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*Safety Newsletter*

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**A MOVING HONOR FOR OUR VETERANS:** Starting this month, Suffolk County Transit Drivers who served our nation will be honored with a special uniform patch bordered in gold, where under the U.S. flag the word 'Veteran' is stitched. Suffolk County Transit Driver, Luis Mercado, a Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, the Navy Reserves and Chair of the Transport Workers Union Local 252 Veterans Committee, came up with the concept a few months ago. "Suffolk County is the first county in the country to honor their Veterans in this way," said Debra Hagan, President of TWU Local 252. Suffolk County Legislator Nick Caracappa, who serves as chair of the legislature's Veterans Committee, was on hand at our 1980 Pond Road Center to thank the drivers, mechanics and office staff for their service to our country and their dedication to the Suffolk County Transit system. "Suffolk County is very proud of the job that our Transit workers do every day. We're especially proud to know of the men and women who serve our system and who also served our country. These are great people doing great work. The distinctive patch is a well-deserved thank you for their service," said Legislator Caracappa. "I am so pleased that we were able to find a way to honor this special group of drivers," said John Corrado.

**SUMMER REFRESHERS:** Please make sure you attend a summer refresher class so you can pick a route for the new school year. Employees who participate in summer refresher classes will receive payment upon returning to work in September. Sign up is open on My Parking Space. If there are any issues registering, contact Linda Licata [llicata@suffolkbuss.com](mailto:llicata@suffolkbuss.com). The following classes are still open to register:

**August 14, Wednesday** 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma 10:30 AM  
**August 17, Saturday** 50 Saxon Ave, Bay Shore 9:00 AM

**AUGUST SCHOOL BUS PICKS:** Times for each pick will be available early August:

August 22, 2024	Large Bus Pick	1780 Smithtown Ave.
August 23, 2024	Large Bus Pick	1780 Smithtown Ave.
August 26, 2024	Van Pick	1780 Smithtown Ave.
August 27, 2024	Van Pick	1780 Smithtown Ave.
August 27, 2024	DA Pick	50 Saxon Ave.
August 28, 2024	Van Pick	1780 Smithtown Ave.
August 28, 2024	DA Pick	50 Saxon Ave.

**PARA-TRANSIT DRIVERS NEEDED:** Para-transit has several driver openings available now! We are introducing "split tours", hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday with times of 5AM - 9AM or 9AM - 1PM. If you are interested in full-time or part-time, apply now. Paid vacation time, paid holidays, bonus and much more offered for eligible employees. For more information or if interested, please email [HR@suffolkbuss.com](mailto:HR@suffolkbuss.com) or call Jhanella Orellana at 631-665-3245x 4175. Thank you.



**TRANSIT PICK INFORMATION:** The Transit pick will be held on Sunday, August 18, at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma starting at 6:00AM. Please visit My Parking Space or view the postings located in the SBC driver's room for your pick times.

**CDL PERMIT CLASS:** Our next CDL permit class will be held on Saturday, August 10, from 8:00AM-4:00 PM at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma. This class is free, and everyone is welcome. Remember, for a limited time we offer a \$1,000 bounty for every driver referral and you will receive the referral bonus 60 days after they are assigned a school bus route.



**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Milagros Garcia Montejo, Ivy League driver out of 1849 Pond Road



*"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."*