**District Action Awareness Committee Report---Note, this report was never given at the meeting.**

**Monday, October 3, 2022**

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**Smithtown Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election**

The Smithtown Special Library District will hold its Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday October 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 pm

There are 3 available positions and 15 candidates running. Very contentious election in light of the coverage Smithtown library received for pulling books related LGBTQ issues.

**Call to Action:**

For more information on where and how to vote: Visit smithlib.org/library-vote-and-trustee.html

**Free Fare Week on HART Buses**

Supervisor Ed Smyth established a Free Fare Week, approved by the Town Board, to promote the Huntington Area Rapid Transit (HART) fixed route bus service from Monday, September 19 through Saturday, September 24 to support and promote sustainable transportation for International Car Free Day on Thursday, September 22.

This initiative is designed to help promote that the Town of Huntington is a leader in sustainable and climate-smart initiatives and HART Bus’ Free Fare Week is another way to go green while simultaneously reducing commuting costs. This effort to go green and waive fixed route bus fares is focused on getting more riders and reducing congestion on local roads.

The Town of Huntington has partnered with Transit Solutions and 511NYRideshare annually to promote Car Free Day and has been a leader in municipal pledges to go “car-free” or “car-light” in recent years.

**Call to Action:**

More information on HART Bus fixed routes can be found at <https://www.huntingtonny.gov/hart>.

Inform seniors and students in the community that HART buses are available as a viable transportation option.

**Commack Public Library**

THE GREAT GIVE BACK: COMMUNITY SERVICE FAIR Grades 6th – 12th (and Adults) will take place on Saturday, October 15th, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The Great Give Back is a community service initiative created by the Suffolk County Public Library Directors Association and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, in conjunction with the Nassau Library System. The mission of The Great Give Back is to provide a day of opportunities for the patrons of the Public Libraries of New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. This year, Commack Library is hosting a community service fair. Students can chat with different community organizations to earn community service hours while learning about all the ways they can help out in the community!

**Call to Action:**

For every two organizations students speak with, they will receive an hour of community service.

**Pregnancy Termination Facilities – Local Laws**

New York State Senator Anna M. Kaplan (D-North Hills) and Assemblywoman Gina L. Silitti (D-Port Washington) shared the results of a comprehensive review of communities on Long Island that continue to have abortion restrictions on the books within their municipal codes on September 8. It was determined that the Town of Huntington (as well as Town of Oyster Bay, Town of Hempstead, and the Villages of Freeport and Williston Park) had laws in place that restrict abortion of any kin, including medication based and non-surgical abortions in any setting that is not a hospital. This effectively outlaws abortion clinics such as Planned Parenthood and introduces a time and cost barrier for women seeking such care. Individual that violate these ordinances can face jail time and fines. The laws were put in place in the early 1970s during a wave of these measures being enacted. While these laws are not enforceable under New York State’s Reproductive Health Act passed in 2019 , the two politicians are advocating to remove these kinds of trigger laws to protect access to reproductive healthcare no matter what happens in future State elections.

**Call to Action:**

In light of these findings, the Town of Huntington is holding a hearing at 7pm on October 19 at Jack Abrams school (155 Lowndes Ave, Huntington Station, NY 11746) to discuss adopting Local Law No. 30-2022 amending the Code of Town of Huntington Chapter 155 regarding Pregnancy Termination Facilities. Members of the Huntington community are invited to attend.

**EVENTS**
Long Island Fall Festival – Attractions include four stages of entertainment, a world-class carnival, hundreds of arts and craft vendors, international food courts, a beer and wine tent, and numerous activities especially designed for young children –

October 7 – 10th till 9 pm at Heckscher Park – lifallfestival.com

Hoyt Farm Halloweekend – Smithtown residents only – advance registration $25/child (cash only). Register Saturdays/Sundays – event is October 15 or 16 11—4pm Call 631-543-7804 for more details