

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



*Safety Newsletter*

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

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**HISPANIC DAY:** Suffolk Transportation Service celebrated National Foreign Language Week "Hispanic Day" with the East Islip High School students on 3/10/22. Human Resource Manager, Monica Miranda, and Human Resource Associate, Jhanella Orellana, shared their experiences by explaining the importance of being bilingual and multilingual in the workplace. The East Islip High School students also shared the various languages they speak and learn as well as the experiences they gained through travel, communication, summer

jobs and more. Being bilingual is the best tool you can have!

**401k UPDATE REMINDER:** 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.

**DISTRACTED PEDESTRIANS:** With longer hours of daylight and warmer temperatures approaching (fingers crossed), there will be more people out walking. That means more distracted pedestrians that are not looking out for you. Professional drivers look out for them. While distracted driving is increasing, there is good evidence that distracted walking is increasing too. As drivers, it is imperative that you operate at a proper speed on the road. This can help diminish potential risks for pedestrian injury. A pedestrian has a 25% risk of severe injury or 10% chance of death when struck by a vehicle traveling 23 mph and 90% chance of severe injury when struck by a vehicle moving at 46 mph and a 75% chance of death if the driver is traveling at 50 mph. As a pedestrian walking in the yards, it is imperative to keep your head up and your eyes open. Talking and texting while walking is a dangerous distraction.

**SPRINGTIME:** Spring arrives on Sunday, 3/20. With the arrival of spring comes the arrival of landscaping trucks and trailers on our roadways. Do not follow too closely and be aware of flying debris from the spring cleanups. On side streets take caution when passing. The nicer weather brings more activity at school bus stops. Children can be running and playing while they await your arrival. Be aware of children darting into the streets. Stop the

bus 10 to 15 feet before the waiting children. When discharging, remind them to stay at least 10 feet away from the bus. Keep the bus halted with red lights flashing until they have reached the opposite side of the street or 15 feet from the bus. Remind each child on discharge I.C.U -U.C.ME



**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Alejandrina Gonzalez, Van driver out of 1849 Pond Road



*"Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible"*