

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



*Safety Newsletter*

May 28, 2021



SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**APPRECIATION DAY:** This time is set aside by the State of New York to show appreciation to all the people involved in passenger transportation. This observance gives due recognition to our family of transportation personnel for their dedication to duty and their unequalled record of safety. We are proud of the fine service our bus drivers, assistants, mechanics, supervisors provide to the children and general public of Suffolk County. We extend our congratulations! Due to COVID-19 we will

not be gathering in large groups for Transportation Personnel Appreciation Days this year. We will provide employees a box lunch and gift in the yard. See below for the schedule of dates and times. We look forward to gathering together next year.

- June 2 - 50 Saxon Ave & 10 Moffitt & 71 Moffitt (Grant and G-Yard should report to Moffitt for box lunch and gift). Box lunches will be served from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- June 3 - Second Ave, 11:00 AM; Harold Ct, 10:30 AM; 1849 Pond Rd, 10:00 AM & 1980 Pond Rd, 11:00 AM
- June 4 - Coram, Medford, Setauket, 10:30 AM

**PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS:** A preventable accident is any accident in which the **professional driver** failed to do everything that reasonably could have been done to avoid it. A common type of preventable accidents are accidents that happen in an intersection. It is the responsibility of professional drivers to approach, enter and cross intersections prepared to avoid collisions that might occur through the actions of other drivers. Complex traffic movement, blind intersections, or failure of another driver to conform to law or traffic control devices will not automatically release a driver of responsibility for an accident. When a professional driver crosses an intersection and the actions of the other driver indicate possible involvement either by reason of excess speed, crossing over a lane in turning or coming from behind a blind spot, the professional driver should be prepared for such erratic behavior, be able to take evasive action and prevent an accident from occurring. **One of the most important defensive driving safety skills is "brake cover". A professional bus driver should cover the brake whenever approaching an intersection.**

**SUMMER WORK:** We have more than usual summer work available for large bus drivers this year. Van drivers and DA's - there is still time to sign up for summer work. We are anticipating needing an additional 100 drivers and DA's to sign up. Signing up now saves the last-minute phone calls. Please note we call employees in reverse seniority order during the pick. You will have 2 hours to return our call. If we do not hear from you in that time frame, we will consider that a refusal to work and will challenge your unemployment insurance.

**MARS TEXT MESSAGES:** If your carrier is T-Mobile, you may not be receiving MARS texts. T-Mobile may block toll-free numbers. T-Mobile can remove the block so you are able to receive important text messages. To accomplish this, you must call 611 directly from your T-Mobile device experiencing the issue or if using another device, call [1-800-937-8997](tel:1-800-937-8997) and request "Shortcode Blacklist" setting to be removed from your account.



**FACEBOOK:** Our Facebook spotlight this week is Debbie Basile, large bus Supervisor for Bay Shore School District out of Harold Ct.

*"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." - Happy Memorial Day!*

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We are celebrating over 3000 years of service for employees celebrating 10 years of service through 40 years of service. Thank you all for your years of service!

**A reliable employee is the best gift a Company can ask for**

**Congratulations to the following employees on their many years of service:**

**40 years** - Arlene Cannella

**35 years** - Thomas Baxter; Patricia Ailman; Kathryn Behan; Alice Kelly

**30 years** - Gary Martin; Vincent Williams; Thomas Kimbiz; Nancy Hayes; Michael DeAngelis; Sylvia Rodriguez; Hugosbely Rivas

**25 years** - Barbara Engels; Jane Marie Urbelis; Francia Mancilla; Annie Holt; Adina Oliphant; Maryjane Carey; Cynthia Tracy; Christine Krieger; Howard Brode; Maria Valdes; Paul Delgado; Maria Rosario; Rebecca Cordero; Susan Straub

**20 years** - Debra Barrale; Latashen Johnson-Lowe; Miguel Jiminez; Denise Piraino; Carlos Martinez; Emily Sanchez; Kerrie Wells; Philip Reichenberger; Lorraine Murro; Shirley Diehl; Harvey Mace; Francesco Tassielli; Yudis Lopez; Juan Arias; Michael Seaman; Claudine Spano; Robert Doherty; Ruben Iturri; Amanda Lopez; Richard Gambardella; Nellie Catano; Didier Reyes; Robert Sarey; Raysa Silva; Paris Galeas; Krishna Maharaj

**15 years** - Lucia Leggio; Yvette Linton; Luz Pardo; Maria Ayala; Carrolin Canario; Ann Worth; Linda Toner; Gloria Sorto; Ana Artola; Deborah Rayzak; Helene Labrys; Anner Guzman; Julio Cordero; Norman Schoonebeek; Luz Cordero; Karen Sanders; Hector Rosario; Liliana Cardona; Nelson Vargas; Nina Thomas; Linda Schortemeyer; Leonard Secaira; Marcia Thompson; Luisa Valencia-Laverde; John Franco; Susan Kelley; Wendy Darbee; Sandra Cisco; Robert Brown; Maria Garcia; Lennox Nicholas; Juan Bustillo; Migdalia Green; Alba Escobar; Tania O'Neill; Gil Carrasco; Charmaine McKenzie; Judith Aguilar; Edward Gottesman; Maureen Guadalupe; Andres Estrada; Gloria Cortes; Diane Morrison; Luigi Belcastro; Lauro Encaladacando; Linda Moller; Aracely Ceden; Jose Navas; Catherine O'Neill; Andrew Keller; Raul Bonilla; Jose Sandoval; Justo Fajardo; Sylvester McBean; Beatriz Escobar; Monica Gaudio; Annamarie Ferraro; Jennyfer Porras; Walter Lacey, II; Franklin Santamaria; Philip Grieco; Sarah Alfaro; Yajaira Reyes; Danesh Bharat; Eliseo Salcedo; Cindy McCoy; Michael Flaim; Patricia Zeo; Mayrita Valdiviezocamac; Narcisa Paredes; Aleksander Shapiro

**10 years** - Kim Campanaro; Franciso Castillo; James Metzger; Arpad Doczy; Martin Pardee; Albert Morgan; George Williams; Diane Hanisch; Terresa Murray; Lisa Balzarini; Felicia Barbuto; Patricia Gundersen; Toniann Bach; James Nugent; Deborah Dalbenzio; Rodolfo Perez; Joseph Ahearn; Susan Ahearn; Mary Jane Serapiglia; Laura Shear; Roseann Stearns; Sharon Smith; Gerald Assetto; Mildred Matoskey; Joan Pankowski; Dawn Nash; Robert Beechel; Connie Bertuglia; Dennis McQueenie; Laura Testa; Karen Aguiar; Lorraine McCormack; Jean Michel; Gunnur Yilmaz; Louis Celestino; Gloria Califano; Denise Vecchione; Onier Vergara; Edith Cruz-Garcia; Rosa Rivas; Juan Velaonia; Gary Maziarz; James Lapine; Mirwais Latifi; Cindy Gillet; Justine Baldwin; Keila Lopez; Frederick Crump; Joyce Giordano; Carlos Sanroman; Oscar Rios; Edith Seguara; Peggy Belizaire; Virginia Sullivan; Nicole Lorper; Bettina Chatterton; Linda Murphy; Kimm Garceau; Michelle Spevak; Richard Blair; Ricardo Lobo; Camillo Coppola; Megan McAteer; Luz Serraty; Annette Sedita; Lisette Granados; Roberto Ochoa; Stamatis Markou; Juan Santana; Hyppolite Josema; Fernando Pino; Mariana Chavez; Jose Morales; Lisa Daigle; Jody Parson; Mercedes Banos; John Maass; Christopher Smith; Louis Gillet; Norman Faison; Mary Demieri; Carmen Carcamo; Danielle Leacock