

# Town of Brookhaven Accessibility Guide



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*A Message from  
Brookhaven Town Supervisor  
Edward P. Romaine*



I encourage you to look through this guide to learn about the many accessible programs and services Brookhaven Town offers to its residents, as well as information for employment and emergency services. As a community, it is important we work together to include everyone in our efforts to make Brookhaven Town the best place for all residents.

The Town of Brookhaven has ADA compliant facilities throughout the Town, ensuring all residents can engage in healthy activity and remain active members of our community. From our pools and parks, to beaches and ball fields, providing accessibility to all Town residents remains a top priority.

On September 30, 2014 the Town Board adopted my resolution to establish the Town of Brookhaven Disability Task Force. This Task Force reflects the growing population of persons with disabilities, as well as their caregivers and family. The success of the Disability Task Force will have a significant impact on the social and economic future of the Town of Brookhaven.

*Edward P. Romaine*

# Mission Statement

The mission of the Brookhaven Disability Task Force is to provide the Town Board with information and recommendations. This will help the Town in its continuous efforts to develop programs and improve facilities in order to accommodate and offer equal opportunities for residents with disabilities to be active members of our community.

## About Us

The Task Force is comprised of volunteers who reside within Brookhaven Township. We are advocates, service providers, non-profits, parents of children in special education, caregivers and concerned citizens. We strive to provide awareness, improve, strengthen and expand programs and services for people with disabilities throughout Brookhaven Town.

**Visit our website at:**

[BrookhavenNY.gov/Disability](http://BrookhavenNY.gov/Disability)



**Brookhaven Town Disability Task Force  
Presents**

# **Annual Youth Abilities Resource Fair**

**SENSORY  
FRIENDLY  
EVENT!**

**MUSIC • ART • SOCIAL SKILLS • ACTIVITIES • NUTRITION  
HEALTH & WELLNESS • TRANSPORTATION & MORE!**

**SAVE THE DATE, APRIL 25, 2020**



**11:00AM – 2:00PM**

**Middle Country Public Library**

101 Eastwood Blvd., Centereach, NY 11720 • 631-451-6284

Pre-register for this **FREE** event for a chance to **WIN** a prize

RSVP at: [BrookhavenNY.gov/RSVP](http://BrookhavenNY.gov/RSVP)

Please join us for a fun-filled day and learn about the  
resources available for your child in the Town of Brookhaven.

- ✓ 40+ RESOURCE TABLES
- ✓ OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

- ✓ GUEST SPEAKERS
- ✓ SUPERVISED, INTERACTIVE  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**Multiple chances to win  
family-fun Prizes!**

For more information email [chymowitz@brookhavenny.gov](mailto:chymowitz@brookhavenny.gov) or call 631-451-6284



# LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS

## MOBILITY

- Destination Accessible - <https://www.destinationaccessible.com>
- Suffolk Transportation School Bus Division - [http://www.suffolkbus.com/safety\\_signup2.html](http://www.suffolkbus.com/safety_signup2.html)
- Child Behavior Consulting - <http://childbehaviorconsulting.com/>

## MEAL PREPARATION

- NOLE Café - <http://www.nolecafe.com/>

## HEALTH MANAGEMENT

- Community Care CDPAP- <https://suffolkcountycdpap.com/>
- Dr. Andrea Libutti - <https://www.andrealibutti.com/>
- HRHCare Community Health - <https://www.hrhcare.org/>
- Long Island Suffolk Center for Speech and Myofunctional Therapy- <https://www.lispeech.com/>
- United Health Care Community Plan - <https://www.uhc.com/>
- St. Charles Pediatric Rehab- <https://stcharlesrehabilitation.chsli.org/pediatric-rehabilitation-program>
- LI Behavioral Health- <https://longislandbehavioralhealth.com/>
- (MHAW) Children Care Management Program – <http://mhaw.org/programs/health-home-care-management-for-children/>
- Partners Health Plan- <https://www.phpcares.org/>
- Eye Vision Associates- <https://www.eyevisionassociates.com/>

## SAFETY & EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE

- Ray Stitler SCPD Disability Awareness Trainer- <https://www.facebook.com/raymond.sitler>
- Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services - <http://www.suffolksbravest.com/>
- NYSTART Long Island - <https://opwdd.ny.gov/ny-start/long-island-start>

## EDUCATION

- Long Island Head Start Central Brookhaven - <http://www.liheadstart.org>
- All Ability Wellness - <http://www.allabilitywellness.com/>
- Development Disabilities Institute (DDI) Children's Day Program - [https://www.ddiny.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1125483&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1397210](https://www.ddiny.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1125483&type=d&pREC_ID=1397210)
- Sunshine Prevention Center - <https://www.sunshinepreventionctr.org/>
- Nassau/Suffolk Services for Autism (The Martin C Barell School) - <http://www.nssa.net/category/the-martin-c-barell-school/>

## WORK/VOLUNTEER

- The Viscardi Center - <https://www.viscardicenter.org/>
- Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Education & Youth Services - <https://www.familyres.org/>
- Suffolk County Boy Scouts - <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/disabilities-awareness/>
- Suffolk County Girl Scouts - <http://www.gssc.us/>
- Make-A-Wish Suffolk County - <https://suffolk.wish.org/>

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### PLAY/SOCIAL PARTICIPATION

- Brookhaven Disability Task Force Gardens
- Southampton Fresh Air Home - <https://www.sfah.org/>
- North Shore Youth Council (NSYC) - <https://www.nsync.com/>
- Patchogue/Brookhaven YMCA (adaptive swim) - <https://ymcali.org/programs/swimming-water-fitness/specialty-swim-lessons/sensational-swim/class-times?location=All>
- Chocology Unlimited (LEGO) - <https://chocologyunlimited.com/>
- Think Big Theater Arts - <https://www.thinkbigtheaterarts.org/>
- The Music Academy for Special Learners - <https://music4speciallearners.com/>
- Camp Pa Qua Tuck - <https://www.camppaquatuck.com/>
- Inclusive Sports & Fitness - <https://www.inclusivesportsandfitness.org/>
- Central Suffolk Challenger Softball - <https://www.eteamz.com/centralsuffolkchallengerll/>
- Caffeine Academy - <https://caffeineacademy.com/>
- Great Strides LI - <https://www.greatstridesli.org/>

### FAMILY REOURCES

- Flying Point Foundation for Autism - <http://www.fpf4autism.org/>
- Self-Advocacy Association of NY - <https://sanys.org/region/longisland/>
- Regina Brandow Esq. - <https://brandowlaw.com/>
- Able Newspaper - <http://ablenews.cpm/long-island-edition/>
- Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation (DSAF) - <http://dsafonline.org/>
- Youth Power - <http://www.youthpowerny.org/>
- YAI Brentwood - <https://www.yai.org/locations/long-island/>

## **Brookhaven Town Operates Three ADA Compliant Pools**

These three pools are located in Centereach, Holtsville and Mastic Beach. All sites offer the ADA compliant PAL (Portable Aquatic Lift), which has become the industry standard for providing accessibility to swimming pools. Each facility has handicap accessible bathrooms, and the Aquatic Center in Mastic Beach provides a family changing room where parents and guardians can tend to children and older adults with disabilities before and after entering the pool. Family changing rooms are offered at the Centereach and Holtsville pools upon request. For further information regarding these three locations, please call (631) 451-8696.



The Portable Aquatic Lift at the Centereach Pool.



The view of the ADA accessible Zero Entry wading pool in Holtsville. The slope gradually gets deeper, just like a natural beach, without stairs or ladders to navigate. This is very useful for seniors, children and people with accessibility issues.

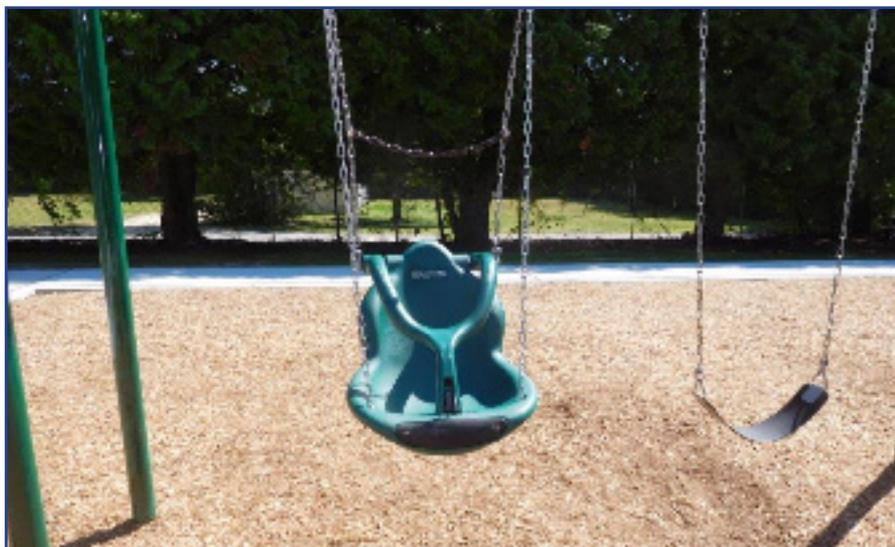


A view from the Portable Aquatic Lift at the Brookhaven Aquatic Center in Mastic Beach. This indoor pool is open year round with temperatures averaging from 84 to 86 degrees!

# **Eagle Estates Park Wave Avenue Medford, NY**



## **Adaptable Swing**



Parks with Adaptive Swings:

Ridege Park • Continental Park • Sylvan Park • Peppermint Park • Moriches Complex • Martha Ave Park • Wave Ave Park

## **West Meadow Beach In East Setauket**

West Meadow Beach in East Setauket provides wheelchair access to view the beach and a mile long stretch of roadway that offers astonishing views. You will see Smithtown Bay to the west and West Meadow Creek to the east. This portion of the road has restricted motor vehicle access for the safety and tranquility of residents.

The beach located to the north of the parking lot is the perfect place to watch a sunset on the weekend or after work. While enjoying the sights and sounds, a visit to West Meadow Beach quickly makes you realize why people travel from all over the world to Long Island, and why the residents of Brookhaven are grateful to call our Town home.

For further information about West Meadow Beach, please call the Parks Department at 631-451-8696 or visit <http://bit.ly/2kW6z1B>





# Brookhaven Town's Cedar Beach Nature Conservancy

Our Mount Sinai accessible trails can be accessed from the parking lot located along Harbor Beach Road. You will also find the Town's Cedar Beach Marine Environmental Stewardship Center. Just south of the center there is an accessible bridge leading to a gorgeous sitting area where everyone can relax in tranquility. It's a great place to bring lunch or just sit and admire all that Long Island has to offer.

The Stewardship Center is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. During September and October, it is open Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and from November through April by appointment only. For a personal tour or to find out more about the many programs offered, please call 631-451-8696.







## **Eastport-South Manor Athletic Complex**

Whether your view is coming from right field or behind home plate, the Eastport-South Manor Athletic Complex provides accessibility for viewing around all three of its diamonds. Handicap accessible bathrooms are available for use. The complex is located just east of County Road 51, off of the Sunrise Highway South Service Road. For further information regarding these fields, please call 631-451-6133



## **Moriches Athletic Complex**

The Moriches Athletic Complex is located along Moriches-Middle Island Road, across from William Floyd Middle School. A wide pathway between the fields provides plenty of opportunity to choose where you want to watch the game. Handicap accessible bathrooms and picnic tables are available for use. For further information regarding these fields, please call 631-451-6133



**Kalers Pond Park**, located at 21 Main Street in Center Moriches, provides accessibility access with sublime scenery. The wide pathways include handrails and there is access to a picnic area where you can view the water. After having lunch and traversing the park, you can visit the Flight 800 Memorial on the north side of the parking lot. Handicap bathrooms and picnic tables are available for use. For further information regarding these fields, please call (631) 451-6133



**BALLFIELD:** Located off of South Bicycle Path within the grounds of the Long Island Community Hospital Amphitheater at Bald Hill, this ADA compliant field allows people of all ages and disabilities to enjoy playing our national pastime



**MOBI-MATS:** Brookhaven Town has mobi-mats available at Corey Beach in Blue Point, West Meadow Beach in East Setauket and Cedar Beach in Mount Sinai. These mats make traversing these beaches easy and accessible. For further information regarding these beaches, please call (631) 451-8696.





**RAISED FLOWER BEDS:** By having these flowerbeds at the Town's Holtsville Ecology Site, children of all abilities will be able to engage in horticultural activities and learn about plant life sustainability.



# Brookhaven Safety Town at the Hostville Ecology Site

Designed to offer children instruction in traffic safety as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety. Adaptable bicycles are available for children with different abilities. For more information, please call 631-363-3770.



# National Disability Employment Awareness Month Event

Hosted by  
Councilman Michael A. Loguercio Jr.  
& the Brookhaven Disability Task Force



National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). Held every October, NDEAM is a fitting time to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The 2019 NDEAM theme is "The Right Talent, Right Now."

There are over 50 million people with disabilities who participate in the American workforce. These workers face unique challenges and provide essential perspectives.

## **Town of Brookhaven Programs** **and Accessible Services**

The Town of Brookhaven **Residential Rehab and Home Accessibility Program** will assist homeowners to provide ramps or retrofit areas of your home: 631-451-6600

The Brookhaven **Jitney Transportation Program** will provide transportation to Brookhaven seniors and disabled residents who have no other means of transportation for doctor visits and shopping: 631-451-9081

**Handicapped Parking Applications** for Permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office: 631-451-9101

**Special Recreation Parks Programs:** 631-451-6108

**Wheelchair Sports Program:** 631-451-6992

**Brookhaven Town Disability Task Force Youth Abilities Resource Day** [www.brookhavenny.gov/YAD](http://www.brookhavenny.gov/YAD)

**STAR Program:** Town of Brookhaven Assessor's Office: 631-451-6205

**2019 NYS Star & Enhanced Star Changes** register with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance for the STAR credit check at <https://www.tax.ny.gov/star/> or by calling 1-518-457-2036

**Town of Brookhaven Office of Receiver of Taxes:**  
631-451-9009



## **Emergency Services**

Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management's **CodeRED** is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. For more information on these notifications, call 631-852-4900.

**Brookhaven Public Safety:** 631-451-6291



This program combines technology and specially trained Sheriff's Deputies to locate individuals who have wandered. Project Lifesaver clients wear a "watch type" wristband transmitter, which emits a tracking signal. When a caregiver calls the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver line to report a client has wandered, a search team responds to the wanderer's area and, while in route, activates the vehicles mobile locator tracking system. A hand held unit is used to search for clients in areas inaccessible by vehicles.

Enrollment applications can be obtained by calling:

631-852-3003

[projectlifesaver.org](http://projectlifesaver.org)





## **Employment Links**

### **JOB ACCOMMODATION NETWORK (JAN)**

[www.askjan.org](http://www.askjan.org)

1-800-526-7234

### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAREER CENTER**

[www.jobs.aapd.com](http://www.jobs.aapd.com)

### **UNIVERSAL ABILITIES EMPLOYMENT NETWORK**

[www.universalabilities.net](http://www.universalabilities.net)

631-880-7929

### **NEW YORK STATE INDUSTRIES FOR THE DISABLED - NYSID**

[www.nysid.org](http://www.nysid.org)

1-800-221-5994

**KEN'S KREW** – Job training and placement for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

[www.kenskrew.org](http://www.kenskrew.org) 347-266-8624



## **Transportation Links and Phone Numbers**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY TRANSIT:** [www.sct-bus.org](http://www.sct-bus.org) 631-852-5200

Suffolk County Accessible Transportation: (SCAT)

[www.sct-bus.org/scat.html](http://www.sct-bus.org/scat.html) - Reservation For Rides

631-738-1150 / TTY 631-981-0104

Go cashless with “Suffolk FastFare” the new Mobile Ticketing App for Suffolk County Transit [www.sct-bus.org/fastfare.html](http://www.sct-bus.org/fastfare.html)

**ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE RENTALS:** 888-379-4709

[www.bussanimobility.com/wheelchair-van-rentals](http://www.bussanimobility.com/wheelchair-van-rentals)

**511NY:** Get Connected To Go / Traffic, Travel & Transit Information

[www.511ny.org](http://www.511ny.org)

**TRANSLOC RIDER APP:** Quickly find your ride and be on your way.

Built for the way you travel <http://translocrider.com/>

No SmartPhone <http://translocrider.com/sms-mobil>

## **DISABILITY LINKS**

### **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF SUFFOLK COUNTY:**

[www.childcaresuffolk.org](http://www.childcaresuffolk.org)

Email: [resourcereferral@childcaresuffolk.org](mailto:resourcereferral@childcaresuffolk.org)

### **THE LONG ISLAND ADVOCACY CENTER:**

631-234-0467

[www.theliac.org](http://www.theliac.org)

Email: [info@theliac.org](mailto:info@theliac.org)

### **LONG ISLAND COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE:**

631-668-4858

[www.licop.org/information](http://www.licop.org/information)

Email: [info@licop.org](mailto:info@licop.org)

### **SUFFOLK COUNTY OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:**

631-853-8333

[www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/CountyExecutive/PeoplewithDisabilities.aspx](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/CountyExecutive/PeoplewithDisabilities.aspx)

### **TALKING BOOKS LIBRARY:**

[www.nypl.org/locations/heiskell](http://www.nypl.org/locations/heiskell)

### **DISABILITY RIGHTS NEW YORK (DRNY)**

The Protection & Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program:

518-432-7861

[www.drny.org](http://www.drny.org)

### **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION:**

1-800-772-1213

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

**NEW YORK STATE SELF ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION -  
LONG ISLAND REGION:**

631-434-6936

[www.sanys.org](http://www.sanys.org)

**U.S. OFFICIAL ADA SITE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:**

[www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)

**SUFFOLK INDEPENDENT LIVING ORGANIZATION (SILO):**

631-880-7929

[www.siloinc.org](http://www.siloinc.org)

Email: [info@siloinc.org](mailto:info@siloinc.org)

**FIND SENIOR CARE & SENIOR LIVING OPTIONS NEAR YOU:**

1-800-973-1540

<https://www.caring.com/>

**INFORMATION ON ADA RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1-800-949-4232 (Voice, TTY & Spanish)

[www.northeastada.org](http://www.northeastada.org)

**HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP):**

631-853-8326

[www.otda.state.ny.us/main/heap](http://www.otda.state.ny.us/main/heap)

**PSEG ELECTRIC SERVICE:**

If you rely on electricity to operate life-sustaining electronic equipment, such as a respirator or dialysis machine, let PSEG know:

1-800-436-PSEG

Register! Educate! Vote!

Use your Power!

**RE**  **UP!**

MAKE THE **DISABILITY VOTE** COUNT

**Town of Brookhaven**  
**Department of Housing and Human Services**

One Independence Hill, 3rd Floor  
Farmingville, NY 11738  
631-451-6600 – [www.BrookhavenNY.gov](http://www.BrookhavenNY.gov)

Alison Karppi, Commissioner  
Clifford Hymowitz, Mobility & Disability Specialist  
631-451-6284 – [chymowitz@brookhavenny.gov](mailto:chymowitz@brookhavenny.gov)

Liaison: Brookhaven Disability Task Force  
[www.brookhavenny.gov/disability](http://www.brookhavenny.gov/disability)

Member: NYS Traumatic Brain Injury Services Coordinating Council

**Brookhaven Disability Task Force**

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