



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON Access Newsletter



**2018
Spring/Summer Edition**

A Message from Supervisor Chad A. Lupinacci

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The warm weather months are a time for all of us to enjoy the outdoors and the Town of Huntington wants to ensure that you are able to do just that!

A few things to note about our Town:

Handicap/Disability Parking

People with handicap/disability parking permits can park for free at metered spaces within Huntington Village, as long as the vehicle has handicap license plates or displays a valid handicap parking permit.

There is also no fee for parking in one of the six spaces in the parking lot in front of the Huntington Train Station dedicated for handicap parking. Parking in a handicap space in one of the parking garages requires both a handicap permit and a resident parking permit, which costs \$75, and parking in the non-handicap 12-hour metered spaces at the train station carries no discount.

Free beach stickers for Town of Huntington beaches are available to persons under the age of 60 who have a disability and meet the income eligibility guidelines. To apply for a Free Beach Sticker, call (631) 351-3068.

The goal is to make sure that parking is not an impediment to persons with disabilities taking advantage of all that Huntington has to offer, including the many restaurants, shops and entertainment choices in our downtown centers such as Huntington Village.

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Supervisor Chad A. Lupinacci

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You should also know that Huntington takes seriously its responsibility to vigorously enforce handicap parking violations, including parking in handicap spaces without a permit and parking in transfer zones – those additions to handicap spaces that make it easier for persons with disabilities to get in and out of their vehicles. Town public safety officers are helped in this effort by trained volunteers. If you know anyone who would like to be a volunteer, have them contact the Handicapped Parking Enforcement Division at (631) 351-2839.

To apply for a Disability Parking Permit, call the Office of the Town Clerk: (631) 351-3206.

Parks & Recreation

The Town has a floating wheelchair for use at Crab Meadow Beach (and other Town beaches with one or two days' notice). The chair not only travels on sand, but also serves as a safe flotation device! To use the chair, all you have to do is ask at the beach office. There are also three (3) sand wheelchairs for use on the sand only. Call the Main Beach Office at (631) 261-7574 or call Parks and Recreation at (631) 351-3089.

Crab Meadow Beach and Hobart Beach both have ADA-compliant playgrounds.

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.

The Town also offers a Disabled Swim Program from July 5-August 2 (Monday through Thursday) for ages 3 and up. The program is designed to work with disabled children or adults. Each student will have his/her own instructor (1-on-1). For further information, call Parks and Recreation at (631) 351-3089 or Dix Hills Park at (631) 462-5883.

For children with disabilities, there is the boundless playground at Veterans Park in East Northport, which provides fun for children of all ability levels. The Town has a swing for disabled children at Veterans Park as well as Heckscher Park.

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, as your well being is our priority.

With the warm season ahead, I hope you will get out and enjoy Huntington, dining at our restaurants, shopping in our stores or experiencing the beautiful weather at our Town beaches and parks.

Sincerely,

Chad A. Lupinacci, Supervisor
Town of Huntington

Resources for Persons with Disabilities

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

Phone: (631) 580-5100

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

Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network at the Northport VA Medical Center

Phone: (631) 261-4400 ext. 7487

<http://suffolkcountyny.gov/veterans/transportation.aspx>

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

Phone: (866) 633-7365

<https://www.dol.gov/odep/>

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind

Phone: (631) 930-9000

<https://www.guidedog.org/>



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

Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation (LIAF)

Phone: (516) 767-6856

<https://www.liaf.org/>

NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness

Phone: (631) 385-0754

<http://www.nami-huntington.org/>

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

Phone: (866) 946-9733 Suffolk County: (631) 434-6100

<https://opwdd.ny.gov/>

SILO - Suffolk Independent Living Organization

Phone: (631) 880-7929

<http://www.siloinc.org/>

Special Olympics

Phone: (631) 254-1465

<http://specialolympics-ny.org/>

Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities

Phone: (631) 853-8333

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

Town of Huntington Office for Persons With Disabilities

Phone: (631) 351-3068

<http://www.huntingtonny.gov/content/13749/13861/16626/99666/16632/default.aspx>

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc.

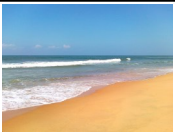
Phone: (631) 232-0011

<http://ucp-li.org/>

Huntington YMCA

Phone: (631) 421-4242

<https://ymcali.org/locations/huntington-ymca>



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. Persons with disabilities can get the application in Room 207 at Town Hall or by downloading it from the Town's website:

<http://www.huntingtonny.gov/content/13749/13861/16626/99666/16682/default.aspx>



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 handicap accessible and features a mechanical chair lift that can accommodate those with more substantial disabilities. Contact **Parks and Recreation** for more information: (631) 351-3089.



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

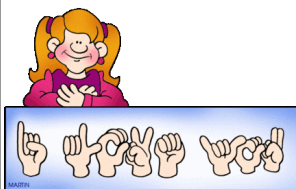
Campers who have various developmental disabilities will experience true fun and develop friendships at Camp Bright Star, in a safe, caring and structured environment. Activities include swimming, sports, arts & crafts, music, creative arts, trips and special events such as; carnivals, camp plays, talent 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.



Dogs at the beach and parks

Dogs are allowed in the parking lot of beaches leashed, and are not permitted on the beaches leashed or unleashed.

Dogs are not allowed at Heckscher Park and Betty Allen Preserve whether leashed or unleashed. Dogs are also not allowed on playgrounds, ball fields, camp grounds and picnic areas.



American Sign Language Class

Town of Huntington Senior Center
423 Park Avenue Huntington, NY 11743 - Room 205
Monday's 12:30 - 1:15 pm (Does not meet during summer)
Beginners Welcome!
For information contact Senior Center (631) 351-3253

Recent Laws That Have Passed

A restroom access bill (A1982, Paulin) also known as “Crohn’s and Colitis Fairness Act” gives patients with Crohn’s Disease and other eligible medical conditions such as Ulcerative Colitis, inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome or any other medical condition that requires immediate access to a toilet facility, the right to use employee restrooms in businesses open to the public that do not have a public restroom. The place of business may require the individual to present reasonable evidence that the individual has an eligible medical condition or uses an Ostomy device.

The Special Needs Trust Establishment bill (A6743, Barrett) now allows people with disabilities to set up a trust for themselves to help them qualify for Medicaid. Previously only a parent, guardian or the court could set up a trust.

The Medicaid Trust Information Bill (A5175A, Gottfried) requires the Department of Health to notify individuals if they are eligible to put their money into a trust if their income is too high to qualify for Medicaid.

Did you know?

The Town of Huntington has Handicap Beach Chairs available. When in use the chair is submerged in water allowing the person to swim out and into the chair from water. The chair is made of PVC material with large tube tires which allows the chair to move with relative ease on the beach sand. Crab Meadow Beach, Asharoken Beach, West Neck Beach, Centerport Beach, and Gold Star Beach all have a Handicap Beach Chair available upon request by calling Handicap Services at (631) 351-3068 or Parks and Recreation at (631) 351-3089.

There are Handicap Swings found at Hecksher Park, Breezy Park, and Veterans Park. Veterans Park located in East Northport on Bellerose Avenue, features ground-level play, adaptive swings, and ramped play structures that allow children to run or wheel through.



SENIOR CITIZENS BEACH HOUSE AT CENTERPORT BEACH

239 Little Neck Road, Centerport
Beach House: (631) 261-9186 Cottage: (631) 261-1058
Game Room and Snack Bar open!

Come socialize and enjoy the beautiful view of Centerport Bay!

Spring Hours: Sundays, Noon - 5 pm through May 27

Summer Seasonal Hours begin June 3: Sundays Noon - 5 pm; Monday-Saturday 10 am - 4 pm.

Music, art, caning and rushing programs on-going. Once Summer season begins: exercise classes, card playing, mahjong, bingo, brain gym, kayak club, senior clubs, pool sharks, special events and summer barbecues.

All activities require a Town of Huntington Senior Membership Card (Must be age 60+)

Senior Beach House and Cottage are handicap accessible.



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



The Social Security Administration offers a Ticket to Work Program. This Program connects one with free employment services to help one; decide if working is right for you, prepare for work, find a job or maintain success while you are working. Anyone age 18 to 64 who receives Social Security Disability Insurance and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is eligible to participate in this program. Participation is voluntary and free. Services available through this program include career counseling, vocational rehabilitation and job placement and training. If you are interested in participating in this program, call the Ticket to Work Help Line at 1-866-968-7842 / 1-866-833-2967 (TTY) to verify your eligibility.

Town of Huntington Summer Employment Opportunities for Young People With Disabilities

The summer is a great time to have a work experience for many young people. The Town of Huntington recognizes the importance of this experience and allocates budget money annually to support this working initiative for young persons with disabilities. Applications are due by Friday, May 4, 2018 Personnel Office, Room 210 in Town Hall. For more information, please contact Julia Frangione at 631-351-3253 ext. 4006.



Handicapped Parking Enforcement Program Needs Volunteers



The Handicapped Parking Enforcement Program needs volunteers to enforce handicapped parking and fire zone violations in the Town of Huntington. These volunteers identify and photograph any car parked in a designated handicapped space without a disability permit, or a car parked in a fire zone. When the volunteer turns the photos into the office, he/she signs an affidavit, and the violator receives a parking ticket in the mail. If you are interested in joining this worthy effort, please contact Mr. Sal Sanfilippo, Coordinator of Handicapped Parking Enforcement at (631) 351-2839. You will receive an hour-long orientation and will be issued a digital camera. You will also receive a \$5.00 stipend per conviction.

DISABILITY PARKING

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles parking permits for persons with disabilities, permanent or temporary in nature that affect mobility, are issued to Town residents through the Town Clerk's Office. An application (either downloaded from the Town's website or obtained from Jo-Ann Raia, Town Clerk, 100 Main Street, Room 102, Huntington, New York 11743) must be completed by the applicant and the applicant's physician. <https://huntingtonny.gov/content/13753/13757/17478/17526/18796/100637/17877/default.aspx>

Huntington's 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 expire on September 30, 2018. Renewal letters and applications will be mailed in June and July of 2018 to those residents who were issued a permanent Disability Parking Permit from the Town Clerk's Office.



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Local public transportation is available Monday through Saturday. The Town of Huntington’s HART system (631) 427-8287 and Suffolk County Transit (631) 852-5200 operate a network of regularly scheduled bus routes that serve many of the places seniors might want to travel, including the Senior Center. Buses are handicap accessible. Senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and Medicare cardholders are eligible to pay reduced fares.

Minibus service is also provided, at somewhat higher fares to persons who are prevented from using the regular buses because of a disability. This paratransit service is operated on a shared-ride, advance-request, curb-to-curb basis by HART (for rides entirely within the Town of Huntington) and Suffolk County’s SCAT program (for rides within Suffolk but not entirely within the Town). Both agencies require prior enrollment by application. Personal travel assistance is limited. HART also extends paratransit service, with reduced priority, to non-disabled senior citizen residents who do not drive and do not have access to regular buses. Paratransit is not offered as a more convenient alternative to regularly scheduled buses. **For information, call HART at (631) 427-8287 (TTY: 800-662-1220) and SCAT at (631) 853-8337 (TTY: 853-5658). Bus schedules are available at the Senior Center.**

TRANSIT (SINGLE RIDE)	
Adult	\$2.25
Student (Grade K-12)	\$1.25
Child 44” & under. Limited 3 per Adult	Free
Elderly/Disabled/Medicare*	\$0.75
Transfer	\$0.25

TRANSIT (MULTIPLE RIDES)	
10-Trip Ticket Book Regular	\$17
10-Trip Ticket Book Elderly/Disabled/Medicare*	\$6
PARATRANSIT (SINGLE RIDE)	
Client	\$4
Companion	\$4
Personal Care Attendant	Free

ATTENTION HUNTINGTON RESIDENTS:

Do You Need A Helping Hand?

Local youth, ages 14-18, are available for:

Babysitting,
Garage Cleanout,

Gardening,

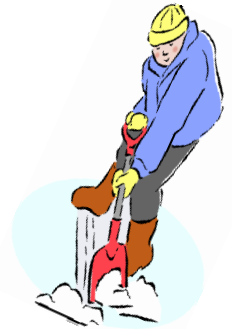
House Cleaning,

iPhone/Computer Assistance,

Yard Work,

Snow Removal

AND MORE!!!



Don't Delay! Call Today!

Project Excel (631) 271-5499

Please call in advance to set a day and time.

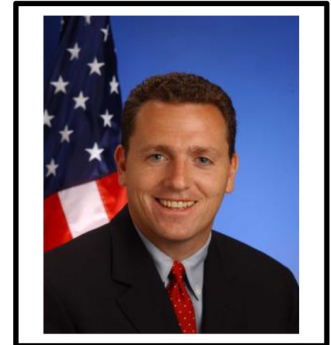
****Homeowner is responsible to pay youth for services rendered and liability insurance****

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

All youth have completed our Employment Workshop and have been screened.



Free Civil Legal Services Coming to Your Neighborhood



Courtesy of
Huntington Town
Councilman Mark A. Cuthbertson
631-351-3171

The Mobile Legal Help Center is a partnership between the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) and the New York State Courts' Access to Justice Program that provides free civil legal services to New Yorkers in need.

Private meeting rooms and technology inside the vehicle enable it to function as a full-service office.

The vehicle will be stationed at:

**Light of Salvation Church parking lot
1599 New York Ave, Huntington Station, NY**

**July 27, 2018
August 31, 2018
September 28, 2018**

10:00am to 3:00pm

For more information and to make an appointment,
please call:

**Office of Councilman Mark Cuthbertson
631-351-3171**

***Anyone is entitled to Legal
Services***

***Regardless of Immigration
Status***

Staff onboard the Mobile Legal Help Center will provide FREE legal assistance on issues related to:

- IMMIGRATION
- HOUSING (TENANTS ONLY)
- PUBLIC BENEFITS
- DISABILITY BENEFITS
- HEALTHCARE BENEFITS
- IDENTITY THEFT
- DEBT MANAGEMENT
- CONSUMER CREDIT
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- DIVORCE
- CUSTODY
- EMPLOYMENT
- ADVANCE PLANNING
- SUPER STORM SANDY



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*Town of Huntington
17th Annual
Women's Networking Day*

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

Larkfield


*507 Larkfield Road, East Northport
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
11:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.*

\$12 per person ~ \$10 seniors ~ Includes Lunch

Behind every successful woman is Herself



Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Huntington Senior Center, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington
For information contact: Julia Frangione, Director at JFrangione@HuntingtonNY.gov
Vendor opportunities contact: Maria Soskel at MSoskel@HuntingtonNY.gov
(631) 351-3253

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Summer Senior Division Upcoming Events



June 3, Sunday	Beach House	Summer Season Opening Music and Ice Cream OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK	Noon - 5 pm
June 11, Monday	Senior Center	Occupational Therapy	1:30 pm
June 12, Tuesday	Senior Center	Coffee Chat Councilman Cuthbertson	10:00 am
June 20, Wed.	Senior Center	Men's Health Presentation	1:30 pm
June 22, Friday	Senior Center	Happy Summer Party Entertainment by Steve Cassano	1:00 - 2:30 pm
June 27, Wed.	Senior Center	CSH Whaling Museum Craft	2:00 pm
June 28, Thursday	Senior Center	St. Francis Mobile Health Van	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
July 3, Tuesday	Senior Center	Independence Day Party Entertainment by Jim Ambrosio	1:00 - 2:30 pm
July 9, Monday	Senior Center	Piano with Remy	12:30 - 1:30 pm
July 10, Tuesday	Senior Center	Coffee Chat Councilwoman Cergol	10:00 am
July 25, Wed.	Beach House	Summer BBQ	10:30 am - 3:30 pm
(Rain date July 26, Thursday)		Entertainment by Steve Cassano	1:30 - 3:30 pm
July 27, Friday	Senior Center	Huntington Arts Council – Event	1:30 pm
July 31, Tuesday	Senior Center	Country Western w/ New York Trio	1:00 - 2:30 pm
August 8, Wed.	Senior Center	Sizzlin' Summer Party Entertainment by Steve Cassano	1:00 - 2:30 pm
August 9, Thursday	Senior Center	Hearing Screening Mobile Van	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
August 13, Monday	Senior Center	Piano with Remy	12:30 - 1:30 pm
August 15, Wed.	Senior Center	CSH Whaling Museum Craft	2:00 pm
August 22, Wed.	Senior Center	Herbal and Alternative Medicines	1:30 pm
August 29, Wed.	Beach House	End of Summer BBQ	10:30 am - 3:30 pm
(Rain date Aug. 30, Thursday)		Entertainment by DJ Bob	1:30 - 3:30 pm
Sept. 10, Monday	Senior Center	Piano with Remy	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Sept. 19, Wed.	Senior Center	Lower Back Pain Presentation	1:30 pm
Sept. 26, Wed.	Cinema Arts Centre	Senior Talent Show	10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Sept. 28, Friday	Senior Center	Hispanic Heritage Celebration Entertainment by Teo Torres	1:00 - 2:30 pm

Note: Senior Beach House Summer Season extended until September 30. (Closed Labor Day, September 3)
 Sunday: Noon - 5:00 pm
 Monday - Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Closed Saturdays during September

Town of Huntington Senior Nutrition Center, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 ~ (631) 351-3253
 Lunch Served: Noon - 1:20 pm, Monday - Friday for Suffolk County Residents age 60+, suggested \$2.00 donation
 Please see *Calling All Seniors Monthly Newsletter* for additional programs.

www.TOHSeniors.com



GET YOUR **FREE** HOME ENERGY AUDIT TODAY!

Get a **FREE** energy audit & find the areas where your home is wasting energy

Fix problem areas with affordable energy upgrades

Save \$1,000 a year on your home energy bills

Make your home more comfortable year round

Long Island Green Homes makes energy efficiency simple and easy. Our knowledgeable Energy Navigators are ready to guide you every step of the way.



Regardless of income level, if you are a Long Island homeowner you can participate in **Long Island Green Homes**. Assistance of 10-50% is available for home energy improvements depending on your family's income and size.



New York State also provides low interest financing for approved energy efficiency measures. Home improvements can be made with little to no out-of-pocket expenses.



Join thousands of homeowners across the state who have lowered their energy bills and enjoy year-round comfort in their homes.

CALL US TODAY! 800-567-2850
longislandgreenhomes.org



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Long Island Green Homes is a non-profit collaborative project administered by:



Town of Huntington Citizens Advisory Committee

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



Upcoming Huntington Town Board Meetings

June 5th at 2:00 pm (Tuesday)
June 19th at 7:00 pm (Tuesday)
July 17th at 2:00 pm (Tuesday)
August 7th at 7:00 pm (Tuesday)
September 5th at 2:00 pm (Wednesday)
September 20th at 7:00 pm (Thursday)

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



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