

# IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTACTS



#### **COUNTYWIDE** -

**TOLL-FREE ASSISTANCE** 

		ASSISTANCE	
EPIC PRESCRIPTION PR	ROTECTION	NASSAU COUNTY	
For Seniors	1-800-332-3742	Office for the Aging	516-227-8900
Legislative Status of Bills	1-800-342-9860	Clerk's Office	516-571-2660
Medicare and Medical Claims	1-800-633-4227	Consumer Affairs	516-571-2600
Senior Citizen's Hotline	1-800-342-9871	Office for the Physically Challenged	516-227-7399
Federal Tax Assistance	1-800-829-1040	Department of Health	
Veteran's Problems/Assistance	1-800-273-8255	Emergencies, After Hours and Weekends	
VA Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477	Social Services	
VA Regional	1-800-827-1000	Emergency After Hours	
<b>Public Health Duty Officer Hotline</b>	866-881-2809	Veteran's Service Agency	516-572-6565
Medicare	1-800-633-4227		
Social Security	1-800-772-1213	ASSEMBLYMAN BRIAN CU	
		District Office	516-561-8216
EMERGENCY PHONE NU		TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD	
Nassau County Main Number		Main Line	516-489-5000
Nassau County Office of Emerge		Department of Senior Enrichment	
American Red Cross in Nassau Co		bepartment of Semor Emiliament	310 403 0100
American Rea Cross III Nassau Co		VILLAGE OF LYNBROOK	
Long Island Crisis Center Senior C	onnection Hotline	Main Line	516500-8300
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Nassau County Office for the Agin		VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE O	ENTRE
	510-221-6900	Main Line	516-678-9300
FIRE, POLICE & AMBUL	ANCE	Department of Senior Services	516-678-9245
Emergency			
Nassau County Sheriff		VILLAGE OF MALVERNE	
PSEG/LIPA Report Power Outage .		Main Line	516-599-1200
Poison Control			
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AREA HOSPITALS		Main Line	516-377-2200
NYU Langone Hospital	516-663-0333		
Mercy Medical Center	516-705-2525	VILLAGE OF EAST ROCKA	WAY
Nassau University Medical Center	516-572-0123	Main Line	516-887-6300
Long Island Jewish Valley Stream	516-256-6000	Senior Center	516-341-0996
Long Island Jewish Medical Center	· 1-718-470-7000		
St. Francis Hospital, The Heart Ce	<b>nter</b> 516-562-6000	VILLAGE OF VALLEY STRI	EAM
		Main Line	516-825-4200





## WHAT IS EPIC?

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program is a New York State program for seniors administered by the Department of Health.

This year's budget included \$93.2 million to help seniors afford their medications.

For more information regarding the EPIC program, call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY: 1-800-290-9138).

#### To join EPIC, a senior must:

Be a New York State resident age 65 or older;

Have an annual income below \$75,000 if single, or \$100,000 if married:

Be enrolled or eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D (no exceptions); and

Not be receiving full Medicaid benefits.

## GOLDEN PARK PROGRAM

If you are a New York State resident 62 or older, on any weekday (except holidays), you can obtain:

Free vehicle access to state parks, boat launch sites, and arboretums; and

Fee reduction to state historic sites and state-operated golf courses.

Simply present your currently valid New York State Driver's License or New York State Non-Driver Identification Card.\*

For locations with pay stations, please contact the facility directly for information. For information about facilities where this program is valid, contact the nearest state park or state park regional office. Long Island Regional Office

\*A New York State Driver's License or a New York State Non-Driver Identification Card may be obtained from your local Motor Vehicle office. You may want to contact them first to be certain you bring the required forms of identification.

631-669-1000



### TAXPAYER ALERT

Local governments and school districts in New York State can opt to grant a reduction on the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying senior citizens. This is accomplished by reducing the taxable assessment of the senior's home by as much as 50%.

To qualify, seniors generally must be 65 years of age or older and meet certain income limitations and other requirements. For the 50% exemption, the law allows each county, city, town, village, or school district to set the maximum income limit at any figure between \$3,000 and \$50,000.

The exemption works on a sliding scale depending on annual household income. The following table details the new income thresholds for the Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption and the Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Property Tax Exemptions:

INCOME	EXEMPTION
\$50,000 or LESS	50 percent
\$50,001 to \$50,999	45 percent
\$51,000 to \$51,999	40 percent
\$52,000 to \$52,999	35 percent
\$53,000 to \$53,899	30 percent
\$53,900 to \$54,799	25 percent
\$54,800 to \$55,699	20 percent
\$55,700 to \$56,599	15 percent
\$56,600 to \$57,499	10 percent
\$57,500 to \$58,399	5 percent

In most communities, the deadline for submitting exemption applications is March 1. However, the dates vary in some cities and counties. Please confirm the date with your assessor at 516-571-1500

For more information on this or any other taxpayer programs, visit www.tax.ny.gov or limits and other qualifications specific for your community call 518-457-2036

\*This reduction is reflected in county, town, and school taxes where

### WHAT IS NY CONNECTS?

NY Connects helps anyone who needs information on long-term services and supports children with disabilities, older adults, family members and caregivers, friends or neighbors, veterans, and helping professionals.

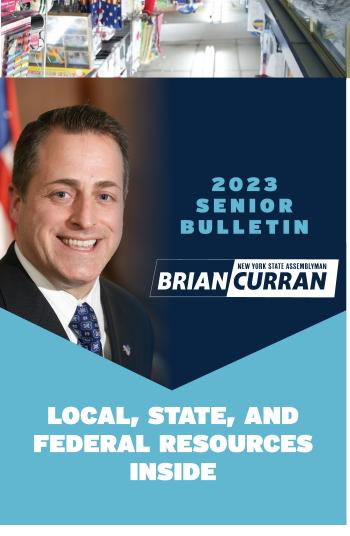
NY Connects can help you ...

Find care and support Remain independent

Understand care options Find transportation Learn about supports in caregiving Find supported employment programs Get answers about Medicare Apply for medical and other benefits

For more information regarding NY Connects, visit www.nyconnects.ny.gov or call 1-800-342-9871.





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