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*Safety Newsletter*

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME:** Reminder to turn clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, 3/12! Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, 3/13.

## **2022 SUFFOLK COUNTY NYAPT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

Please be advised that the Suffolk County Chapter offers a total of 3 Scholarships each year. These Scholarships are open to



graduating seniors whose parents or grandparents work within the School Transportation Industry for a Contractor or District who is an active member of

the Suffolk Chapter in good standing. We have the Nesco Scholarship, which is sponsored by Nesco Bus, which requires the student have a 90 GPA. We also have 2 Reichenbach Family Scholarships which are open to students with a 75 GPA or higher. Each scholarship has their own application. Any student wishing to apply for both scholarships are eligible to do so as long as they meet the GPA requirements. Also, each application requires their own essay. Failure to complete the appropriate application and essay will prevent a student from being eligible or considered for a scholarship. Please remind the student that neatness counts. Further information and applications can be found on My Parking Space, click on "Notifications", click "Forms".

**401k UPDATE:** Prudential recently entered into an agreement to sell its full-service retirement business to Empower, the second largest retirement services provider in the United States. The transaction is expected to close early in the second quarter of 2022 (subject to regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions). Once the agreement is final, you will receive more information and start to see the Empower logo when you access your account. No action is required on your part. You can continue using the same: 1) website and log-in credentials 2) online account access and web-based transactions 3) customer support phone number 4) mobile app. You can visit My Parking Space, click on "Notifications", click on "Benefits" and look for Empower FAQ's for further information.

**DRIVER PHYSICAL:** Drivers can access the most recent updated DOT physical form with an expiration date of 12/31/24 on My Parking Space under "Helpful Links". Using an expired form is not valid and a new form will need to be completed at the medical facility. When filling out the physical form, responses must be clear and accurate; all questions must be answered. Drivers must carry their most recent medical card on them at all times. Old medical cards should be discarded.

**DMV UPDATE:** Drivers may receive a notice from DMV notifying them their Medical Examiner's Certificate has expired and their license will be downgraded. This notice is tied into the many COVID-19 waivers that have now expired and DMV having to handle the number of renewals that were sent their way. Please be assured that all medical cards were sent up to DMV for processing at the appropriate time. If you receive this notice, advise your supervisor. We will follow up with DMV. Do not send cards to DMV, duplications will only further delay the process.

**FEBRUARY SAFETY WINNERS:** Thomas Dobler, large bus; Daniel Espinal, van; Darlene Kessler, driver assistant; Maurizius Bigos, Transit; Edgardo Quiles, Shop; Karen Lang, management. Congratulations to all!

**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Patricia Gundersen, large bus driver for Middle Country School District out of the Coram yard.



*"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try"*