

Human Services Department - Senior Division Home Delivered Meals Program

March 2023 - Edition XV

A meal, and so much more. Home Delivered Meals so no senior goes hungry.



Nutrition, Wellness, and Support Services



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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON



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2023

Dear Home Delivered Meal Recipient:

Welcome to The Town of Huntington's Senior Citizen Home Delivered Meal Program. This program provides home delivered meals to seniors who have difficulty managing their own nutritional needs.

The Nutrition Center is sponsored by the Town of Huntington with funding provided by the Administration for Community Living through New York State Office for the Aging and Suffolk County Office for the Aging.

State regulations require that all participants be given an opportunity to contribute to the cost of the service. We realize that each person has a unique financial situation. If you can afford to, and would like to contribute, the suggested voluntary and anonymous contribution is \$3.00 per meal. All individuals are encouraged to make voluntary and anonymous contributions towards the cost of the meal. Persons with a self-declared income at or above 185% of the Federal Poverty Level are encouraged to make a contribution equal to the actual cost of the meal which is \$10.86. For 2023, income at 185% of the Federal Poverty Level is \$26,973 for a household of one, and \$36,482 for a household of two.

Contributions to this service are voluntary and anonymous. Any amount you wish to contribute will be used to expand the program and will be greatly appreciated. Please be assured that no one is required to make a contribution and the service will not be denied to any person who is unable or unwilling to contribute. I invite your comments as to the quality of service provided or suggestions as to how the service may be improved.

Thank you for supporting the Town of Huntington's Home Delivered Meal Program. Contributions may be given directly to the delivery person in the envelope provided or mailed to the Senior Citizens Division address below. If contributing by check, please make checks payable to: **Town of Huntington** and write **HDM** in the memo.

Very truly yours,

Geri VanDyke

Geri VanDyke, Program Supervisor Home Delivered Meals

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

Home Delivered Meal Delivery Notice:

Five (5) frozen meals will be delivered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays ONLY.

The ready to eat meals are prepared by Zan's Delicatessen. All menus are reviewed and approved by a registered Dietitian at Suffolk County Office for the Aging.

\$3.00 suggested, voluntary, anonymous contribution per meal.

Individuals interested in obtaining additional information regarding the Town of Huntington's Senior Division Home Delivered Meals Program may contact the Program Supervisor, Geri VanDyke at (631) 446-3783.



Town of Huntington Nutrition Program

Reheating Instructions: Reheat to 165 degrees

DO NOT PUT THIS TRAY IN A TOASTER OVEN or AIR FRYER Heat from thawed for best results

Microwave Heating Instructions

1. Peel back lid or make a slit in each section of the tray.

2. Start by heating for 1 minute, either mix or flip depending on the meal, then heat in 30 second intervals as needed. *Heating times may vary, adjust accordingly.* -OR-

3. Place meal in an oven safe dish and reheat in a conventional oven at 350 degrees until internal temperature reaches 165 degrees.

4.**DO NOT USE A TOASTER OVEN or AIR FRYER TO REHEAT YOUR MEAL**

5. Frozen meals are to be used within 90 days of date prepared.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON SENIOR CENTER SUPPORT SERVICES Funding provided by New York State Office for the Aging and



Support Services for Caregivers

Laurie Byrne, LMSW

Suffolk County Office for the Aging. Caregivers Support Service Project 2022

(631) 351-3253 Ext. 3780 LByrne@HuntingtonNY.gov

IF YOU REQUIRE SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES, PLEASE CALL THE SENIOR CENTER Monday through Friday between 9:00 am - 4:00 pm for assistance: (631) 351-3253

SUPPORT GROUPS	DAY	PLACE	TIME
Caregiver Yoga with Sally Call (631) 446-3705 to register each week, Friday/Monday prior to class	Tuesday March 7, 14, 21, 28	Room 213	2:15 - 3:15 PM
Spousal Bereavement Support Group Pre-registration required	Wednesday March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Room 106	1:30 - 3:00 PM
Veterans Support Group with Ron	Thursday, March 16	Library	10:30 - 11:30 AM
Caregiver Support Group	Friday, March 3, 17, 31	Room 106	10:30 - 11:45 AM

Calling All Caregivers: Technologies that Make Life Easier for Seniors and Caregivers with Jennifer Davidson of Family First

Friday, March 31, 2023 • 10:30 am - Noon

To register, please contact: Laurie Byrne, LMSW, (631) 351-3253 Ext. 3780 * see attached flyer *

CAREGIVER RESPITE PROGRAM: While caregivers attend the Caregiver Support Groups and/or **Calling All Caregiver Events**, respite care is available for your loved one in our Adult Day Care Program. Please call **two days** in advance for a respite care appointment at (631) 351-3293.

Bereavement Support Group provides education about the grief process, helps build healthy coping skills, and provides an opportunity to meet others who are experiencing loss. A brief intake and registration paperwork are required before joining the group. For information, please contact: Laurie Byrne, LMSW, (631) 351-3253 Ext. 3780 or LByrne@HuntingtonNY.gov. Group runs for eight-week session.

SUFFOLK COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING: SENIOR ADVOCATE

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Fanchea Pascarella, a senior advocate from Suffolk County will be available to educate eligible seniors in the Town of Huntington/Suffolk County area, to apply for programs/benefits they may qualify for. Programs that foster economic independence such as: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicare Savings Program (MSP) and HEAP. Must call (631) 351-3253 to schedule an appointment.



TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ADULT DAY CARE CENTER 423 PARK AVENUE, HUNTINGTON, NY 11743 (631) 351-3293 Amy.Geist@HuntingtonNY.gov HuntingtonNY.gov/ADC



to a caring and friendly place serving frail seniors with special needs. *Caregiver respite Low cost Medicaid accepted Transportation available*

OPEN ENROLLMENT STOP IN FOR A TOUR TODAY!



Supervisor



Baking Club Brain Gym Creative Arts Games Gentle Exercise/Yoga Hot Lunch & Snacks Intergenerational Activities Language Arts Large and Small Group Activities Music/Pitch Pipe Program Parties/Entertainment Themed Presentations Trips to Centerport Beach House ... and so much more!



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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, includ-

ing 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 at a **cost of \$4.00 one way**) 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) 738-1150 (TTY:(631) 981-0104) cost of \$4.00 each way. Bus schedules are available at the Senior Center.

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON RESIDENTIAL REPAIR PROGRAM



Please call: Lorenzo "Lou" Horne, Coordinator (631) 351-3253

The Residential Repair Program provides minor household repairs to seniors who reside in the Town of Huntington and are at least 60 years of age. The service is available to homeowners whose living space need repairs (for example, no structural repairs). Priority is given to those seniors who are frail, low income, minority, and handicapped to help them live independently in their homes. Residents are responsible for paying for parts and supplies only. There is no charge for labor.

MINOR REPAIRS & SERVICES INCLUDE:

Replacing window panes, door locks, fuses, window catches

Minor plumbing repairs: sink drains, toilet flush mechanisms, faucet or washer replacement, toilet leaks

Installing handrails, safety rails, grab bars

Installing and removing window air conditioners, screens, storm windows

Patching walls and ceilings

Caulking windows and installing weather stripping around doors

⁹ Minor repairs of furniture, installing shades and curtain rods, tacking down rugs

Installing Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors and changing batteries

Electronic assistance (computer, answering machine, DVD player, etc.)

Some minor repairs to house exteriors, including masonry

This program is funded by the Town of Huntington, U.S. Administration for Community Living through New York State Office for the Aging and Suffolk County Office for the Aging.

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Hands on Huntington NNORC

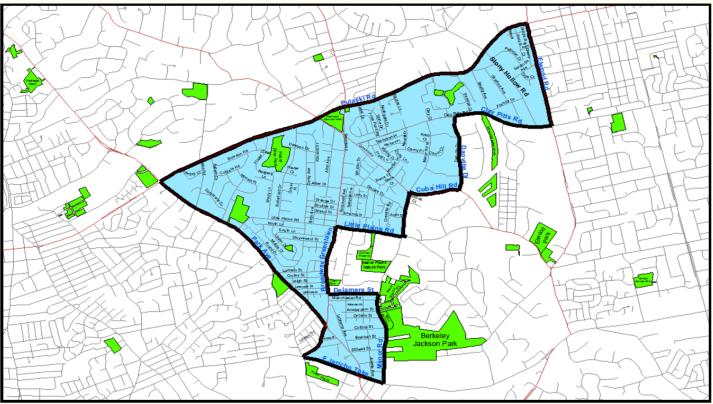
Hands on Huntington, a Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community program, is a program provided at no cost to seniors age 60 years and older.

If you reside in their catchment area, including parts of Greenlawn, East Northport or Huntington, this program can assist you with at home access to a social worker for case management, a nurse for health assessments and educational programs. Services are geared to keeping seniors in their homes and community, living as independently as possible.



For information, please call: (631) 351-6610 https://huntingtonny.gov/hands-on-huntington

Stephanie Laureano, LMSW, MBA and Bunny Karalitzky, RN MS



This project is grant funded by the New York State Office of the Aging (NYSOFA) and supported by the Suffolk Y Jewish Community Center and the Town of Huntington.





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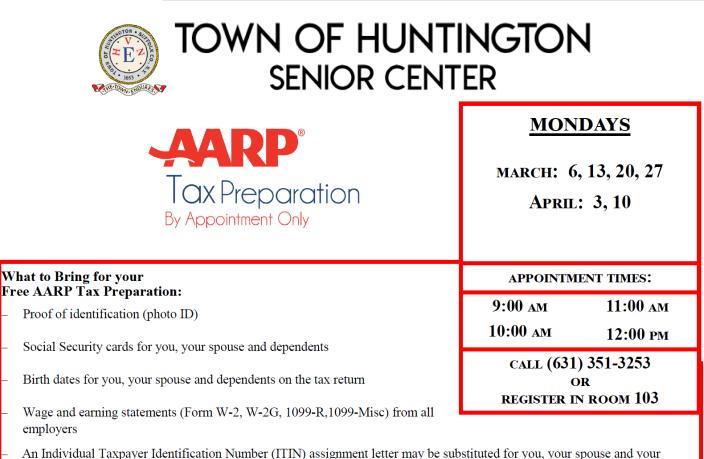
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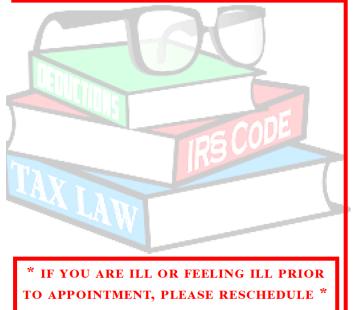
THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (631) 499-0444



Joan Cergol Councilwoman



- An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter may be substituted for you, your spouse and your dependents if you do not have a Social Security number
- Proof of foreign status, if applying for an ITIN



- Proof of bank account routing and account numbers for direct deposit such as a blank check
 - To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms
- Total paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number such as their Social Security number or business Employer Identification Number
 - Forms 1095-A, B and C, Health Coverage Statements
- Copies of income transcripts from IRS and state, if applicable
 - Real Estate Tax Bill for current and prior year, even if not itemizing deductions.
 - AARP Tax Aide volunteers <u>cannot</u> prepare returns that include rental property, military income, alternative minimum tax, or those with many stock transactions or in other situations where volunteers have not been trained.

From: http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Checklist-for-Free-Tax-Return-Preparation



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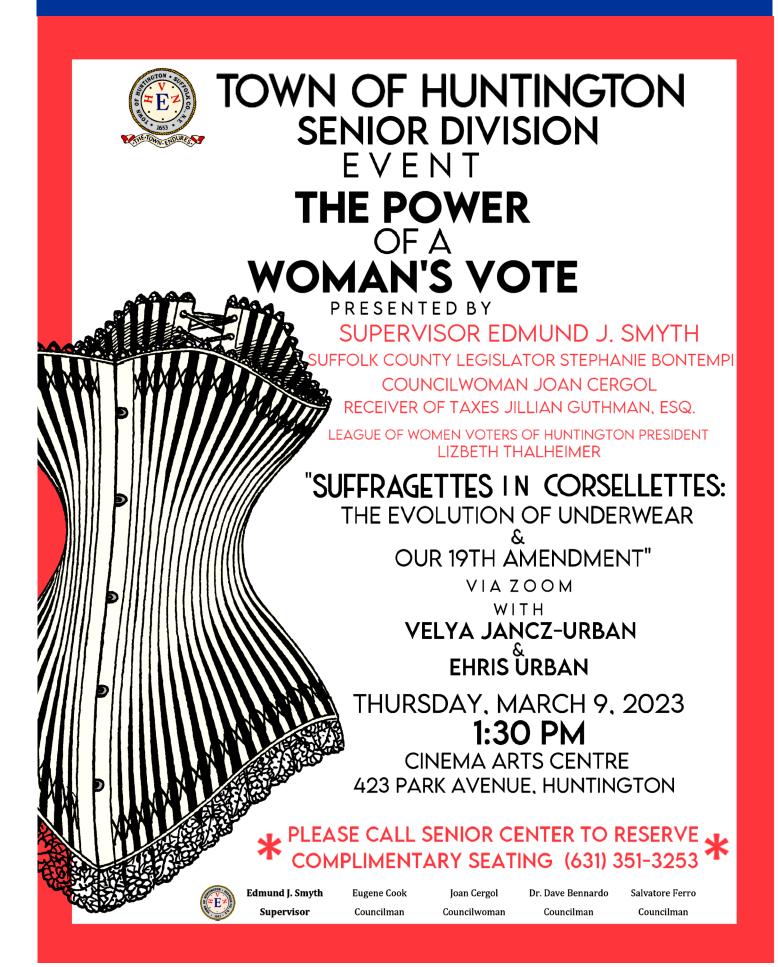
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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON SENIOR CENTER

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Celebrating Wonderful Women of Song

PATSY CLINE, PEGGY LEE, DORIS DAY, THE RONETTES, CAROLE KING, JONI MITCHELL, JUDY COLLINS, DOLLY PARTON, JUNE CARTER, JANIS JOPLIN & MORE!

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FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023 - 12:30 PM - 2 PM

Open to Registered Town of Huntington Senior Center Members



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ATTENTION TOWN OF HUNTINGTON RESIDENTS

This is an important notice to all Huntington Long Island Railroad Riders Re: North Side Elevator at the Huntington LIRR Station

The North side elevator at the Huntington LIRR Station will be out of service for the foreseeable future. The Town of Huntington has been notified by the elevator service company requesting the elevator be taken out of service. The Town is working with the elevator service company to resolve issues to get the elevator fully functioning again.

SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE

To assist with the transfer of riders from one track to the other, the Town of Huntington will utilize HART Bus support vehicles to provide shuttle services on an as needed basis. The shuttle will be available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm only to provide shuttle service for riders from one side of the LIRR tracks to the other and only within the vicinity of the Huntington LIRR station.

In order to request this service, riders should contact the **HART Bus dispatch** office phone number at (631) 427-8287. Those in need of Paratransit services are also asked to call this number.

When requesting shuttle service, please alert the HART dispatchers which track you are transferring from - the north or south side of the tracks.

This service will be provided free of charge during the period of the elevator repairs.

The Town will keep residents and riders updated as plans progress.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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In emergency situations, when acts of nature such as; power outages, hurricanes, severe snowstorms, below freezing temperatures, etc. require additional or emergency services to be available to people in need.

Below you will find information of these services.

Suffolk Warming Centers

In Suffolk County, warming center openings fall under the jurisdiction of the towns.

Call the Town of Huntington at 631.351.3000



PSEG Long Island: To report an outage to PSEG, Text OUT to PSEGLI at 773454 or call, 1.800.490.0075. To Report a Downed Power Line to PSEG call: 1.800.490.0075

National Grid Long Island: To report a gas emergency, call the 24-hour 1.800.490.0045 or call 9-1-1

Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinates the county's response to natural and man-made disasters, including: Prepare for an Emergency, Be Informed, Natural Disasters and Extreme Weather, Special Needs Preparedness, Evacuation Guidelines, Make an Emergency Plan, Shelters, Emergency Preparedness for Seniors, Mapping Tool, Emergency Compliance List, and Citizens Corps. East Ave, Yaphank, NY 11980 | 631.852.4900

American Red Cross: To Get Emergency Assistance, serving Nassau, Suffolk counties and Shelter Island, please call 516.747.3500

National Weather Service (NWS) New York Website: <u>https://www.weather.gov/okx/</u>

Stay Prepared! con't . . .

Real-time traffic closures on a map: <u>https://www.511ny.org/#TransitRegion-8</u> or call 5-1-1

Long Island Railroad Service Alerts: Seniors, people with disabilities, and Medicare recipients can save up to 50% off the full one-way peak fare. You must have proper documentation available. You can use reduced-fare tickets at all times except inbound weekday morning peak trains. <u>http://www.mta.info/lirr</u> or call 718.217.5477

Suffolk County Transit Service Alerts: Telephone Hotline 631.852. 5200, is available weekdays 8:00AM to 4:30PM to provide travel information (including bus schedule, route and fare info) for Suffolk County Transit (SCT) and other local public transportation in Suffolk County. <u>http://sct-bus.org/</u>

Suffolk County Department of Social Services (Home Energy Assistance Program) HEAP Unit: for emergency oil drop if qualified, call 631.853.8820 or 631.853.8825. After 4:30PM call Emergency Services 631.854.9100

United Way Long Island Project Warmth Program: Get Heat Help Now through Project Warmth for yourself or a loved one. Dial 2-1-1 or call the United Way at 888-774-7633



211 Long Island is a free, confidential phone service and searchable online database that is available 24/7/365 and connects you to local health and human services agencies when you need help. Dial 2-1-1 to connect to a caring call specialist or call toll-free at 1.888.774.7633 outside Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

To schedule an in-person training or demonstration of how to use the database, contact <u>211LongIsland@mcplibrary.org</u>

NUTRITION

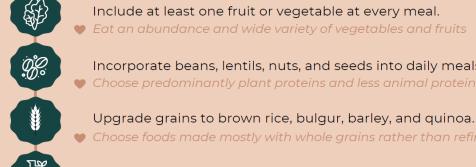


EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDANCE

Boost Heart Health

The American Heart Association recently published its Dietary Guidance to Improve Cardiovascular Health. Here are some ways to implement their recommendations.

Tips for your plate



Incorporate beans, lentils, nuts, and seeds into daily meals and snacks.

Choose predominantly plant proteins and less animal protein

Choose foods made mostly with whole grains rather than refined grains



Use olive oil or vegetable oil instead of butter or shortening. Use liquid plant oils rather than animal fats or solid fats

Limit intake of sweets, desserts, and cakes. Swap in fruit. Minimize sources of added sugars

Tips for shopping

Choose minimally processed foods

Buy "single ingredient" whole foods instead of packaged foods.



Avoid hidden sweeteners like barley malt, cane juice crystals, etc. Minimize sources of added sugars



Choose beverages and foods with Og added sugar. Minimize sources of added sugars

Compare labels for sodium and choose the lower sodium options. 🎔 Manage salt Intake

Tips for dining out



Go for "grilled" vs. "fried" and ask for sauce / dressing on the side. Make healthy choices at home, at the store, and when ordering from restaurants

Dining with a friend? Opt for appetizers or split an entrée. Make healthy choices at home, at the store, and when ordering from restaurants







How Do I Follow a Healthy Diet Pattern?

The American Heart Association recommends a healthy eating pattern that emphasizes vegetables, fruits and whole grains. It includes skinless poultry, fish and legumes (beans, peas and lentils); non-tropical vegetable oils; and nuts and seeds. Limit your intake of sodium, sweets, sugar-sweetened beverages and read and processed meats. Everything you eat and drink is part of your diet pattern. Make healthy choices today and they'll add up to healthier tomorrows for you!



Vegetables

- Eat a variety of colors and types, especially deeply colored vegetables, such as spinach, carrots and broccoli
- All vegetables count, including fresh, frozen, canned or dried. Look for vegetables canned in water. For frozen vegetables, choose those without highcalorie sources of added sodium or sugars.
- Examples of a portion per serving are: 2 cups raw leafy greens; 1 cup cut-up raw or cooked vegetables (about the size of a fist); or 1 cup 100% vegetable juice (no salt added).

Fruits

 Unsweetened fruits are best. Eat a variety of colors and types, especially deeply colored fruits, such as peaches and berries.

- Eat whole fruits to get all the nutrients (such as dietary fiber) that can be missing in some juices.
- Examples of a portion per serving are: 1 medium fruit (about the size of a baseball); 1/4 cup unsweetened dried fruit; 1/2 cup fresh, frozen or canned fruit (unsweetened frozen or canned in its own juice or water); or 1/2 cup 100% fruit juice.
- For beverages, look for 100% fruit juice. Avoid sugar-sweetened beverages. They're high in calories and low in nutrients.

Whole Grains

• At least half of your servings should be high-fiber whole grains. Select items like whole-wheat bread, whole-grain crackers and brown rice. Look at the ingredients list to see that the first ingredient is a whole grain.

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- Aim for about 25 grams of fiber from foods each day. Check the Nutrition Facts label for dietary fiber content.
- Examples of a portion per serving are: 1 slice bread; 1/2 cup hot cereal; 1 cup cereal flakes; or 1/2 cup cooked rice or pasta (about the size of a baseball).

Protein Foods

 Mix up your protein sources. Beyond fish, poultry and lean or extra-lean meats, try eggs and soy products, such as tofu.

- Eat at least 8 ounces of non-fried fish (particularly fatty fish) each week. Fatty fish, such as salmon, mackerel, herring, lake trout, sardines and albacore tuna, are high in omega-3 fatty acids.
- Remove skin from poultry before eating.
- Trim all visible fat from meats before cooking.
- Limit processed red meats, such as bacon, salami, ham, hot dogs and sausage.
- Examples of a portion per serving are: 2 egg whites; 3/4 cup cooked, flaked fish; or half a chicken breast. A 3-ounce portion is about the size of a deck of playing cards.



The Easy Way to EAT HEALTHY

A healthy eating pattern is about making smart choices. The American Heart Association recommends:

American Heart

Association

ENJOY a variety of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, non-tropical vegetable oils, low-fat & fat-free dairy products, fish, skinless poultry, lean & extra lean meat, nuts, seeds, beans, and legumes.

LIMIT sugary drinks, sweets, fatty or processed meats, solid fats, and salty or highly processed foods

AVOID partially hydrogenated oils



WELLNESS

IS IT A COLD, FLU OR COVID-19?

With the flue season soon coming, it's important to be aware of the differences between a cold, the flu and COVID-19.

COVID-19 symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. The symptoms of a cold may come on gradually, while the flu usually starts abruptly. Symptoms can vary widely with each of these illnesses. Call your clinic or sign in to do an e-visit if you think you might have COVID-19. Below is a chart that may help to determine which illness you have.

	SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU	COVID-19
C.	Cough or Chest Discomfort	COMMON	COMMON	COMMON
	Sore Throat	SOMETIMES	COMMON	COMMON
	Muscle Aches	SOMETIMES	COMMON	COMMON
St	Headache or Fatigue	SOMETIMES	COMMON	COMMON
	Fever	UNCOMMON	COMMON	COMMON
	Difficulty Breathing	UNCOMMON	COMMON	COMMON
	Chills	UNCOMMON	COMMON	COMMON
	New Loss of Taste or Smell	UNCOMMON	UNCOMMON	COMMON
R	Nausea or Vomiting	UNCOMMON	UNCOMMON	COMMON
R	Diarrhea	UNCOMMON	UNCOMMON	COMMON
	Stuffy or Runny Nose	COMMON	COMMON	SOMETIMES
	Sneezing	COMMON	SOMETIMES	UNCOMMON

NY Project Hope Coping with COVID

Online Wellness Groups



Online Wellness Groups are open to everyone!

NY Project Hope Online Wellness Groups

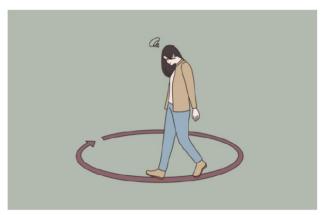
are facilitated by staff of the Emotional Support Helpline and provide a space to talk about the challenges of COVID. Participants discuss the emotional and practical challenges of this crisis and help each other with coping skills, emotional support, education, and resources. All of our online groups focus on wellness and are free, confidential, and anonymous.

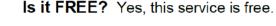
Join and attend a Wellness Group on

- Tuesdays at 7 pm
- Fridays at 12 pm
- Saturday at 10 am

How do I join online? https://nyprojecthope.org/wellnessgroups/

> **Can I join by phone?** USA Toll: 1-518-549-0500 Access code: 161 778 5545





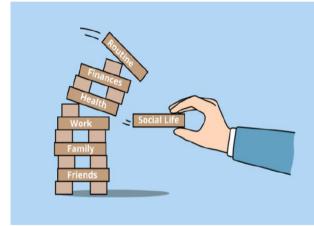
Is my Identity protected? Yes, this program is confidential and anonymous.

Are there groups every week?

Yes, each group meets for 45 minutes.

Can I join multiple groups?

Yes, you can join any group that you may find helpful.



SUPPORT SERVICES

HWCLI Health & Welfare Council of Long Island

Health and Welfare Council's Services for our Communities

Healthcare

The HWCLI Healthcare Access Team helps our clients find a health insurance plan that best fits their medical and financial needs. We have an outstanding health care team of certified navigators that help individuals and families enroll for free or low-cost health insurance plans through the NY State of Health Marketplace. Open Enrollment Period will remain open for all Marketplace programs for the duration of the federal public health emergency. Enroll with one of our navigators today by calling 516-505-4426.

The End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency is Approaching: Important Changes are Coming to Eligibility for New York Medicaid, Child Health Plus and the Essential Plan

The federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. Enrollees in Medicaid, Child Health Plus (CHP) and the Essential Plan (EP) have not had to renew their health insurance since early 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) continuous coverage requirements for these public programs. Beginning in Spring 2023, renewal notices will be sent to enrollees in these programs based on their enrollment end dates. In an effort to minimize the number of New Yorkers at risk of losing their Medicaid, CHP or EP coverage, prepare for the renewal process and learn about these upcoming changes and the important steps you need to take to renew your coverage.

Important Changes Coming to Eligibility for New York Medicaid, Child Health Plus and the Essential Plan

Do you or a family member currently have health coverage through New York State Medicaid, Child Health Plus or the Essential Plan? Soon, New York State will resume eligibly reviews and renewals for people enrolled in the programs. This means you may soon need to take action to renew your coverage or the coverage of your family members. Here are some thigs you can do to prepare.

1) Sign up to receive text alerts from NY State of Health

If you enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or the Essential Plan through NY State of Health, sign up for text alerts so you will know when it is time to renew your coverage. To subscribe, text START to 1-866-988-0327.

2) Make sure your address is up to date

Make sure NY State of Health or your local Medicaid office has your current mailing address, phone number and email address so they can contact you about your health insurance.

If you have insurance through NY State of Health, call 1-855-355-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220), log into your account at **<u>nystateofhealth.ny.gov</u>** or contact an enrollment assistor.

If you have Medicaid through your county's Medicaid office or through New York City's Human Resources Administration (HRA), contact your local office to update your address and contact information.

3) Check your mail and follow the instructions you receive

When it is time to renew your coverage in Medicaid, Child Health Plus or the Essential Plan, you will receive a letter from NY State of Health or your county's Medicaid office. This letter will let you know what you need to do to renew your coverage and how much time you have to respond. Follow the instructions right away.

What if you do not qualify for Medicaid, Child Health Plus or the Essential Plan?

If you or a family member no longer qualify for Medicaid, Child Heath Plus or the Essential Plan, you may be eligible to enroll in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) through NY State of Health. NY State of Health offers a broad choice of QHPs with comprehensive benefits. More people than ever are qualifying for financial assistance to pay their premiums. Visit <u>nystateofhealth.ny.gov</u> or call 1-855-355-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220) to learn more and see if you might qualify for financial assistance.

Get more information

*If you enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or the Essential Plan through NY State of Health, call 1-855-355-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220) with any questions you have.

*If you enrolled in Medicaid through your county's Medicaid office or New York City's Human Resources Administration, contact that office with any questions you have.

Are You Behind On Your Heating Payments?

> Are You Having to Choose Between Heating Your Home or Eating?

P R O J E C T W A R M T H EMERGENCY HEATING ASSISTANCE

FAST • FREE • CONFIDENTIAL • MULTI-CULTURAL

PROJECT WARMTH CAN HELP

Is Your Oil Tank Low or Empty? Call United Way of Long Island's 211 Information and Referral Center Call: 211 or 1-888-774-7633

For further information visit the online database at www.211longisland.org, keyword "Project Warmth"

Have You Recently Received a Disconnection Notice?







CALL 211 for Project Warmth

2022-23 Project Warmth Season



Ineligible Conditions con't...

- Bill not in applicant's name
- Applicant DOES NOT live at billing address
- Non-active account or commercial account
- Non fuel related electricity (heat included in the rent)
- Gas used solely for cooking or hot water, not heat
- Current bill with no past due amount
- Topped oil tank during a prior Project Warmth period

Income Guidelines

Income guidelines based on Net Income (take home pay)

100%	125%	130%	138%	150%	185%	200% (maximum)
Family Size: 1	1,133	1,416	1,473	1,563	1,699	2,095
2	1,526	1,907	1,983	2,106	2,289	2,823
3	1,919	2,399	2,494	2,648	2,879	3,550
4	2,313	2,891	3,006	3,191	3,469	4,278
5	2,706	3,382	3,517	3,734	4,059	5,006
6	3,099	3,874	4,028	4,277	4,649	5,733
7	3,493	4,366	4,540	4,820	5,239	6,461
8	3,886	4,857	5,051	5,362	5,829	7,189
Each add'l person, add:	393	492	511	543	590	727

2022-23 Project Warmth Season



- Project Warmth is United Way's *emergency* energy assistance program to help families and individuals with heat related crises during the winter months. The program will open on **December 19, 2022** and remain open until funds are exhausted.
- It provides **one-time** assistance for fuel **and** fuel-related electricity during the program period. Grants may be provided together or at different times in the same season.
- Project Warmth provides heating assistance up to \$500 for any fuel source:
 - Oil Kerosene
 - Gas
 Propane
 - Electric Coal
 - Wood Other
- An Electric bill is also eligible for up to \$200 in assistance, if electricity is needed to operate the heating source (fuel-related electric).
- There is an income eligibility guideline for Project Warmth.

Consumer Documentation

- Residency: Home must be in Nassau County, Suffolk County.
- Termination, pending disconnect or severely overdue notice from the Electric/Gas or alternative heat source company and/or demonstrate an inability to secure a fuel delivery when tank is empty/near empty.
- Must show proof that account is in applicant's name and must live at that address
- HEAP-eligible clients MUST apply for HEAP before Project Warmth (while HEAP is open) and provide copy of approval or denial paperwork.
- Provide National Grid and/or PSEG LI arrears bills in its entirety (all pages).

Ineligible Conditions

Repeat grants will not be allowable. Clients who received a grant in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Extenuating circumstances will be considered by Project Warmth Clearinghouse, but must be a new, unforeseen reason - with proof.







HEAP

Home Energy Assistance Program

HEAP is a federally funded program that assists qualifying New Yorkers with the cost of heating their homes. HEAP benefits are not a loan. You do not have to repay any assistance received through this program.

HEAP – November 1, 2022 Federally funded program to assist with heating payments **NO PAYBACK** Assists with Primary Heating Source ONLY

Eligibility

Customers may qualify for a HEAP credit based on their income and household size as well as their primary heating source

www.Mybenefits.ny.gov

HEAP Income Guidelines:

Family Size Monthly Income

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1	\$2 <i>,</i> 852	6	\$7,241
2	\$3,730	7	\$7,405
3	\$4,608	8	\$7,570
4	\$5,485	9	\$7,734
5	\$6,363	10	\$7,899
		11	\$8,064

** Gross Monthly ** 12+ add \$590 per person**



EHEAP

Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program

EMERGENCY HEAP – January 3, 2023

Federally funded program to assist heat or heat related emergencies **NO PAYBACK**

Eligibility

Income eligible (Follow H.E.A.P. Guidelines) Must have heating emergency within 7 days of Final Turnoff Notice Must exhaust available resources first

What to bring Emergency HEAP:

Current bill with final disconnection Proof of total household Income within last 30 days Proof of residence (tax bill, lease/rent receipt) ID for each household member (birth certificate, SS card)



Home Energy Affordability Team (HEAT)

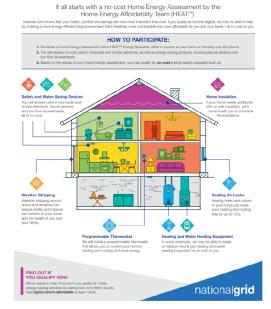
Home Energy Affordability Team (HEAT) will provide National Grid you with a no-cost home energy assessment that may also recommend additional no-cost measures to improve your home's energy use.

To learn more, call 844-375-4328 or email NGridLIHEAT@clearesult.com

National Grid



See if you qualify for no-cost energy-efficiency upgrades.



nationalgrid

18 Month

Program

HAR Household Assistance Rate

Eligibility

Customers may qualify for a **discount** if they have an active residential account in their name and currently receive benefits from at least one of the following:

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Medicaid Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Temporary Assistance - Family Assistance (FA) Temporary Assistance - Safety Net Assistance (SNA) Veteran's Pension - Non-Service Connected Disability Veteran's Surviving Spouse Pension - Non-Service Connected Disability

Must provide certification documents dated in the last 12 months

AROUND TOWN & BEYOND

Long Island Indoor Winter

Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023

423 Park Ave, Huntington, NY 11743

Locally grown fresh produce, artisan breads, home cultivated honey, amazing fresh roasted and brewed coffee, fine distilled spirits, aged cheeses, live music and the finest handcrafted specialty, spicy & traditional jams.



Senior Participation Discount List Contact Merchant for Individual Discounts Restrictions May Apply

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Art League of Ll	107 East Deer Park Avenue	Dix Hills	631-462-5400	30% Off Adult Membership
Buttercooky Bakery	495 New York Avenue	Huntington	631-424-4034	10% Off Monday Only
C & C Meats		Huntington	631-271-6504	20% Off Tuesdays Only
C Town Supermarket	1662 New York Avenue	Huntington Sta.	631-673-5878	10% Off Wednesday Only
Community Market	108 Depot Road	Huntington Sta.	631-423-0648	10% Off Wednesday Only
Copenhagen Bakery	75 Woodbine Avenue	Northport	631-754-3256	20% Off Monday Only
Country Bagels	361 Route 25A	Northport	631-261-7821	1/2 Off 6 Bagels/Limit 6
Craft Shoes	6149 Jericho Turnpike	Commack	631-499-5773	20% Off Excl. Sale Items
Double "S" Deli	18 West Neck Road	Huntington	631-421-9228	5% Off Daily
Dunkin	15 Southdown Road	Huntington	631-424-0647	5% Off Daily
Dunkin	200 East Main Street	Huntington	631-935-0031	5% Off Daily
Dunkin	838 New York Avenue	Huntington	631-421-2010	5% Off Daily
East Northport Bagel Café	355 Larkfield Road	East Northport	631-486-8200	10% Off Daily
Eyewear by Patrice	829 Fort Salonga Road	Northport	631-757-3937	20% Off Daily
Family Care Pharmacy	33 Walt Whitman Road	Huntington Sta.	631-350-6400	10% Off Limitations Apply
Filletto's Pizza	297 Clay Pitts Road	East Northport	631-266-3700	10% Off Reg. Price Menu
Golden Globe Diner	365 West Main Street	Huntington	631-351-9680	10% Off Daily
Goodwill NY/NJ	1900 Jericho Turnpike	East Northport	631-462-4219	10% Off Tuesday Only
Hometown Bakeshop	2 Little Neck Road	Centerport	631-754-7437	10% Off Daily
Huntington Dental	1 Schwab Road	Melville	631-673-1862	20% Off Daily
Huntington Food Plaza	2035 New York Avenue	Huntington Sta.	631-271-3700	10% Off Wednesday Only
IGA	301 Clay Pitts Road	East Northport	631-368-1661	5% Off Tuesdays Only
IHOP	259 Old Walt Whitman Road	Huntington Sta.	631-423-8760	10% Off Reg. Price Menu
Jones Drug Store	100 Main Street	Northport	631-261-7070	10% Off Limitations Apply
Jonny D's Pizza	946 New York Avenue	Huntington	631-385-4444	10% Off Daily
Mainsource Pharmacy	347B Main Street	Huntington	631-760-1114	15% Off Limitations Apply
Mama Lucia's	1820 New York Avenue	Huntington Sta.	631-423-4855	10% Off Daily
Melville Deli	90 Broadhollow Road	Melville	631-351-9338	10% Off Daily
Mo's Bagels	75 Broadway	Greenlawn	631-754-2667	10% Off Monday - Friday
Mo's Bagels	707 Fort Salonga Road	Northport	631-754-6182	10% Off Monday - Friday
Moss Opticians	345 Main Street	Huntington	631-421-4211	10% Off Daily
Mozzarella's Pizza	1937 Jericho Turnpike	East Northport	631-462-0600	10% Off W \$15 Min.
North Shore Pharmacy	25 Southdown Road	Huntington	631-427-6262	10% Off Excl. Prescriptions
110 Pharmacy	459 Walt Whitman Road	Melville	631-421-5454	10% Off Limitations Apply
Skorpios Restaurant	340 New York Avenue	Huntington	631-549-8887	10% Off Daily
Spuntino	687 Old Country Road	Dix Hills	631-547-9300	10% Off Not Combinable
Tim's Shipwreck Diner	46 Main Street	Northport	631-754-1797	15% Off Daily
Town Drugs	517A Larkfield Road	East Northport	631-266-3999	10% Off Excl. Prescriptions
Uncle Giuseppe's	890 Walt Whitman Road	Melville	631-683-5900	5% Off Wednesday Only
Value Drugs	106 Broadway	Greenlawn	631-754-0532	10% Off Wednesday Only
Value Drugs	349 New York Avenue	Huntington	631-427-2919	10% Off Wednesday Only
Vision World	699 Old Country Road	Dix Hills	631-271-3520	20% Off Daily
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