



NEWS BULLETIN

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For **Y**our **I**nformation from...

SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE OF HANDICAPPED SERVICES

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SNOW REMOVAL for people with disabilities and/or senior citizens

Every winter the Suffolk County Office of Handicapped Services receives many calls regarding snow removal for people with disabilities and/or the elderly. While the county does not offer such a service, we do have some information that may be helpful to you.

Residents can contact their local high school BEFORE it snows, to see if there are any students available and willing to help. Below are Town Youth Bureaus who have a list of names of young people willing to shovel snow for a *fee*:

Brookhaven Town - Patchogue/Medford Youth Services	(631) 758-4100
East Hampton Town Youth Services	(631) 329-7375
Huntington Youth Bureau	(631) 351-3061

Please note that the Huntington Town Office of Handicapped Services does have a program of **snow berm removal for Huntington Town residents with disabilities on limited incomes. Eligible Huntington residents must register with Huntington Town Handicapped Services **every** year. Check with Huntington Town Office of Handicapped Services (631)351-3233 for specific details.*

RE M I N D E R !



Dumping Snow in Handicapped Parking Spaces Is Prohibited

It is **illegal** to shovel or dump snow into parking spaces reserved for handicapped parking or the access aisles leading to them. Able-bodied citizens have difficulty enough getting around when snow or ice conditions exist. Citizens with disabilities find it virtually impossible to do so, unless handicapped parking spaces and access ramps are kept clear of ice and snow (that is the facility operator's responsibility).

As per Section 1203-e of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law – *Any person who knowingly dumps or shovels snow onto a parking place for handicapped persons rendering such place unusable for parking purposes shall be subject to a fine.*

Section 372-23 of the Suffolk County Code *specifies fines of **fifty** dollars for the first offense or **two** hundred dollars for the second or each subsequent offense.* Police will issue summonses for this violation of the State Vehicle and Traffic Law.