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Your guide to Senior
Services from
Assemblyman Steve Stern



**Important Information
for our Seniors**
from your Assemblyman Steve Stern

“As the newest member of the Assembly Committee on Aging, I am honored to work with and for our older neighbors to ensure that they are able to access needed services and maintain an active lifestyle in the homes they love and the communities they helped build.”

- Assemblyman Stern

Questions? Concerns?
My office is here to help.
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Assemblyman Stern is always working for Long Island Seniors

Supporting our seniors and their families

In only a few short weeks in Albany, Assemblyman Stern has already passed legislation to:

- Require that counties maintain a confidential and voluntary registry of people with disabilities to improve disaster response efforts (A.6865).
- Require evacuation plans for those with disabilities who live or work in high-rise buildings (A.10201-A).
- Make it easier to dispose of expired and unused medications, protect our drinking water, prevent young people from accessing medications and protect seniors from medication errors (Ch. 120 of 2018). This law is modeled after the “Shed the Meds” program that he authored in Suffolk County.

Fighting for Suffolk County seniors

As a member of the Suffolk County Legislature, Assemblyman Stern helped create and implement:

- The state’s first ‘Silver Alert’ program, which notifies the community when an individual with Alzheimer’s disease or other cognitive disorder is missing. This critical program provides peace of mind to families caring for loved ones with disabilities. To register for the Silver Alert program, visit the Suffolk County Police Department website at www.suffolkpd.org or call 631-852-6983.
- The very successful “Shed the Meds” program, which helped inspire the state Drug Take-Back Act. Local precincts maintain collection boxes for medication drop-off and senior centers have specific drop-off dates. Please contact Stern’s office at 631-271-8025 for more information events or at local senior centers. You can also contact the Town of Huntington Senior Center at 631-351-3253 to learn more.
- Legislation requiring nursing homes and assisted living facilities to provide emergency evacuation plans to first responders and a measure directing utility companies to prioritize power restoration to hospitals and care facilities.

Medicare Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment period for Medicare Part D runs from Oct. 15 thru Dec. 7. It’s important to review your insurance plan each year, as providers often make changes to their coverage. Call the Medicare hotline at 800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov to learn more. You can also call the NYS Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance (HIICAP) hotline at 631-979-9490 for additional assistance.

Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program

The EPIC program helps income-eligible seniors pay for their prescription medication. The Suffolk County Office for the Aging provides benefits counseling and assistance in applying for Medicare, Medicaid and the EPIC Prescription Drug Plan, along with caregiver support, elder abuse assistance, nutrition support, transportation and more. Please call the office at 631-853-8200 to learn more.

Suffolk County Senior ID cards

If you live in Suffolk County and are 60 years of age or older, you qualify for a free Senior ID card. Cardholders can access discounted Suffolk County bus fare and discounts at local businesses. Stop by my district office during business hours with a photo ID and I’ll be happy to provide you with your new card.

New York State Golden Parks Program

Residents 62 years of age and older can receive free vehicle access to state parks, boat launches and arboretums during all non-holiday weekdays, as well as reduced fees at state historical sites and state-operated golf courses. All you need is a government-issued ID. Visit www.parks.ny.gov/admission/golden-park-program.aspx to learn more.

Important Phone Numbers

courtesy of Assemblyman Stern

Suffolk County Office for the Aging.....	631-853-8200
Huntington Senior Center.....	631-351-3253
Huntington Assessor’s Office.....	631-351-3226
Babylon Senior Services.....	631-464-4340 ext. 200
Babylon Assessor’s Office.....	631-957-3014
SeniorNet (offers computer literacy programs).....	631-470-6757
Retired Senior Volunteer Program.....	631-979-9490
Medicare.....	800-633-4227 (TTY 877-486-2048)
Social Security.....	800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778)
Touro Law Center Senior Citizens Law Clinic.....	631-761-7000 (pro-bono assistance for eligible seniors)