

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



*Safety Newsletter*

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

## A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM JOHN CORRADO, President

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE 1922 - 2022:** As the song says, "it's the most wonderful time of the year." Each year we need to find the time to be thankful for our friends and our family. We celebrate with gifts and social gatherings to remind us of all that we care for each other as we travel through this world together. I hope you feel as I do, that we are part of a great Company that does great things each day. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity to do this with you.

Sitting on the wall outside my office are three pictures from 1922 of my two grandfathers and my uncle Mike (my grandfather's brother). They traveled here from Europe at the turn of the century and fought to take care of their families. Through a series of odd circumstances, they found their way to owning buses and driving them to serve their community. As you know, they ultimately came to form one of the first public transit bus companies in the country, Green Bus Lines. When New York City took over this service in 2006, Green Bus and its affiliates was the largest privately held transit company in the country. My father, with the help of his dad, bought STS/SBC in 1970 (originally formed in 1953), and we have all worked hard to bring us to where we are today, again, one of the largest privately held bus companies in the country. I am so very thankful for what each and every one of you do each day.

100 years have passed, and this story still motivates me each day, and I hope it does the same for you. Over the course of history, transportation has led the evolution of our society. This could not be truer today. In the next two years you will see us bring more innovation and technology to our service. New routing software, new GPS systems, and new rider and parent apps to help our customers better use our service. All of this while we begin to convert our fleet to electric vehicles. Know that we will continue to lead and to make our Company a great place to work while delivering exceptional services. Thank you again for all that you do, have a great holiday and a happy and safe New Year. May God Bless you all!

**STAY HEALTHY:** As you gather to celebrate the holidays with family and friends, please be mindful to stay healthy. Washing your hands is the number one way to stop the spread of germs. In some instances, it may make sense to have a mask handy. We hope you enjoy the holidays and for school bus employees, your well-deserved week off. For all STS employees, please note STS offices are open the week between Christmas and New Year's. If you are sick and unable to make it to work on 1/3/2023, contact your supervisor or center prior to 1/3/2022 so we can plan to meet service. Please make sure you speak to a live person. Also, note you must be at work on 1/3/2023 to be paid for the New Year Holiday. Start 2023 off healthy and happy!

**NOVEMBER SAFETY WINNERS:** Lonnie Brown, large bus; Josephine Ulupinar, van; Maria Marte, DA; Rafael Montano, line; Peterson Volcimus, ADA; George Williams, Shop; Robert Ondrush, management. Congratulations!



**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Amanda Rozenburgh - Sayville Van Driver out of 1849 Pond Rd.

*"Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!"*