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EAST HAMPTON TOWN IN-PERSON SENIOR PROGRAMS WILL RESUME JULY 12, 2021

East Hampton Town Supervisor Van Scoyoc had suspended in-person senior programs immediately upon start of pandemic in March, 2020, to protect vulnerable older residents

**Senior Transportation Program to resume offering bus transport to essential services;
Group meals to be served again at East Hampton, Montauk senior centers after pause
during pandemic**

The Town of East Hampton's Senior Nutrition Program(s) will resume meal service at the East Hampton Senior Center at 128 Springs-Fireplace Road in East Hampton, and at the Montauk Community Center, 240 Edgemere Street in Montauk, on July 12.

Members of the 60+ community are invited to come to lunch, which will be served at each center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Masks are to be worn while in the buildings, except while eating, and as always reservations are required.

Wellness Programs will continue to be offered both at the East Hampton and Montauk sites and will be moving indoors for participants' comfort and safety.

Reservations for the lunch and wellness programs in East Hampton may be made by calling 631-324-6711. Reservations for programs in Montauk may be made by calling 631-668-1023.

Given Governor Cuomo's announcement that the COVID-19 New York State Disaster Emergency has ended, the home-delivered frozen meal program instituted during the pandemic will be discontinued as of July 9, 2021. All seniors who have been receiving frozen meals are invited to attend the in-person group meal programs at the East Hampton and the Montauk Playhouse sites.

Homebound seniors still requiring home meal delivery may call the Human Services Case Manager at 631-329-6939 for assistance with connecting to the East Hampton Meals on Wheels Program.

The Senior Transportation Program will also resume July 12. Transportation will be provided for essential services on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with trips, for the time being, limited to destinations within East Hampton and Southampton boundaries.

Several new safety protocols are required for staff and riders to minimize the transmission of the COVID -19 virus. Drivers and passengers will be required to wear masks. To maintain social distancing, seating may be assigned. If you are in need of transportation or have any questions please call 631-324-4443.

In-person case management services have resumed by appointment only. Residential Repair Services will also begin July 12, 2021. Call 631-329-6939 for information.

The In-Home Services Program will also restart on July 12, with limited service. Suffolk County Office for the Aging case workers are working with Town of East Hampton Human Services staff to identify the seniors with the most pressing needs.

It is our utmost priority to keep everyone associated with the East Hampton Town Human Services Department healthy and safe, while also making sure to meet the needs of our senior clients who need us now more than ever.

Over the last fifteen months, Human Services staff worked diligently to provide meals to the 60+ community, and thanks to their dedication, the Town was able to accommodate the unprecedented number of requests from older adults who were in need of meals and services.

The Human Services staff is looking forward to resuming programs, and are excited to see everyone on July 12th.