



## "YOUR Youth and Family Resource "

Supporting Our Children & Strengthening Our Community

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### November News & Updates

Volunteer Opportunities - Enrichment & Prevention Programs

Art Auction for a Cause - Adopt a Senior Pet Month - And More!

**\*\*Attention: ALL Township School Districts...\*\***

PLEASE submit information regarding YOUR school's upcoming, town-wide programs and volunteer opportunities for us to help you promote!



**PLEASE Don't Forget!!!**  
**Annual Town of Smithtown**  
**Emergency Food Pantry Collection!**

**November 10th...10AM - 2PM**  
**At Stop and Shop , in Smithtown**

PLEASE Help Support Our **Town of Smithtown**  
**Emergency Food Pantry**

**Come Shop & DONATE MUCH NEEDED ITEMS**  
**It's SO QUICK & EASY...And SO IMPORTANT!!!**  
**Thanksgiving is Almost Here!!!**



**PLEASE HELP TO FILL EMPTY PANTRY SHELVES!!!**

**\*\*\*Two Options to Help\*\*\***

**#1** Go shop & donate requested items at Stop and Shop in Smithtown  
Sat. 11/10, 10AM -2PM

**OR**

**#2** Your group can bring your food collections to the Smithtown  
Emergency Food Pantry, 90 Edgewater Avenue, Smithtown  
11/10, Between 10AM and 2 PM

**\*\*Click here for: [List of Needed Donation Items](#)**

**\*\*Town Community Service Certificates provided for Students  
who do their own collections\*\***

Email questions: [ssanders@smithtownny.gov](mailto:ssanders@smithtownny.gov)

**Support Local & International Rotary Humanitarian Initiatives**  
(Local School Interact Clubs, literacy programs, etc.)

**Our Partners...Commack-Kings Park Rotary...**

**Art Auction**

Art AND Sports/Entertainment/Music Memorabilia

**Friday, November 9th**

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Westy's Self Storage, 4049 Jericho Turnpike, East Northport**

**\*\*H.S. Student Volunteers Needed!!!\*\***

**(Free Admittance) - Community Service Credit Provided**

**Volunteers Needed to:**

- Unload and Set Up Art Displays 3PM-6PM
- Bring Artwork to Purchasers in the Audience (6PM-9PM)
- Break Down Art Displays at End of Auction

*Other Fun Stuff!!!*

**\*\*Email Below to Register as a Volunteer:**

**[Register To Volunteer](#)**

**Include your...**

Name - Age/School - Hours you'd like to volunteer

**Register ASAP ...Limited Openings!!!**

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**\*\*Adult Art Lovers Also Needed!!!**

( **No Obligation to buy** -Just have a Good Time & Support the Rotary!!!)  
ONLY \$15 Donation (plus \$2.89 online processing fee)- All going to a GREAT Cause!

**Your Donation Includes...**

- Fantastic Hors D'oeuvres, Refreshments & Wine Served!-
- Chance to Win Door Prizes! - Raffles - Silent Auction!!!-
- GREAT Night Out!!!

Original oils,watercolors, acrylics, sculpture, etchings...Sports/Music Memorabilia Signed Collectibles  
*Literally Something for Everyone's Taste & Budget!*

**\*\*Click Link Below to Purchase Tickets ONLY \$15 Donation (plus \$2.89 online processing fee)**  
If you can't attend, feel free to make a donation of any amount

**[Purchase Art Auction Tickets](#)**

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**\*\*Attention: Smithtown Youth Bureau Partner Agencies\*\***

**Submit Your Requests for Volunteers! We can share the information and help!!!**

See Info. on Becoming a Partner Agency for Volunteer Opportunities  
Click Link Below:

**[Partner Agency Application](#)**

Click for further information:  
[Information for Partner Agencies](#)



### **Babysitting Skills & Basic Employment Readiness**

**Hauppauge Middle School** students participated in the Babysitting program during the month of October.

The Babysitting Program will take place at **Nesaquake Middle School** and **William T. Rogers Middle School** in November.

Hands on experience with **RealCare Babies**; New Babysitter Skills; How to connect with children through play; Babysitting safety; Finding a Babysitting Job, etc..

**For information about bringing this program to your school, please contact:**

[Karen Aldrich](#)



### **Middle School Study Skills Program Update**

Middle School students throughout the Town of Smithtown have been learning valuable Study Skills through the Youth Bureau's three week interactive program! This popular program covers the following topics each week:

**Week 1: Notetaking Skills**

**Week 2: Time Management and Organization  
Useful Apps for Studying**

**Week 3: Test Taking Strategies**

In October, the program was held at **William T. Rogers Middle School**. During the month of November, the program will be held at **Accompset Middle School**.

**For information about bringing this program to your school, please contact:**

[Cynthia Grimley](#)

## **Wood Park is "Walking in the Right Direction!" Safe Routes To School Program Update**

"Walk Safely to School" Month is up and running (or should we say "walking") once again this October at Wood Park Primary School! This October marked the 4th consecutive year that Wood Park is partnering with the Smithtown Youth Bureau Safe Routes to School Program to promote walking to school under the supervision of an adult. Walking to school provides an opportunity for families to bond and for parents to educate their children on how to be a smart, attentive pedestrian on our local streets. Additionally, students arrive at school energized and ready to learn! Upon arrival at school, each walker receives a walking-themed charm from Mrs. Pugh, the school's Physical Education teacher.

Additionally, Wood Park is also holding a school-wide walking challenge "Walking in the Right Direction." Each class, including teachers that consistently walks throughout the month will receive a "Walking in the Right Direction" t-shirt donated by the Smithtown Youth Bureau Safe Routes to School Program. The class with the most amount of walks for the month will also receive a first place medal! Stay tuned for next month when we reveal the winning class!

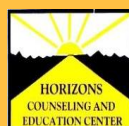


**In Case You Didn't know...  
Safe Routes to School Went Town-Wide!!!**

The Smithtown Youth Bureau is pleased to announce the launching of our **Safe Routes to School Program activities..... NOW Offered Township wide!**

The Safe Routes to School Program is a New York State Department of Transportation Grant Program that promotes walking and biking to school and elsewhere; and helps to provide safe opportunities to do so.

Please see the [Safe Routes to School Program Brochure](#) for more information, and arranging for programs at YOUR SCHOOL!!!



### **News from Horizons Counseling and Education Center**

Horizons has been having an exciting kick off to the school year. Our schools and community members have been having some great conversations with us about the importance of **prevention education**. This school year we have facilitated vaping presentations, Red Ribbon week assemblies, and evidenced based programming, all in conjunction with the **Youth Bureau**.

**Currently, we are implementing the Too Good for Drugs (TGFD) program in the Hauppauge School District (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Ivy League School 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade. TGFD introduces and develops social and emotional skills for making healthy choices, building positive friendships, communicating effectively, and resisting peer pressure.**

This 10 week program is offered once a week for 40 minutes and helps kids appreciate that they are too good for substances, bullying, and violence. Horizons is also working with **Hauppauge HS and Commack HS utilizing the 8 Dimensions of Wellness program and Positive Action program**. More programming is being scheduled in the Kings Park and Smithtown School Districts. For more information about Prevention Programs please contact

**Kelly DeVito**

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

### **Issues with Substance Use/Abuse? There is Help Available...**

**The Town of Smithtown  
Horizons Counseling and Education Center**

**Individual & Family Support Services**

#### **The first step is an assessment.**

The assessment process consists of a series of 2-3 appointments, geared toward the collection of information which will identify the individual's issues, needs, strengths and service recommendations, if applicable. If the assessment shows that treatment is appropriate, an individualized service schedule will be developed and the process of healing and recovery can begin.

**For details, click [here](#)**

**Adolescent, young adult & adult prevention, treatment, and educational services for drug and alcohol related problems**

**Horizons Counseling and Education Center**

**For further information about these services email:**

**[tlevine@smithtownny.gov](mailto:tlevine@smithtownny.gov)**

**631-360-7578**

**Visit the Horizons Web Site to see program details:**

**[Horizons Counseling and Education Center Web Site](#)**

### **November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month!**

**Check out these senior pets - available for adoption at the Smithtown Animal Shelter !**

**For information on adopting these and other pets, please visit their website [Here](#) !**

**Give a Senior pet a chance to have a Fur-ever Home...  
They've Been Waiting Fur-ever, For You!!!**

**Senior pets make lovable Family Members - Consider Adopting One Today!**

**If you can't adopt...**

**PLEASE spread the word about super sweet Kix, Butter Cookie & Max!!!**

**They need your HELP...**

**Let's find them a family to spend the Holiday Season & the rest of their days with!**



### **Meet Kix!**

**Kix** is a 16 year old, extremely friendly, gentle feline who was found alone, injured, limping and filled with fleas. He is a precious little guy and is healing nicely with the love and attention he needs.

He is desperately seeking a forever home where he can finally spend the rest of his years enjoying the company of, and looking lovingly at **his** family members.

Meet Kix and give this little gentle soul the chance he deserves for a loving home and family.

Click [here](#) for additional pictures of Kix.



### **Meet Butter Cookie!**

**Butter Cookie** is an absolutely stunning, friendly declawed cat that was sadly found wandering around St. James and brought in by a Good Samaritan. How she ended up alone, without a home & family is a mystery.

Not only is she SO pretty (Look at that face!!!)...this 10 year old purrrrrfectly sweet girl absolutely LOVES to be held and pet!

Come meet Butter Cookie! Take her home or help find her a forever home REAL Soon!

Click [here](#) for additional pictures of Butter Cookie.



### **Meet Max!**

**Max** is a 7 year old Basset Hound/ Corgi mix...who also happens to be irresistibly adorable!!!

Max has absolutely captured the hearts of several of the staff and volunteers at the shelter (*all women!*) .

Apparently, he's a real "ladies man!" He loves to be brushed, pet, and most of all, cuddled!!! He can never get too much loving attention.

He would do best in a quiet home where he can be treated like the little, sweet Prince that he is. Come meet Max and get acquainted.

Click [here](#) for additional pictures of Max.

## **Why Adopt a Senior Pet???**

**There are At Least 10 Great Reasons to Open Your Heart to a Senior Pet...**

1. **Older dogs have manners** . Unlike puppies, many grown-up dogs have spent years living with a family and being socialized to life with humans. They may have received obedience training and respond to commands like Sit, Stay, and Down. Many are house trained and it takes a matter of hours or a day or two to help them learn the potty rules in their new home.
2. **Senior pets are less destructive.** Most older adoptive pets are well past the search-and-destroy phase. You don't need to worry so much about finding your favorite pair of shoes or a table leg chewed beyond recognition. Chances are your senior kitty has no urge to overturn your potted plant or shred the handmade quilt your grandma gave you.
3. **What you see is what you get** . A senior pet holds no surprises as to how big he might get, what color his adult coat will be, or whether his hips will be healthy. A senior pet comes to you with his own history, which makes his future much more predictable than that of an 8-week old puppy or kitten. **Want to learn the other GREAT Reasons??!! Click to [Read More](#) ...**

**...Senior pets are GREAT company for senior citizens!**

**... Adopted senior pets are grateful for your kindness!!**

..Older pets are **Really Relaxing** to hang out with!!!  
**Be a Hero to a Loving Senior Pet!**



**Smithtown Youth Bureau  
Volunteer Corps!**

**Join the hundreds of Other Local Youth  
and Families as  
Town of Smithtown Volunteer Corps Members**

Apply [here](#) to become a Smithtown Youth  
Bureau Volunteer Corps member!

Continue reading [here](#) for  
more information.



**Does your group/agency  
Need Volunteers?**

The Town of Smithtown Youth Bureau promotes volunteerism and fosters positive social and leadership opportunities for youth and families throughout the township.

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

**[Partner Agency Program Application](#)**

For more information - click [here](#)



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**Town of Smithtown  
Youth Bureau | 631-360-7595**

Town of Smithtown Horizons Center  
161 E. Main Street, Smithtown NY 11787

The Town of Smithtown Youth Bureau offers ongoing town-wide youth development, prevention and intervention programs

**for youth and families**

Study Skills - Time Management - Organizational Skills - Anger/Emotional Management  
Positive Action - Second Step - Why Try, etc. (Research-based Prevention Programs)  
Parent Skills Group (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) - Guiding Good Choices (Parenting young children)  
Upstander Revolution: A Bullying/Cyber Bullying presentation - Eight Dimensions of Wellness (SAMHSA)  
Healthy Family Communication - Leadership/Youth Empowerment and Community Service Opportunities  
Bicycle Safety Rodeos/Road & Biking Safety Programs - Babysitting Skills/Basic Employment Readiness  
Opportunities for Healthy Family Interaction

***Inspire - Learn - Grow***

**Email: [youthb@tosgov.com](mailto:youthb@tosgov.com)**

**Visit our Web Site: [www.smithtownny.gov/youthbureau](http://www.smithtownny.gov/youthbureau)**

**Friend us on Facebook: [Smithtown Youth Bureau Facebook Page Page](#)**

**Important Links...**

**[Contact the Youth Bureau](#)**

**[\\*List of Youth Bureau Programs & Services\\*](#)**

**[\\*List of Horizons/Youth Bureau Research-Based Prevention Programs\\*](#)**