

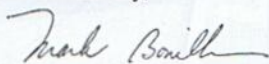
Important Update from Hempstead Town's "One Stop Passport Shop"

Dear Neighbor,

Hempstead Town processes more passport applications than any other acceptance facility in the nation. As such, I feel it is important to notify residents about new federal travel regulations. Indeed, as of June 1, passports and/or passport cards are required in more instances than ever before. Fortunately, my office is ready to help residents with their passport/passport card needs, and we even travel to local communities to make it more convenient to address your travel identification needs. What's more, this guide directs travelers to web links that provide travel alert information, a subject of increasing interest to travelers. Finally, my office can address all your passport needs from photos to applications at one convenient location.

I am proud that my office, along with the rest of the town, is able to provide the finest municipal services as Supervisor Kate Murray prepares to present a budget that freezes the tax rate for all town taxes.

Sincerely,



Mark Bonilla
Town Clerk



SPEEDY PASS - Town Clerk Mark Bonilla is making it easier than ever to get your passport with the town's "SPEEDY PASS" mobile passport facility. Visit the town's website at www.TOH.LI to find out about convenient dates and locations.



Your "One Stop Passport Shop"

From passport applications to photo services, Hempstead Town has everything you need to get a passport. Applications can be obtained and completed forms may be submitted (accompanied by proof of United States citizenship such as a birth certificate or previous passport and proof of identity) in person Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. And unlike passport agencies, no appointment is necessary!



Passport or Passport Card

American citizens can use their passport when traveling via air, land or sea. Passport cards are a less cumbersome option that can fit easily in your wallet or pocketbook; however, passport cards are only valid for land and sea travel between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean region and Bermuda.



Need it Quick?... Expedited Service

Sometimes unexpected travel plans pop up. Though the normal turnaround time for a passport is currently within six (6) weeks, Hempstead Town does offer expedited service, care of the U.S. Department of State. Participants in the expedited service can expect their passports to be delivered to their doorsteps in about half the time!



NEW Travel Passport Regulations

The U.S. Department of State recently implemented the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). This initiative requires all American citizens to have a passport or other accepted document that establishes the bearer's identity and nationality to enter or depart the United States from within the Western Hemisphere.



Passport Fees -

Passport fees are set according to federal guidelines. Processing fees vary depending on type of passport and age of applicant. Accepted forms of payment include personal checks and money orders.



Travel Alerts - Know before you go!



Taking the time to check travel alerts posted online before you head out the door can save time and make for a more pleasant trip. Travel Alerts for natural disasters, terrorist attacks and high-profile events such as international conferences or regional sports events are routinely issued by the State Department to inform travelers of short-term conditions that could pose imminent risks to their security. Knowing before you go makes sense... so visit www.travel.state.gov for more information.

For further information on obtaining your passport, call the Hempstead Town Clerk's passport office at (516) 812-3100 or visit us on the web at www.TOH.LI