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Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



SUMMER WORK SIGN-UP: It is that time of the year! SIGN UP TODAY to work in the summer months via My Parking Space. We are expecting a robust summer program. Just click on "SUMMER JOBS" on the home page on your PC or look for the Sun on your mobile device. All van drivers & DA's with five years or less seniority are encouraged to sign up. Until we know the number of summer routes, the 5 year or less may increase to 6 or 7 years. If we do not get enough drivers and DA's to sign up for the summer, we will contact drivers and DA's in reverse seniority order and mandate employees to work. Programs begin June 28 and July 6 and run for 6-8 weeks in duration. If you have a college student home for the summer looking for work, we are interested in meeting them for a DA position. Applications can be picked up in any yard.

GO GREEN: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced 138 awards tied to the Diesel Emission Reduction Act rebate program. We are proud to announce that we, Suffolk Transportation, received the largest grant in the Country at \$400,000. The grant money will be used to purchase clean diesel buses.

EXTENSION OF REAL ID DEADLINE: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is extending the REAL ID full enforcement date by 19 months, from October 1, 2021 to May 3, 2023, due to circumstances resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Beginning May 3, 2023, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or identification card, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another TSA-acceptable form of identification at airport security checkpoints for domestic air travel.



MY PARKING SPACE: Apple has required that we update our MPS mobile app. With this update our app is no longer available in the Apple App Store because it is a private app and not open to the general public. A text message was sent out last week via MARS with instructions on getting the new app for both your iPhone and Android phone. For iPhones you have a unique code to access the app. The code cannot be shared with a fellow employee. If you are having difficulty, you can ask your Supervisor for help or go to our website and enter your issue under the MARS tab in the Employee Portal Tab. The new iPhone app for My Parking Space is grey and some say it looks like a 'toaster'. It is labeled STS. MPS is still available on your PC.



MARS: You can now sign up for MARS text messages or report a problem you are having with text messages. Just visit suffolkbus.com. Click on the "Employee Portal" tab then click on MARS.

UPCOMING CDL PERMIT CLASS: Do you have a friend or family member who has lost their job due to the pandemic? They can train for their CDL license while they collect unemployment insurance. The class will be on Wednesday, 5/26, at 50 Saxon Ave and will be held from 9:30AM - 12:30 PM. To register for classes, please email Alex Purcell at apurcell@suffolkbus.com.

MARCH SAFETY WINNERS: Theresa Vivello, large bus; Leda Escobar, van; Chew Yuen Lee, driver assistant; Joseph Dussel, transit; Erica Bridgwood, management. Congratulations!

CALL CENTER OPPORTUNITIES: Let your friends and family know we have two openings in our Para-transit Call Center located in 1980 Pond Rd. This is a part-time position. The Call Center operates 7 days a week from 7 AM - 5 PM. Email Cathy Burke-Iveschich cburke-iveschich@suffolkbus.com for more information.



FACEBOOK: Our Facebook spotlight this week is Jonathon Lazard, van driver for Bay Shore School District out of the Moffitt yard.

"Never give up because great things take time"