

# Human Services



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## Mission

- ❑ To develop, administer, manage, and promote programs that benefit the residents of the Town of Huntington.

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## COVID -19

- Due to COVID-19 the services that this department offers were modified, reduced or temporarily cancelled starting March 2020.

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## Operational Responsibilities

### ☐ Senior Citizens:

Responsible for providing Huntington's Senior Citizens with diversified programs and services, enabling them to remain active, involved and as independent as possible. The programs available are: Nutrition, Residential Repair, Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly (EISEP), CSE Caregiver Program, Adult Day Care (ADC), Recreational and Health Programs, and Town sponsored Senior Clubs. The last 4 programs listed have been closed temporarily.

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### ☐ Services for People with Disabilities:

Serves as resource and information referral center as well as coordinating blood drives, and a summer employment program.

### ☐ Veterans Affairs:

Provides assistance, information and referral to veterans, including assisting veterans and their families in achieving their potential for housing, employment opportunities, health benefits, and assistance to families in crisis.



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### ☐ Minority Affairs:

Serves as a liaison to the minority communities keeping residents informed of Town services, programs, employment opportunities and events.

### ☐ Huntington Human Services Institute:

Allows us to partner with outside agencies in the planning, promotion and presentation of various town-wide events to meet the needs of residents.

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## 2020 Achievements

- During January and February, health presentations and informational kiosks with Northwell Hospital, HBCAC, and various senior support agencies were facilitated. Many more health presentations and events were scheduled; however, due to COVID-19 they had to be cancelled. At this time, we are video-taping health presentations for our senior website viewing audience.

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## 2020 Achievements

### ☐ Black History Month:

- ❖ Martin Luther King Jr. documentary and special meal was offered.
- ❖ Presentation on Africa, Jazz Musical performance and Long Island Underground Railroad event at Cinema Arts Centre.
- ❖ Martin, Malcom and Me, stage play, music and dinner at Jack Abrams Stem Magnet School.

☐ All these wonderful events celebrated by the Senior and Minority Divisions prior to the COVID-19 crisis.



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## 2020 Achievements

- ❑ Adult Day Care- extensive outreach to members and caregivers-weekly zoom meetings, activity and music videos, craft projects, phone and email support.
- ❑ Secured additional funding from SCOFA for refrigerator/freezer to aide food storage needs. \$16,418.40 Coordinating with GS for installation support
- ❑ Kitchen staff preparing one frozen soup meal weekly for food distribution to supplement Zan's frozen meals.



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## 2020 Achievements

- ❑ Received bonus produce and dairy products and distributed to seniors through Project Hope.
- ❑ Caregivers activities for the socialization and support for past and current caregiver seniors are offered currently via telephone, computer and video activity.
- ❑ Prior to COVID-19, Nutrition served approximately 350 lunches a day at the Senior Center, ADC and HDM (Home Delivered Meals). With COVID-19 more than 400 seniors are provided meals (2,000 weekly).

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## 2020 Achievements

- ❑ One hundred and fifty (150) meals delivered, (120 HDM, 30 para or HART bus route) 250 drive-by pick up.
- ❑ Networked and/or distributed additional senior support products: masks, hand sanitizers, pet food, cookie treats, toilet paper, non perishable foods, etc.
- ❑ Established Pen Pal Program for socialization, Supervisor sponsored. There are 26 participants.
- ❑ Weekly handout packets distributed with meals including activities and information.

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## 2020 Achievements

- ☐ Provided 4,722 Shelf Stable Meals to seniors.
- ☐ Distributed 283 Farmers Market Coupons to seniors.
- ☐ Provided extensive daily telephone reassurance outreach to seniors during COVID-19.
- ☐ Contracted with SYJCC, the services of a part time Licensed MSW to assist in seniors issues, such as caregiver support, depression, bereavement, etc.



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## 2020 Achievements

- ❑ The DASNY Grant ensured upgrades/repairs to Veterans Plaza.
- ❑ The Huntington Anti Bias Task Force HABTF:
  - Was re-established on January 2019
  - Promoted the "Hate Has No Business in Huntington, All Are Welcome Here" donated posters campaign for businesses
  - Promoted the "Hate Has No Home in the Town of Huntington" lawn sign for homes. All signs paid for by donations



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## 2020 Achievements

- ☐ The HABTF:
  - Trained all members on "Implicit Bias".
  - Held a Roundtable discussion with Realtors and Brokers to discuss racial steering brought to the forefront by the news.
  - Produced 2 newsletters.
  - Developed a plan to conduct a town-wide Summit on Race: One Huntington in 2021. Various constituents such as business, schools, health, faith leaders, policing, parents and youth, environment and more to be included.

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## 2020 Achievements



Re-established The African - American Task Force in September this year.



Citizens Advisory Committee -CAC:

- Closed captioning of meetings that are broadcasted.
- Obtained extension of HART service to new Sloan Kettering Facility, Stony Brook, St. Catherine's and St. Charles building.
- Installation of curb cuts at the Huntington Library and also at Madison Street.

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## 2020 Achievements

- Signs at the park about things that are not allowed.
- Snow Berm Removal: getting the income increased from \$60,000 to \$70,000.
- Published newsletters.
- Re-pavement of Maureen Court.



The Hispanic Task Force- Celebration of the Hispanic Heritage Month.

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## 2021 Goals

- ❑ Continue constant communication with members of all Department Divisions and the Town to continue services improvements.
- ❑ Collaborate with Town Directors and PIO in the development of informational booklet related to services offered to Persons with Disabilities.
- ❑ Continue maximum staff utilization.



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## 2021 Goals

- ☐ Increase minority outreach to businesses and community to find common needs to serve them better.
- ☐ Apply for grants to enhance and improve the Senior Center- entrance, windows and hallways, including building of shelter area across from the Center.

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## 2021 Goals

- ☐ Seek Outreach Bilingual staff member.
- ☐ Increase dissemination of critical information to help People with Disabilities.
- ☐ Due to increased issues, COVID-19 related, provide additional support services.

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## 2021 Goals

- ☐ Consolidate all Human Services Department staff in Flanagan building.
- ☐ Make necessary required COVID-19 safe distancing adjustments to the building/offices and draft a re-opening to the public.
- ☐ Women's Division - communication and support. Evaluate post - COVID-19 projects and needs.

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## 2021 Budget Highlights

- ❑ Operating expenses increasing .77% due to contractual increases.

	Fund/ Division	2019 Actual	2020 Modified Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>Authorized Positions</b>					
Programs for the Aging	A6772	9	9	9	9
Sr. Citizens Day Care Center	A6773	4	4	4	4
Sr. Nutrition Program	A6775	5	5	5	5
Human Services	A7620	5	5	5	5
Sr. Citizens C.H.O.R.E.	A7624	1	1	1	1
Services to the Handicapped	A8845	0	0	0	0
<b>Department Total</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>

		2019 Actual	2020 Adopted Budget	2020 Projected	2021 Budget
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salary and Wages		\$ 2,169,621	\$ 2,262,754	\$ 2,271,754	\$ 2,285,899
Employee Benefits and Taxes		168,050	182,418	182,418	182,665
Contractual Costs, Materials & Supplies		548,527	591,650	663,650	591,650
Fixed Assets		0	5,300	5,300	5,300
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 2,886,198</b>	<b>\$ 3,042,122</b>	<b>\$ 3,123,122</b>	<b>\$ 3,065,514</b>