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TOWN OF RIVERHEAD INTRODUCES SENIOR CITIZEN ASSISTANCE HOTLINE

In response to the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Riverhead's senior population, the Town of Riverhead Supervisor's Office has created a Senior Citizen Assistance Hotline, a permanent addition to services the Town of Riverhead provides to our Senior Citizen residents.

Former Councilman Jim Wooten has joined Supervisor Aguiar in this initiative to provide assistance obtaining services and resources for our most vulnerable residents, allowing them to remain safely at home, thereby reducing the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Meal and grocery delivery, transportation, town services and identification of local COVID-19 testing sites are some of the resources that will be available.

Assistance with referrals for income eligible heating and electric bill assistance to Riverhead Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), PSEG and National Grid are among the services provided, all designed to ease feelings of isolation and helplessness.

Residents may access the hotline starting December 8, 2020, by calling (631)727-3200 ext. 653, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Messages may be left at all other times and all calls will be returned within one business day.