

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



2023 WAGE INCREASE: Our January 2023 wage increase is coming early! All union employees will receive a 4.5% increase effective 11/6/22.

WHO'S BEHIND THE WHEEL: Two Superintendents had the opportunity to drive a large school bus in their district to commemorate National School Bus Safety Week. This was a great opportunity for them to see what it is like to be behind the wheel. Pictured below are Dr. Donald Murphy, Hauppauge UFSD and Sharon Dungee, Central Islip UFSD. Thanks to our Safety Department, the quick lesson allowed them to navigate the bus in the parking lot. As you can see by the smiles on their faces, they enjoyed the experience.



TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY: When Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6, many people will find themselves spending more time driving in the dark. Depth perception, color recognition and peripheral vision can be compromised in the dark and the glare of headlights from an oncoming vehicle can temporarily blind a driver. Even with high-beam headlights on, visibility is limited to about 500 feet, creating less time to react to something in the road, especially when driving at higher speeds. Pedestrians in dark clothes walking in the street may not be seen at dusk. What should you do to combat darkness? --Make sure you SLOW DOWN to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time, headlights are clean; --Dim your dashboard; --Look away from oncoming lights; --Clean the windshield to eliminate streaks; --**WEAR COMPANY JACKETS WITH REFLECTIVE STRIPES!**



IDLING POLICY: With temperatures turning colder, please refresh yourself with the Idling Policy in our SSPP Safety Manual (Section 14.10). Please refrain from leaving your bus unattended in the yard or anywhere else while it's running and never let it run for more than 5 minutes unless the engine needs to be running to operate safety equipment or the temperature is below 24° [F]. All buses also need to be turned off while on school grounds except in the case of student special needs accommodations. Remember, the GPS technology automatically records idling time which can result in disciplinary action or the reimbursement of any fine imposed on the Company.



TWU CASINO NIGHT: TWU Local 252 and United Way are hosting Casino Night honoring veterans from TWU Local 252 on Saturday, 11/5, from 6:00PM-10:00PM at IBEW Local 25 located at 370 Vanderbilt

Motor Parkway, Hauppauge. Come out and support our vets!

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT: Health insurance open enrollment is here. If you are interested, please request information by sending an email to benefits@suffolkbus.com. Last day to enroll is 11/18/22. Coverage will begin 12/1/22.

401k LOCATION VISIT: Reminder that we will be at 1980 Pond Rd (9:00AM-5:00PM) and 1849 Pond Rd (10:00AM-1:00PM) on Thursday, 11/10.

FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Tina Rosario, Road Supervisor out of Harold Court



"Don't limit your challenges, challenge your limits"

