an ongoing collection system rehabilitation program, which annually cleans and televises roughly three miles of sewer lines and repairs defects with liners, grouting, or, when necessary, full pipe replacement. Taken together, the Environmental Waste Management Department’s 2025 achievements tell a clear story: while most of their efforts happen underground, inside tanks, or behind locked doors, their impact is felt in every home and business. By upgrading equipment, tightening security, and tracking every drop that moves through the system, they are safeguarding public health, protecting the environment, and ensuring that Huntington’s wastewater infrastructure is ready for whatever the future brings.

GENERAL SERVICES: THE TEAM BEHIND THE TOWN YOU SEE EVERY DAY

Some departments write plans, others design projects or manage regulations. General Services is where all of that becomes real. When residents step onto a new turf field, park in a clean, well-lit lot, visit a renovated playground, or come to an event at Town Hall, chances are General Services has already been there, often early in the morning or late at night, making sure everything works the way it should.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: KEEPING TOWN FACILITIES RUNNING

The Building Maintenance Division is the Town's in-house construction and repair crew. Electricians, plumbers, carpenters, masons, painters, and general maintenance staff work together to keep every Town building safe, functional, and welcoming. When a new elevator lift is installed at Town Hall's Records Center, Building Maintenance is there to coordinate installation, tie in the electrical, handle finish work, and make sure the space is ready for staff and the public. When a roof leaks, a pipe bursts, or an office renovation is needed, this division is often the first call — solving problems quickly so other departments can focus on serving residents.

OFF-STREET PARKING MAINTENANCE: BEYOND JUST PARKING SPACES

This division is responsible for maintaining municipal and commuter parking lots and garages: paving, drainage, landscaping, litter removal, striping, and snow and ice control. When repairs and waterproofing are underway at the LIRR parking garages, this team helps keep those facilities safe, clean, and usable. They also care for memorial areas, organic gardens, historic cemeteries, and other Town-owned spaces, making sure they are respectful, attractive, and accessible.



WILLIAM MUSTO - DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES

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genservices@huntingtonny.gov

VEHICLE OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE: KEEPING THE FLEET ON THE ROAD

This team oversees maintenance, repair, purchase, and leasing of most Town vehicles (except Highway, HART, and Waste Management), manages the fuel system, and even tows abandoned or derelict vehicles at the direction of Public Safety. Whether it's a pickup truck headed to repair a marina bulkhead, a van delivering supplies to a youth program, or a sedan carrying staff to a site inspection, Vehicle Operations makes sure the Town can respond wherever it's needed.



DIX HILLS PARK MAINTENANCE: BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE RINKS AND POOL

This division oversees the Dix Hills Pool, the twin ice rinks, and the surrounding facilities. From making sure ice surfaces are properly maintained for skaters and hockey players, to keeping the pool and mechanical systems running safely, to caring for the grounds and buildings, this team works behind the scenes so that families can simply show up and enjoy themselves. Their work helps keep Dix Hills Park a year-round destination for lessons, leagues, public sessions, and community events.

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE: CRAFTING PLAYABLE COURSES, EVERY DAY

Golfers at Crab Meadow and Dix Hills only see the end result — smooth greens, fairways, bunkers, and well-kept landscapes. The Golf Course Maintenance Division is responsible for all of that. They manage the construction, maintenance, and repair of both Town courses, adjusting to weather, heavy play, and seasonal conditions. Early mornings and careful attention to detail ensure that the courses are ready day after day, providing both residents and visitors with a high-quality experience on the links.

PARKS, GROUNDS & WATERFRONT SUPPORT: CARING FOR GREEN AND BLUE SPACES

The Parks, Grounds, and Waterfront Maintenance Division is responsible for the look and feel of many of the places residents love most: parks, playgrounds, marinas, beaches, docks, ramps, gardens, and open spaces across Huntington. When Engineering completes the design for improvements at places like Crab Meadow Beach, West Neck Beach, or our waterfront parks, it is this division that takes over the day-to-day care. They mow, prune, plant, clean, repair, and respond after storms — transforming designs on paper into spaces that feel alive, safe, and inviting. From the shoreline at Gold Star Beach to the grounds around Town marinas and pump-out facilities, their work is a big part of why Huntington looks the way it does.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES: THE TOWN'S INTERNAL SUPPORT NETWORK

The Inter-Departmental Services Division is the Town's internal lifeline. It handles the acquisition and distribution of office supplies and equipment, moves inter-office and regular mail, manages packages, runs the print shop, and provides custodial services at Town Hall and the Flanagan Center. When another department needs printed materials for a new initiative, letters for an awards ceremony, or signage for a public event, Inter-Departmental Services helps bring those ideas into physical form. Their work makes it possible for offices to function smoothly and for communications to reach residents in a clear, professional way.

Across all of these divisions, General Services shares a common reality: the workload keeps growing. New projects, aging facilities, expanded programs, and rising expectations all add to the demands on staff. Yet, through coordination, streamlined processes, and careful use of resources, General Services continues to deliver. In many ways, every other department's achievements rest on theirs. Whether it's a new playground, a sewer project, a town-wide event, or a busy day at Town Hall, General Services is there — quietly making sure that the Town of Huntington has the solid foundation it needs to serve its residents well.

BARK TO BASICS

(Tips from The American Kennel Club)

How to Teach Your Dog to Wear Winter Clothes

During cold weather, your dog may benefit from wearing winter dog clothes. But not every dog is eager to wear clothing items, no matter the season. If winter dog clothes for warmth are something your dog would benefit from, you can carefully introduce your dog to wearing them by developing positive associations with these items of dog clothing.



Getting Your Pet Used to Winter Dog Clothes

Make sure the winter dog clothes you have are properly sized. Gear that is too restrictive, tight, or loose-fitting can be uncomfortable for your dog. If dogs aren't comfortable, they understandably won't want to wear the clothes!



- Ideally, you'd introduce your dog to wearing winter dog gear before the cold weather starts. This gives your dog time to become familiar with what you're asking them to wear. Start the training somewhere with limited distractions. Train inside the house or in a quiet yard; somewhere where your dog feels relaxed.
- Keep your training session short and fun. The goal is not to see how long your dog will wear clothes before getting frustrated, but rather to build up their comfort level. Once your dog is comfortable in winter clothes, you can transition to taking them out for walks while they're wearing them.

Introducing Dog Coats and Snowsuits

- Dog coats or dog snowsuits help keep your pet warm while out and about. In most cases, introducing a dog to wearing a coat can be done relatively easily and quickly. If you have a dog who is especially gear-shy, select a coat that is easy to put on and doesn't have to be pulled over their head.
- Unlike dog coats, snowsuits cover not just a dog's torso but also go down their legs. The additional coverage helps to keep dogs warmer, but some dogs can find adjusting to wearing these more difficult. Dogs who are already familiar with wearing coats often adjust to wearing snowsuits more quickly. If you want your dog to wear a snowsuit, start by introducing them to a coat, then use the same steps to introduce them to a snowsuit.



BARK TO BASICS

(Tips from The American Kennel Club)

Teaching Your Dog to Wear a Coat

For many dogs, the sensation of fabric on their backs or the sound of Velcro can be startling. To ensure your

dog feels cozy rather than restricted, it's best to introduce their new gear gradually using positive reinforcement. By associating the coat with treats and praise, you can turn getting dressed into a stress-free experience for both of you.

- Hold the coat out for your dog to sniff, or put it on the floor for your dog to investigate. Reward your dog for showing any interest in the coat.
- Put the coat on your dog. Reward them for wearing the coat, then immediately remove it.
- Continue practicing putting the coat on your dog, rewarding them while they are wearing it. In each training session, slowly build up the amount of time your dog spends in their coat.
- When your dog is comfortable wearing the coat for an extended period at home or in the yard, take them out to a more distracting environment while they're in the coat.



If your dog ever pulls away from having their coat put on or tries to take it off, gently remove the coat. Start back with the earlier steps when you let your dog explore the coat; put the coat on, then immediately remove it. Then, slowly build up the amount of time your dog spends in the coat, pairing this with lots of treats and/or praise.



Teaching Your Dog to Wear Boots

Dog boots will protect a dog's feet from cold, snow, ice, chemical deicers, and salt on neighborhood streets and sidewalks. Dog boots are often the most difficult item for dogs to get used to wearing.

- Place the boots on the floor and let your dog investigate. Reward any interest, such as sniffing or approaching.
- Gently put one boot on your dog's foot, reward them, then remove the boot right away.
- Repeat with one boot, gradually increasing the time it stays on. Use frequent treats, praise, or play. If your dog tries to remove it, shorten the time and increase rewards.
- Once your dog is comfortable wearing one boot, put on two boots and repeat the same process, slowly extending the duration.
- When two boots are comfortable, add the third and fourth boots. Continue rewarding and playing to keep the experience positive.
- When your dog is comfortable in all four boots at home, put them on and go for a short walk. Reward often and gradually increase walk length as confidence builds.



BARK TO BASICS

This Month's Spotlight from Huntington Shelter and Adoption Center

Dino is a 5-year-old Pitbull mix, who is ready to find his forever family!

Dino initially is a bit nervous but it doesn't take long for him to get comfortable and show his true personality. He loves to play fetch and run around in our yard but also doesn't mind sitting at your feet and happily chewing one of his favorite toys.

Dino has passed his behavioral assessment and has no food or toy guarding issues. Dino is neutered, up to date on vaccinations, microchipped and he would require a home with no other animals, an experienced handler and children 12+

Contact the Town of Huntington Animal Shelter
at (631) 754-8722
You just might find a new family member!



meet Dino!!

Characteristics

Loves to Play Fetch, Independent, and Likes to Run Around.

Coat length

Short

Health

Vaccinations up to date, spayed / neutered.



BARK TO BASICS

This Month's Spotlight from Huntington Shelter and Adoption Center

Joe is a 1-year-old Shepherd mix, who is ready to find his forever family!

Joe is full of energy and can be a bit rambunctious. Joe can be apprehensive around new people and will benefit from patience, consistency and guidance through obedience training and socialization. He is a frequent participant in playgroup and he would do best with a confident leader dog that will teach him appropriate play. With a committed adopter who understands the breed, has the time to dedicate to meeting his physical needs and a fenced in yard to play in, Joe has the potential to become a loyal, well-mannered companion.

Joe has passed his behavioral assessment and has no food or toy guarding issues. Joe is neutered, up to date on vaccinations, microchipped and would do best in a home with children 10+.

Contact the Town of Huntington Animal Shelter at (631) 754-8722
You just might find a new family member!



meet Joe!!

Characteristics

Happy, Friendly,
Gentle, Independent

Coat length

Short

Health

Vaccinations up to date,
spayed / neutered.



TRASH & RECYCLING INFO



PLASTIC BAGS AND PLASTIC WRAP SHOULD NOT BE PUT IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER

Although plastic bags are recyclable, they are not collected curbside. They must be handled separately. Please reuse your bags within your household, return them to your local store or drop them at a Town designated drop-off location and be part of the NexTrex Community Recycling Initiative.

Recycling placed out in plastic bags will not be picked up. Residents that put their recycling out in a plastic bag add to the cost of the program because the contents have to be manually debugged. Loose plastic bags and plastic wrap

at the material recycling facility get wrapped around moving shutdown of the sorting line to clean. Plastic bags or plastic wrap in your curbside recycling bin will not be recycled. They will be disposed of as a contaminant.



PUT RECYCLABLES LOOSE IN YOUR RECYCLING CAN AND COVER WITH LID AT THE CURB.



Instead of putting these items in your recycling bin take them to one of the Town's three drop-off locations for plastic bags, wrap, and film and help us hit our NexTrex Plastic Film Recycling Initiative goal: for every 1000 lbs. of plastic wrap, bags, or film collected, the Town will receive a garden bench made of plastic lumber.

Drop off your plastic film recycling at the Recycling Center
641 New York Avenue
Tuesday – Saturday,
8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

For more information on this program visit:

HuntingtonNY.gov/PlasticFilmRecycling

Acceptable items: store bags, produce bags, ice bags, reclosable bags, cereal box liners, case overwrap, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, air pillows and bubble wrap, plastic e-commerce mailers. All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Holiday Collection Week—Note Changes						
	15 TOWN HALL CLOSED NO PICKUP Presidents' Day	16	17	18 	19 DOUBLE TRASH PICKUP FOR MONDAY/THURSDAY ROUTES	20
	22	23	24	25 	26	27
	28					

PLEASE REMEMBER! Town Code states that all homeowners are responsible for keeping any sidewalks bordering their property **cleared of snow and ice**. To keep pedestrians safe, please keep all sidewalks accessible throughout the winter season. If you have any questions, you may contact Code Enforcement at 631-351-3167.

For more info: www.HuntingtonNY.gov/trash

Monday & Thursday Pickup

Tuesday & Friday Pickup

Bottles, Cans & Plastics Pickup



Paper Pickup



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

TRASH & RECYCLING INFO



FOR DETAILED RECYCLING INFORMATION AND COLLECTION DAYS GO TO:
www.HuntingtonNY.Gov/DualStream or consult your current Trash & Recycling Calendar

DO'S

- Recycling must be in marked recycling cans with handles and lids (up to 42 gallons). If you are converting an existing garbage can for recycling, you must affix two recycling decals (one on each side) so your collector knows it has recycling inside. Recycling decals are available at Town Hall, Recycling Center, and all local libraries. Blue cans with the recycling logo imprinted do not need additional decals.
- **ALL ITEMS MUST BE PLACED LOOSE IN YOUR RECYCLING CAN.**

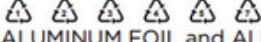
ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

PAPER COLLECTION DAYS

- NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES
- MAIL, SCHOOL PAPERS
- CLEAN SCRAP PAPER
- ADVERTISING CIRCULARS
- CEREAL/GROCERY BOXES (REMOVE PLASTIC LINERS)
- SHOE BOXES
- TOILET PAPER CORES and PAPER TOWEL CORES
- CARDBOARD - Flatten, bundle, and tie shipping and corrugated boxes and place next to your paper recycling can.



BOTTLES, CANS & PLASTIC COLLECTION DAYS

- GLASS JARS and BOTTLES
- PLASTIC BOTTLES
- METAL FOOD CANS
- METAL BEVERAGE CANS
- PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS WITH 
- ALUMINUM FOIL and ALUMINUM TRAYS
- METAL POTS and PANS
- AEROSOL CANS FROM KITCHEN, BATHROOM, or LAUNDRY AREA ONLY (NO AUTOMOTIVE or PAINT AEROSOL CANS)



Rinse glass jars, glass bottles, plastic bottles, and metal food and beverage cans. Remove lids and caps before placing in container.

Items not specifically listed here as "ACCEPTABLE" should be considered a contaminant and be put out with your household trash

DON'TS

- **DO NOT** put recyclables in plastic bags (bags cause damage to moving machinery at the recycling facility).
- **DO NOT** use low bins/totes, crates, or laundry baskets.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- ALL PLASTIC BAGS
- ANY PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINER WITHOUT A RESIN CODE SYMBOL
- STYROFOAM CONTAINERS and PACKING MATERIALS
- SOILED CARDBOARD, TISSUES, PAPER TOWELS
- WAXED MILK CARTONS and JUICE CARTONS
- LIGHT BULBS
- BATTERIES
- CHINA, CERAMIC, OVENPROOF GLASS
- GARDEN HOSES, FLOWER POTS, PLANT CONTAINERS
- CLOTHES HANGERS
- HARD COVER BOOKS
- PLASTIC TOYS, BUCKETS, CUTLERY
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
- ELECTRONIC WASTE
- PAINT CANS



RECYCLING CANS WITH UNACCEPTABLE CONTAMINANTS WILL BE LEFT AT THE CURB UNCOLLECTED. WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT!



TRASH & RECYCLING INFO



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON REFUSE DISTRICT

AREA	CARTER	TELEPHONE
01	Alpha Carting	631-569-4209
02	Alpha Carting	631-569-4209
03	T&D Doherty & Sons	631-346-3152
04	Gatlas Enterprises	631-447-0510
05	Alpha Carting	631-569-4209
06	Alpha Carting	631-569-4209
07	Bianculli Sanitation	631-968-4822
08	T&D Doherty & Sons	631-346-3152
09	Gatlas Enterprises	631-447-0510
10	Bianculli Sanitation	631-968-4822
11	European American Waste Disp.	631-654-3026
12	European American Waste Disp.	631-654-3026
13	Gatlas Enterprises	631-447-0510
14	Gatlas Enterprises	631-447-0510
15	European American Waste Disp.	631-654-3026
16	Bianculli Sanitation	631-968-4822
17	Town Municipal	631-446-3656
19	Town Municipal	631-446-3656

If you feel you are not getting the proper service from your carter, please check the following:

1. Did you place the correct material at curbside on the proper day?
2. Did you set the material out in the proper manner, i.e., is the material bagged and bundled properly in weights of less than 50 lbs. and shorter than 2 x 2 x 4 ft.?
3. Did you place the correct number of items allowed by Town Code at curbside?
4. Did you place the material at curbside before the truck passed by?

If you answered "no" to any of the above, please take steps to comply with the collection regulations (see page 4) and the material will be picked up on the next appropriate collection day. If you answered yes to ALL of these questions, please call:

TOWN SANITATION HOTLINE
631-351-3186

Monday &
Thursday Pickup

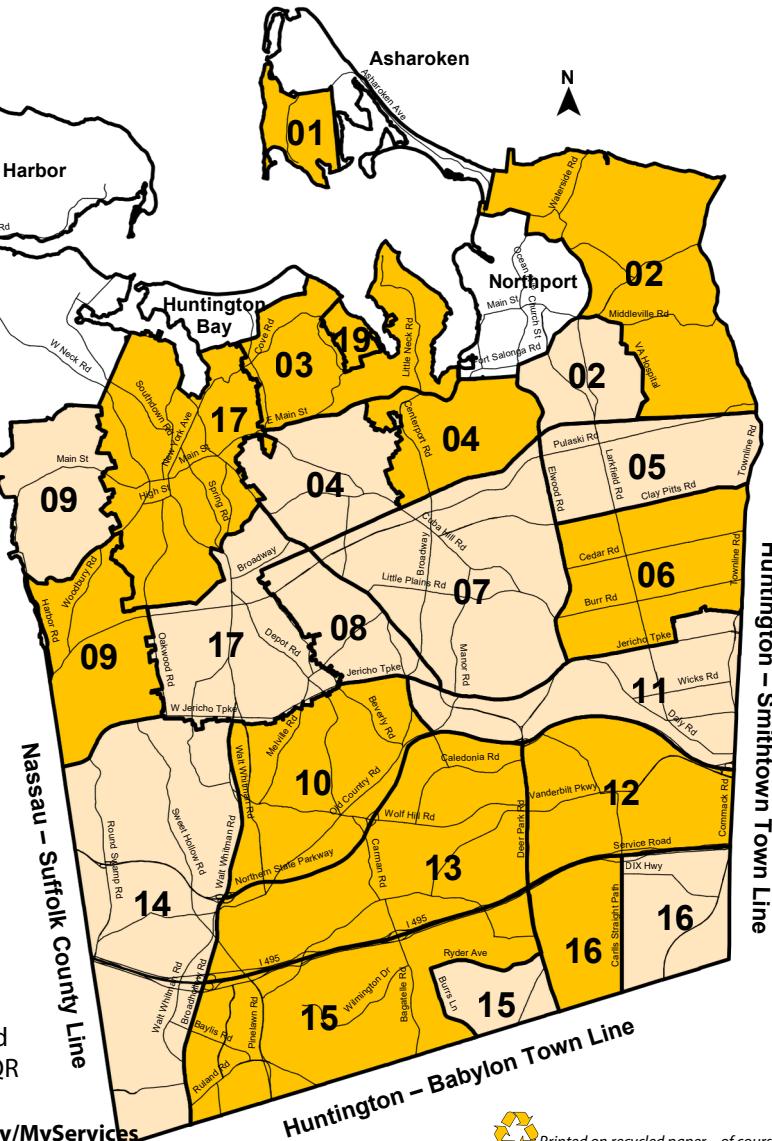
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Carter
Boundaries



To find your Carter and
Collection Days scan QR
code or go to:
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**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.

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(631) 427-6377

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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



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Huntington, NY 11743

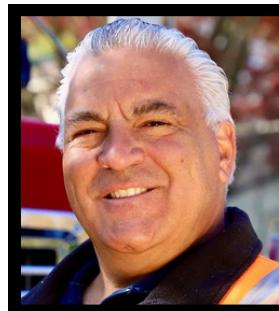
Code Enforcement 631-351-3167

Bureau of Administrative

Adjudication (BAA) 631-351-3146

Public Safety - (24/7) 631-351-3234

SCPD - 2nd Precinct 631-854-8200



Superintendent of Highways
Andre Sorrentino
631-499-0444

Town Clerk
Andrew Raia
631-351-3216

Receiver of Taxes
Jillian Guthman
631-351-3217

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Accessory Apartments

631-351-3009

631-351-3244

Animal Control

631-754-8722

631-351-2862

Assessor's Office

631-351-3226

631-351-3192

Attorney

631-351-3042

631-351-3089

Beach Information

631-351-3089

631-351-3196

Building & Housing

631-351-2821

631-427-6377

Cat Shelter

631-651-9788

631-351-3239

Community Development

631-351-2881

631-351-3253

Comptroller

631-351-3038

631-754-4999

Diversity Programs

631-351-3304

631-351-3306

Emergency Management

631-351-3162

631-351-3259

Engineering

631-351-3151

631-351-3053

Environmental Waste

631-351-3186

631-351-2840

Fire Prevention

631-351-3138

631-351-3061

Harbormaster

631-351-3255

631-351-3012

HART Bus

631-427-8287

631-351-3123

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Youth Bureau

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Zoning Board of Appeals