

### **Home Improvement Program**

The Smithtown Community Development Program helps low and moderate income residents make accessibility improvements to their homes.

The Home Improvement Program provides eligible homeowners with low cost loans and technical assistance to install ramps, accessible bathroom facilities and other physical accommodations to meet the needs of a family member with a disability.

For income guidelines and further information about the program, call the Planning and Community Development department at (631) 360-7587.

### **Senior Citizen Home Maintenance Program**

Through the Senior Citizen Home Maintenance Program (SCHMP), senior citizens may be eligible for assistance with accessibility improvements. Call the Senior Citizens Department at (631) 360-7616 for further information.

### **Loan Closet**

The Society for Lending Comforts to the Sick, located at 71 Blydenburgh Avenue in Smithtown, lends rehabilitative and convalescent equipment to local residents who need them. Over 1,000 pieces of adaptive equipment are available, free of charge.

To borrow an item, call the Society for Lending Comforts to the Sick at (631) 265-1674.

The Lending Comforts Thrift Shop sells gently used clothing, household items and antiques. Call (631) 265-1674 for business hours.

### **Town of Smithtown**

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The Smithtown Town Board created the Office for People with Disabilities to address the unique concerns of Smithtown citizens with disabilities.

This office endeavors to increase understanding, facilitate socialization and disseminate pertinent information to disabled persons and their families.

This brochure has been prepared to acquaint you with the many services that the Town of Smithtown provides for its disabled residents.



## **Town of Smithtown Office for People with Disabilities**



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# The Office for People with Disabilities

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The Town's Disabilities Transportation Program was established in 1990, thanks to the generosity of the Society for Lending Comforts to the Sick who funded our first handicapped accessible minibus. The program provides curb-to-curb transportation within the township for residents whose disability prevents them from using traditional forms of transportation. Our "handivan" is equipped with a motorized wheelchair lift and can accommodate eight persons, one of them in a wheelchair.

Residents can be transported anywhere within the Smithtown Township. The Township consists of the following towns: Smithtown, Kings Park, Nesconset, St. James, Commack to the east side of Commack Road, Hauppauge to Townline Road and Fort Salonga to Bread and Cheese Hollow Road. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Please call one week in advance for all appointments.

Doctors appointments take precedence.

Please note during July and August our hours are 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.

There is no fee for this service.

Recertification is required annually.

An application form and complete set of rules governing the transportation service are available by calling (631) 360-7642, or can be downloaded by accessing the Town's website at [www.smithtownny.gov](http://www.smithtownny.gov).

## **HANDICAPPED PARKING**

New York State offers both license plates and parking permits for persons with disabilities. You can apply for the plates at any State motor vehicle office.

Handicapped parking permits are available from the Smithtown Town Clerk's office. These permits are valid throughout New York State and in most other states as well. They may be used for parking in handicapped spaces only when the vehicle is being used to transport the disabled person. To apply for a parking permit, contact the Smithtown Town Clerk's office at (631) 360-7620.

## **I.D. CARDS AND ACCESS PASSES**

Suffolk County's Office for People with Disabilities issues Handicapped I.D. cards to permanently disabled county residents. The card gives free weekday admission to county parks, reduced rates at some recreational activities and reduced fares on county bus routes. Call Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities at (631) 853-8333 for more information.

New York State has an "Access Pass" for the permanently disabled which allows free use of state parks, historic sites and recreation areas. Call (518) 474-2324 for more information.

## **RECREATION & SOCIALIZATION**

The Smithtown Recreation Department's "Special Young Adult Socialization Program" offers active and passive recreational activities for developmentally disabled young adults in a setting conducive to camaraderie and social interaction fostered through group discussions and regular social events such as dining out, theatre shows, bowling, shopping, movies, miniature golf and swimming. The program operates year-round in the evening and is staffed by teachers and professional recreation personnel.

This program is free to town residents, however, some individual activities may require a small fee.

Call the Smithtown Recreation Department at (631) 360-7644 for further information.

## **PARKS AND BEACHES**

The Smithtown Parks Department has an ongoing program to make town parks accessible for all our residents. Several of our neighborhood parks have been equipped with handicapped accessible playground areas. For their locations, call the Parks Department at (631) 269-1122.

The swimming pools at the town-owned Smithtown Landing Country Club are fully accessible, with ramps leading to the pool area, as well as a hydraulic lift to provide assistance getting into and out of the pool.

Residents must obtain a pool pass, available at a nominal fee.

For further information, call the Smithtown Recreation Department at (631) 360-7644.

An adaptive wheelchair that can be taken on the beach is available at Short Beach. To reserve the "beach chair," call the Smithtown Parks Department at (631) 269-1122.

## **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that all public and commercial facilities be accessible to people with a broad range of disabilities.

The town is committed to, and working toward, the removal of architectural barriers throughout Smithtown.