



APRIL



WORLD AUTISM MONTH 2024

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Our Youth Advisory Board is currently working on a PSA for World Autism Month. Stay Tuned!



Date: April 8th
Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: Smithtown Library (Smithtown Building) One North Country Road

EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT

Internet Safety, Teen Dating and Consent with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

The **Town of Smithtown Youth and Community Alliance** is hosting this **free** presentation that will focus on common dangers of online dating and the methods that teenagers can use to stay safe and act appropriately online or in-person.

TOWN OF SMITHTOWN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATE

INTERNET SAFETY TEEN DATING VIOLENCE & CONSENT

PRESENTATION BY THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

OPEN TO:
MIDDLE & H.S. STUDENTS
ADULT RESIDENTS

The common dangers of online dating and the methods that teenagers can use to stay safe and act appropriately online or in-person

APRIL 8TH
6:30-7:30PM

SMITHTOWN LIBRARY

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED | SPACE IS LIMITED
<https://ip.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/sxv2bhx>

SMITHTOWN LIBRARY-1 NORTH COUNTRY ROAD, SMITHTOWN





2 ways to HELP while Earning Community Service Credit Choose One or Both!

First, You Can Learn

Then, You Can Donate

SAVE THE DATE

HUNGER 101

TO WALK IN THE SHOES OF A PERSON IN NEED

APRIL 16TH
4:00 TO 5:00 PM

Long Island Cares
Center for Community Engagement
75 Davids Drive
Hauppauge, 11778

Students ages 12+ can learn about how Long Island Cares works to help people faced with food insecurity.

REGISTER NOW

Long Island Cares
Town of Smithtown Youth Center

LI Cares Staff - A-Truck Food Drive on May 4th at Town Hall

EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT

Date: April 16th
Time: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Long Island Cares Center for Community Engagement at 75 Davids Drive, Hauppauge

Students ages 12+ will learn about how Long Island Cares works to help people faced with food insecurity. Plus, they will gain valuable insight regarding what it feels like to be in need.

FOOD DRIVE

MAY 4TH
12:00 - 4:00 PM
99 W MAIN ST. SMITHTOWN

WILL YOU DONATE TO THE DARK SIDE OR THE LIGHT SIDE?

A GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY EVENT TO SUPPORT LONG ISLAND CARES

First 25 Families that donate will win a Free small cone from Mister Softee
+ EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT

[View Flyer PDF!](#)

This year's Global Youth Service Day event will be a food drive in support of Long Island Cares.

Date: May 4th
Time: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Location: Town of Smithtown Town Hall

[Click Here to Register](#)

NOW OPEN ONE-STOP PROM SHOPPE

Our One-Stop Prom Shoppe is filled with *dresses, shoes, and accessories* that have generously been donated from members of the community. Struggling Suffolk County students and families who are in need of formal attire for school events can call or email us to schedule an appointment to shop.

Call us at 631- 360- 7595 or

[Click here to Email Us](#)



Town of Smithtown
ONE-STOP PROM SHOPPE

Get ready to sparkle, students! Prom Season is around the corner, and we've got your back with free dreamy dresses and accessories. Just book an appointment with us if budget blues are crashing your party plans!

Town of Smithtown Horizons Center
161 E. Main St Smithtown, NY

Contact Us:
1(631)360-7595 or
youthbureau@smithtownny.gov

Visit Our Website:
smithtownny.gov/youthbureau

Spread the Word-Share our Flyer!



CALL FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Looking for an exciting and fulfilling way to get involved in your community and help mentor student leaders? Apply for our YAB!

To apply simply submit a completed application stating why you would like to serve .

[Click Here to View Application](#)

All submissions and any questions can be sent to youthbureau@smithtownny.gov

[Click Here to Email](#)

Know someone who may be interested? Please pass along our flyer!

[View Flyer PDF](#)



Looking for an exciting way to get involved in our community!

YES! YES!!!!

TOWN OF SMITHTOWN Youth Bureau
-Established 1980-

ADULT VOULENTEERS NEEDED!

APPLY MORE INFO



Smithtown Youth Bureau

WE'RE HIRING

**YOUTH & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
PART-TIME OPPORTUNITY**

Youth Services Specialist

Part Time - **17.5 hours/week** (occasional evening hours) **\$22.95/hour**

Minimum Qualifications: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree with 2 years of technical experience in a program that provides youth services, education, or counseling.

For more information, or to send in your resume:

[Click here to Email Us](#)

College Kickstart Workshop

Date: May 20th

Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: Smithtown Library (Smithtown Building) **1 North Country Road**

High School Seniors, Join us as we discuss:

- *Residential and commuter student life,
- *Managing college academics,
- *New roommates and friends,
- *Homesickness,
- *Greek life,
- *Campus safety and security,
- *How and when to advocate for yourself,
- *Mental health concerns

Parents/Guardians: Please encourage students to attend to Kickstart their successful college experience!



COLLEGE KICKSTART WORKSHOP
Navigating the College Journey for High School Seniors

Join us as we discuss:

- *Residential and commuter student life,
- *Managing college academics,
- *New roommates and friends,
- *Homesickness,
- *Greek life,
- *Campus safety and security,
- *How and when to advocate for yourself,
- *Mental health concerns

Mon., May 20, 2024
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Smithtown Main Library
1 North Country Road
Smithtown

Presented by: Andrea Pesiri, MS Ed
Town of Smithtown Youth Bureau Youth Educator
and Independent Educational Consultant

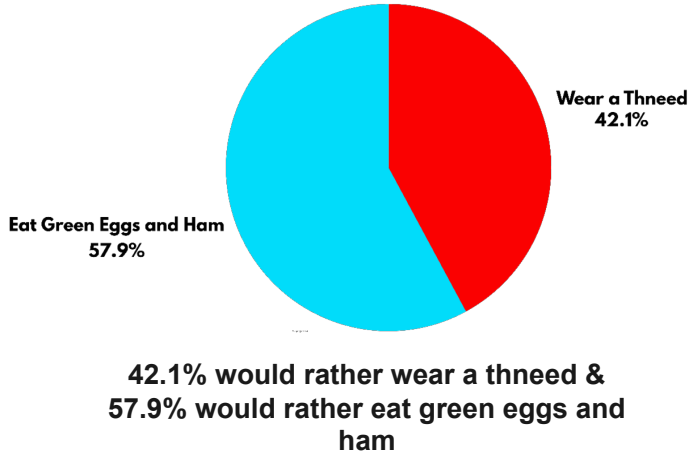
Limited seats available - click here to register:
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ryks2j8>

[View Flyer PDF](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

In honor of Dr. Seuss Day, Which would you rather do?



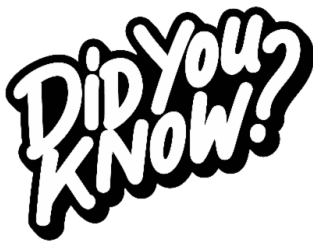
CHECK THIS OUT:

What's The Story Behind April Fools' Day?

There are scientifically proven benefits to being kind! It is contagious, teachable, and *DEFINITELY* makes you feel all fuzzy inside!!!



Keep Scrolling to See Our Community Partner Agency Volunteer Opportunities!



National Library week is April 7th- April 13th. Don't forget to stop by YOUR local library and thank your librarians for all that they do.

Past Program Highlights

Prom Drive is a Sparkling Success

Donation Drive FILLS Shoppe to Capacity

The Smithtown Youth Bureau held a donation drive on March 16th that had community members assembling to help make other's prom dreams come true with generous donations of **over 500 formal dresses, shoes, and accessories.**

In addition to people donating their treasured dresses from their past event, we had a special visit from a local thrift store owner who donated gowns from her shop, along with a donation of 40 brand-new dresses from **Bridal Suite in Centereach.**



Suffolk County students and families who are in need of formal attire for school events can call or email us to schedule an appointment to shop. Call us at **631- 360-7595** or

[Click Here to Email Us](#)

Thank you for your Donations!

Town of Smithtown Youth Bureau Enrichment Programs

OUR PROGRAMS ARE:

◆ **FREE** ◆

Fully funded and provided at no cost to you!

◆ **FUN** ◆

Engaging activities for students

◆ **FLEXIBLE** ◆

We can accommodate a variety of times and topics

We provide fully funded, enrichment programming for all of our township school districts at no cost!

There are many scheduling options, and all are flexible by design to best meet the needs of each organization that we work with. Program topics can even be tailored to meet scouting badge requirements for local scout troops.

Programs are designed to be provided in a multi-session series to be most effective. Various sessions & topics can be broken down for a shorter series or one time/one topic workshop.

CHECK OUT ALL OF THE PROGRAMS WE OFFER BELOW:

BABYSITTING/ CHILD CARE SKILLS:

Middle school students gain valuable experience by practicing skills on 'RealCare' lifelike baby dolls, such as holding, diaper/clothing changing & bottle feeding. Students also learn about the different developmental behaviors of children at various ages.

STUDY SKILLS:

This useful program provides advice and specific strategies for middle school students to improve their time management & organizational skills as it pertains to their study habits. This helps to improve their overall school performance by being better organized in completing tasks and preparing for exams and projects.

GAME TIME:

Fun, four-week social afterschool program. Students will have an opportunity to mingle in groups and play a variety of board games. They can socially interact with other students in a relaxed setting, have friendly competition and possibly learn to play new games and meet new friends.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS BOOTCAMP:

This jam-packed, highly interactive program prepares students for taking leadership roles in their schools and communities. Students will learn and practice important skills such as: empathy & social skills; effective communication techniques; group decision making & the planning process; and conflict resolution strategies.

THE MANY FACES OF BULLYING:

An introspective & relevant program dealing with the roots of bullying & cyberbullying behavior. Students learn what they can intentionally do to take on the Upstander role rather than role of Bully or Bystander.

BE YOUR BEST SELF:

"BASED ON THE SAMHSA 'EIGHT DIMENSIONS OF WELLNESS' FRAMEWORK

This program gives students opportunity to recognize the meaning & importance of overall wellness. Content and activities focus on each of the 8 dimensions of wellness, incorporating coping skills such as mindfulness AND finding 'balance in life' by providing students with information and activities .

RELATIONSHIP•OLOGY *a healthy relationship series* ♡ ♢

This multi-session, interactive program explores core aspects of healthy relationships in *all areas of life* . It includes discussions on topics such as: respect, empathy, communication, boundaries, and conflict resolution.

Have another relevant program topic in mind? Reach out and let us know what topics your school might be interested in!

SCHEDULE NOW

[Click Here for Information & Scheduling](#)

Scheduling is intended for schools and other organizations with groups of 10 or more students.

Community Partner Agency Opportunities:





ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS



SUFFOLK COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL
LEADERS OF TOMORROW
EST. 2021



Scan for application

BI-WEEKLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS
WEDNESDAY @ 6:00PM

YOUTH COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
FINANCIAL LIT.
SOCIAL MEDIA

MENTAL HEALTH & YOUTH
IMMIGRATION & YOUTH
LI PRIDE YOUTH
& MORE

WE NEED YOU!

JOIN NOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
AHKYRAJACKSON@SUFFOLKCOUNTYNY.GOV

HALI's Creative Connections Campaign

Participant's can **earn a max. of 5 hours of community service.** To receive community service credit make sure to include your name and email with your card submissions.

- 4 cards = 1 hour
- 8 cards = 2 hours
- 12 cards = 3 hours
- 16 cards = 4 hours
- 20 cards = 5 hours

To participate, please mail your creations to:

Hands Across Long Island
Attn: Jessica Peretz
159 Brightside Avenue
Central Islip, NY, 11722

Smithtown Library Teen Volunteer Opportunities:

[Click Here To View](#)

Library teen **volunteer opportunities are open to those in grades 6-12 (up to age 18)**, unless otherwise noted.

The library also offers **one-hour volunteer sessions by appointment!** Teens can spend time at the Library working on a variety of projects to help make a difference in our community. **Teens may schedule up to two time slots per month.** For more information or to schedule a session, **contact any Reference Desk.**



Town of Smithtown Horizons Counseling & Education Center

Horizons Counseling and Education Center is an OASAS-licensed not-for-profit agency funded to provide adolescent & adult treatment, prevention and education services for *drug and alcohol related problems.*

Horizons offers individual & group therapy, medication assisted treatment, mental health care (related to substance abuse),DWI education & more. **They also offer research-based prevention programming.**

To Learn more about their prevention programs please [click here](#) to **contact Kelly Devito.**

631-360-7578 | HORIZONSMAIL@SMITHTOWNNY.GOV



Smithtown Historical Society Volunteers

Animal Care on the Farm:

The Smithtown Historical Society is looking for compassionate folks who are able to **dedicate (minimum) 2 hours weekly** (am or pm) doing farm chores and spending time with their sheep, goats, bunnies, ponies & chickens.

Basic chores include:

- cleaning coop & paddocks;
- feeding/haying and watering;

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help needed all year long!

- and giving the time, care and support that each of our animals need and deserve to thrive & maintain their health & well-being.

Reliable volunteers are **NEEDED**. No experience necessary! **Adults needed. Students ages 10-18 welcome with adult accompanying them. Community Service Credit available.**

[Email for More Info and to Register](#)

Other opportunities for Adult Volunteers and Student Junior Educators:

[Click Here](#)

For all events and programs hosted by community partners other than the Town of Smithtown Youth Bureau,
please contact them directly to verify event details in case of date/time changes.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOURS?

DOES YOUR GROUP/AGENCY NEED VOLUNTEERS?

Become a Town of Smithtown Youth Bureau **Volunteer Corps Members** and receive **priority notification** of all volunteer opportunities offered!

The Youth Bureau is interested in **partnering with local groups and organizations** to promote volunteer opportunities for youth and families in the community

[Click to Apply](#)

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CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES :



Learn more about the Youth Bureau - Check out our website below

[TOS Youth Bureau Website](#)

[TOS Youth Bureau Brochure](#)

[TOS Official Website](#)

[TOS Horizons Center Website](#)

[TOS Recreation Department Website](#)

[988 Hotline](#)

[Macaroni Kid](#)

[SSC Behavioral Health](#)

[Association for MHAW](#)

[NY Metro Parents](#)

[WDI](#)

[Child Care Subsidy](#)

[NYS OMH](#)

[Click Here For More](#)



Smithtown Children's Foundation

The SCF provides financial and emotional support to children & families within our Smithtown community.

[Visit their Website](#)



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