

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY: When Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5, 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 your headlights are clean/Dim your dashboard/Look away from oncoming lights/Clean the inside and outside of your windshield to eliminate streaks/Slow down to compensate for limited visibility and reduced stopping time. **ALL DRIVERS & DRIVER ASSISTANTS SHOULD BE WEARING COMPANY JACKETS WITH REFLECTIVE STRIPES!**
CHILD CHECK/MOTION DETECTION SYSTEMS: It is your responsibility during your pre-trip to make sure vehicles equipped with child check/motion detection are connected and working properly. The system will let you know it is active by either an audible alarm and/or interior lights turning on when you first enter your vehicle. Sometimes the Shop must disconnect it during maintenance and, of course, tampering with or altering the system's operation is prohibited. If the systems are not working properly, a supervisor and/or maintenance must be notified immediately before using the vehicle. This system is vital in helping drivers remember to search their vehicles for sleeping children and unattended items after each run.

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT: Health insurance open enrollment is happening now. If you are interested in enrolling, please email benefits@suffolkbus.com and request information. The last day to enroll is 11/17/23. Coverage will begin 12/1/23. The next chance to enroll in health insurance will be in September 2024. Our lunch & learn for Company health insurance and the Difference Card is scheduled for Thursday, 11/16/23, at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma, from 10:30-11:30 AM. A representative will be present to answer all questions regarding Company health insurance. Please email benefits@suffolkbus.com to let us know if you will be attending.



401k OPEN ENROLLMENT: Open enrollment for the 401k plan will begin on 12/1 for changes to take effect on 1/1/24. During open enrollment you can enroll in the 401k plan or change your contribution amount. This is also a good time to update your beneficiary form. We will be visiting the following locations on the days noted below for any questions or to assist in completing forms: **Friday, 11/17 - 1980 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM / Monday, 11/20 - 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma - 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM / Tuesday, 11/21 - 50 Saxon Ave, Bay Shore - 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM / Wednesday, 11/22 - 1162 Old Town Rd, Coram - 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM** Please contact Jhanella Orellana jorellana@suffolkbus.com with any questions relating to your 401k or to make any changes during open enrollment. Forms can also be found on MPS.

CDL PERMIT CLASS: We are holding our next CDL permit class on Tuesday, 11/7, from 12:30PM-3:30PM at the Safety and Training facility located at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma.



This week's Facebook spotlight is Dianira Sanchez, driver assistant out of Harold Court

"When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt"