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Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

PARA TRANSIT PICK: The Para Transit Pick is scheduled for Sunday, March 30, 2025, in the classroom of the Safety & Training facility located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue in Ronkonkoma. The pick begins at 6:30am and more information is available on My Parking Space as well as on signs that have been posted in the driver's rooms at Bay Shore and Ronkonkoma yards.

SPRING BREAK: Spring break is a non-guaranteed work week. Eligible school bus drivers and driver's assistants should file for unemployment during this period. It is important to understand when to report hours worked during an unemployment week to the New York State Department of Labor. To understand when to report hours worked, please refer to My Parking



Space/forms, page 2 and open 'partial unemployment eligibility'.

SUMMER WORK: Yes, we are planning our summer season! Sign-up is now available on My Parking Space. Click on the Sun icon on your mobile device to sign up. All drivers and driver assistants hired January 1, 2019, or later need to sign up for summer work and attend the pick. If we have enough employees, you may get the opportunity to pass on summer work. Remember, summer programs are 6-8 weeks in duration.

TRANSIT SENSITIVITY CLASSES: The Transit Sensitivity Class schedule is available on



SENSITIVITY TRAINING

This class is designed to educate transit employees on the importance of sensitivity and awareness in their interactions with passengers. Classes cover topics such as customer service, cultural competence, and effective communication strategies. The goal is to ensure that transit workers can provide a respectful and inclusive environment for all passengers, including those with disabilities, special requirements, or diverse backgrounds. **Classes will be held on April 6, 12, 15, and 17.**

YARD SAFEY PROTOCOLS: Maintain yard speed under 10 mph and use proper entrance and exit gates, staying in appropriate travel lanes. At 1980 Pond Rd., exit left only in any bus or van. At 1849 Pond Rd., exit right only onto Smithtown Blvd. or Pond Rd., avoiding Lakeland Ave. Exit Pond Rd. via Marconi Ave. for safer turns. At Moffitt yard, enter using the East End Gate and exit at the West End Gate only. Right turns only onto Brentwood Rd. from Moffitt Blvd. yards. At 55 Saxon, no left turns into or out of the southeast gate. At 71 Moffitt, no through traffic from Livingston St.; use Moffitt for all entries and exits. Stay alert, use crosswalks, and avoid talking or texting on your cell phone while walking in the yards. Following these protocols ensures a safer environment for everyone.



We ask for your patience as buses park and drivers maneuver their vehicles from parking spots. Let's work together to maintain a safe and efficient environment in our yards. Thank you for your cooperation.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE: A good night's rest is essential for overall health and well-being. Quality sleep helps improve cognitive function, memory, and concentration, making it easier to tackle daily tasks and challenges. It also plays a crucial role in emotional regulation, reducing stress and enhancing mood. Physically, adequate sleep supports the immune system, aids in muscle recovery, and helps maintain a healthy weight. By prioritizing restful sleep, you can boost your energy levels, improve productivity, and enjoy a better quality of life.



Check out our Facebook page for our latest employee spotlight, Daniel Andree, 1849 Pond Road Dispatcher.

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."

