

Access Newsletter

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A Message From Supervisor Petrone



Summer is a time for all of us to enjoy the outdoors, and the Town of Huntington wants to make sure that people with disabilities are not left out.

Last year, the Town purchased a new handicap beach chair for use at Crab Meadow Beach. The chair not only travels on sand, but also serves as a safe flotation device. That allows persons with disabilities to enjoy the beach and the surf at Crab Meadow. To use the chair, all you have to do is ask at the beach office. And if you plan on being at another of the Town's beaches and want to use the chair, give us a day or

two's notice and we will get it there.

If you prefer to cool off in a swimming pool, the town's Dix Hills Park Pool has a lift for the disabled, allowing you to get in and out of the water easily.

For children with disabilities, there is the boundless playground at Veterans Park in East Northport, which provides fun for children of all ability levels. Sometime in the next few weeks, the Town will also be installing a new swing for disabled children at Heckscher and Veterans Parks. They are two of the eight Town parks that have playgrounds with handicap accessibility. Three Town parks -

Caledonia, Elwood and William E. Kessler - have handicap accessible picnic areas, as does the bocce court at Elwood Park. All comfort stations at Town parks are handicap accessible.

You might also like to know that all of the Town beaches are equipped with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) that can be used in an emergency.

Of course, we're hoping they are never needed, and that everybody takes advantage of the sun and the warmth. Have a great summer!

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON BEACH STICKERS

Free beach stickers are available to persons 60 years of age or older, and for persons under 60 who have a disability and **meet income eligibility guidelines**. Persons 60 or older can obtain a sticker at Centerport Beach from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Vehicle registration and a driver's license are required. Persons with disabilities can get the application in Room 207 at Town Hall or by downloading it from the Town's website, huntingtonny.gov.



RENEWAL OF PERMANENT NYS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE DISABILITY PARKING PERMITS

Huntington Town Clerk Jo-Ann Raia wishes to remind resident permanent Disability Parking Permit holders that there will be a renewal by mail of all permanent (blue hang-tag) permits that shall expire on September 30, 2015.

Renewal letters and applications will be mailed in June to those residents who were issued a permanent Disability Parking Permit from the Town Clerk's Office and will contain detailed instructions to be followed.

If you have moved to another location in the Town of Huntington and have not done so already, please be sure to contact the Town Clerk's Office at (631) 351-3206, Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, to update your record on file to assure accurate delivery of your renewal application.

Does Your Family Have an Emergency Plan?

CODE RED: Is a high speed notification for any type of emergency in your area, based upon your registered address. To register for CODE RED alerts, follow the link below

scoem.suffolkcountyny.gov/OEM/Code-Red.html

SUFFOLK COUNTY SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY: The Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management has developed and expanded the Special Needs Registry into a county-wide registry for ALL residents to include those with special needs and/or functional medical needs including seniors. This registration website allows those with greatest risk, special needs and their families, friends and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency. To

register for the Suffolk County Special Needs Registry follow the link below.

oemapps.suffolkcountyny.gov/spns/

SMART 911: Is a new free service brought to you by the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services Communication Center. SMART 911 will allow you to create a profile containing vital personal and medical information. If and when you have to call 911, your profile will be available to first responders and 911 operators. This profile will help first responders assist you more effectively. To sign up and create your SMART 911 profile, follow the link

smart911.com/

You can call The Office of Emergency Management's Customer Service Center at (631) 852-4900.

Sample Emergency Supply Check List:



- 3 Day Supply of Non-Perishable Food
- Can Opener
- First Aid Kit
- Sleeping Bag or Warm Blanket for Every Person in the Family
- Change of Clothing (3-day supply)
- Matches in a Water Proof Container
- Water (at least one gallon per person for a minimum of 3 days)
- Flashlights and Batteries
- Hygiene Products
- Cell Phone & Charger, or Solar Charger
- Medications
- Whistle to Signal Help

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

If you are at risk during emergency situations and require special planning, which may involve transportation and/or sheltering, the Joint Emergency Evacuation Plan (JEEP) may be of assistance. *The Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management* maintains the *JEEP* database

and activates it prior to an impending disaster. This database will help the Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services (FRES) coordinate assistance to eligible individuals with disabilities that have special needs. **You must apply ahead of time to be included.**

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

Upcoming Town Board Meetings

Tuesday, July 14 at 2 pm

Tuesday, August 11 at 2 pm

Wednesday, September 16 at 2 pm

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

Resources for Persons with Disabilities:

Town of Huntington Handi-capped Services

Phone: (631) 351-3068

Web: HuntingtonNY.gov

Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network at the Northport VA Medical Center

Phone: (631) 543-2245

Web: davtnorthport.org/

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

Phone: (631) 580-5100

Web: adrcinc.org/

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

Phone: (866) 633-7365

Web: dol.gov/odep/

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind

Phone: (631) 930-9000

Web: guidedog.org/

NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness

Phone: (631) 271-2935

Web: nami-huntington.org/

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

Phone: (866) 946-9733

Web: opwdd.ny.gov/

Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation (LIAF)

Phone: (516) 767-6856

Web: www.liaf.org

Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities

Phone: (631) 853-8333

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

United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. of Greater Suffolk, Inc.

Phone: (631) 232-0011

Web: ucp-suffolk.org/

SILO- Suffolk Independent Living Organization

Phone: (631) 880-7929

Web: www.siloinc.org

Special Olympics

Phone: (631) 254-1465

Web: nyso.org

**Check these agencies out!
They have lots of services for the disabled person!**



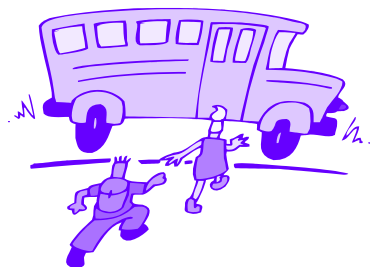
Swimming Classes for Persons with Disabilities

Swim Classes for persons with disabilities are given at the Dix Hills Park Swimming Pool. The facility is fully handicapped accessible and features a mechanical chair lift that can accommodate those with more substantial disabilities. Contact **Parks and Recreation** for more information (631) 351-3071.

Camp Bright Star

****Preference is given to Huntington residents****

Campers who have various developmental disabilities will experience true fun and develop friendships at Camp Bright Star, in a safe, caring and structured environment. Activities include swimming, sports, arts & crafts, music, creative arts, trips and special events such as; carnivals, camp plays, talent shows, and picnics. There is an application and evaluation process for new campers. For more information on this process, please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at (631) 351-3071.



**Includes bus transportation
for Huntington residents.**

Handicapped Enforcement Program Needs Volunteers

The Handicapped Parking Enforcement Program needs volunteers to enforce handicapped parking and fire zone violations in the Town of Huntington. These volunteers identify and photograph any car parked in a designated handicapped space

without a disability permit, or a car parked in a fire zone. When the volunteer turns the photos into the office, he/she signs an affidavit, and the violator receives a parking ticket in the mail. If you are interested in joining this worthy effort, please

contact Marvin Grossman, Coordinator of Handicapped Parking Enforcement at 351-3232. You will receive an hour-long orientation and will be issued a digital camera. You will also receive a \$5.00 stipend per conviction.



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Long Island, NY



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