

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



## Safety Newsletter

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**SUMMER SIGN UP:** Have you signed up for summer work yet? Remember, all van drivers and driver assistants hired 1/1/17 and later are required to sign up and attend the pick. We anticipate camp and summer program enrollment to be higher than last year. Sign-up for summer work is now available on My Parking Space. Routes typically run 6 weeks and begin June 27 and July 5 and end mid-August. There will also be Large Bus summer work especially out of the Coram and Pond Rd yards. We encourage you to plan vacation time around these dates. All van drivers and driver assistants hired 1/1/17 and later are required to sign up and attend the pick.



**BARBARA SEIDE:** We received a letter from a parent regarding their child in the Sayville School District about large bus driver, Barbara Seide: "Thank you for being such a great bus driver. My kids love talking to you and the way you handle the shenanigans. Thank you for learning their names and making sure my son never lost his football or glasses, haha." Barbara's Supervisor went on to say the following: "Barbara has been

covering the large bus Sayville route for two months and has really connected with the students, parents, and school staff. **EDWARD SHAW:** This letter was received regarding Edward Shaw, van driver: "My daughter is a student at Knox in St. James. Edward Shaw has been her driver for the past 2 years. He is kind, prompt and gets my daughter to school safely each day. He drives safely and follows the speed limit. He waits until my daughter is fully seated before pulling away. It has been so nice knowing that my daughter is in good hands on the way to school. I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate Edward Shaw and his professionalism. He is doing a great job!"

Remember, What you do every day is recognized and appreciated !

**KIWANIS CAR SHOW & FUNDRAISER:** Come out and join us for a Fun Family Day. The Kiwanis Club of the Islips will be holding their annual car show on Sunday, 5/15, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in our parking lot at the Bay Shore Hiring Center. On display will be new and old vehicles for motorheads of all ages. All proceeds benefiting Kiwanis Outreach for children, veterans, essential workers, and Pronto of Long Island food pantry. The outdoor event will feature live music, a 50/50 raffle, food truck and raffle baskets. Stop by with the family!



**RIPPED FROM THE HEADLINES, Michigan:** A 13-year-old Michigan boy with autism was fatally struck by an oncoming car as he crossed the street just moments after his school bus driver allegedly allowed him to exit the vehicle without activating its flashing Stop sign. The driver was charged with one count of second-degree child abuse and one count of failure to stop at the scene, resulting in death. This horrible incident demonstrates the importance of deploying your stop arm! Also, the importance of preparing to stop when you see the ambers of a fellow school bus; the stop arm will be deployed!

**MARCH SAFETY WINNERS:** Donna Ugenti, large bus; Francisco Claros, van; Soila Melgar, DA; George Fernandez, Transit; Kadir Solakoglu, ADA; Melquisedec Martinez Lopez, Shop; Rigo Umazor, management. Congratulations!



This Friday's Facebook spotlight Nannette Blumberg, Maryhaven Supervisor out of the Coram yard

*"Earth Day should encourage us to reflect on what we are doing to make our planet a more sustainable and livable place"*