

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



**SHOUT OUT:** A shout out to all drivers performing pre-trips last week in the torrential downpour. We appreciate your commitment to safety!

**DISTRACTED PEDESTRIANS & BICYCLISTS:** With longer hours of daylight and warmer temperatures approaching (fingers crossed), there will be more people out walking and biking. 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. If there is a crosswalk, there may be a pedestrian and/or bicyclist in the area...look for them! This can help diminish potential risks for pedestrian injury. As a pedestrian walking in the yards, it is imperative for you to keep your head up and your eyes open. Talking and texting while walking is a dangerous distraction.



**SUMMER WORK:** Yes, we are planning our summer season! Sign-up is now available on My Parking Space. Click on the Sun icon on your mobile device to sign up. All drivers and DAs hired on 1/1/18 or later need to sign up for summer work and attend the pick. If we have enough employees, you may get the opportunity to pass on summer work. Remember, summer programs are 6-8 weeks in duration.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SHOP:** While the warmer weather has not quite arrived, it is time to check the AC unit on your bus. Follow these important safety steps: 1) Push vents down, dust has been sitting on the vents and you do not want the dust to blow into your eye. 2) Turn on the AC. 3) Let it run for 5-10 minutes and check if it is blowing cool air. Report to the Shop if you are not getting cool air.



**LUNCH & LEARN:** April is recognized as National Stress Awareness Month to bring attention to the negative impact of stress. Managing stress is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle. Please join us for our next Lunch & Learn on Friday, 4/19, from 10:00am-12:00pm in the classroom at our Safety and Training Center at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma. Richard Scheinberg, Licensed Clinical Social Worker from Sunrise Counseling Center will be discussing stress reducing techniques to help navigate our personal and professional lives. We are especially excited to have Richard on hand as he is also a former school bus driver who can bring real world experience specific to our industry. We welcome everyone to join us and learn more on how to de-stress our lives. Please RSVP to: [lunch-and-learn@suffolkbuss.com](mailto:lunch-and-learn@suffolkbuss.com)



**COMPANY PHYSICALS:** Drivers and DAs whose physicals are due in April and have yet to schedule your appointment at the West Babylon location, be advised the doctor's office will be holding the time slot of 9am - 12pm on 4/17 and 4/24 to accommodate you. Please do your best to make an appointment within this time range.

Drivers and DAs whose physicals are due in May and have yet to schedule your appointment at the West Babylon location, be advised the doctor's office will be holding the time slot of 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm on May 15 to accommodate you. Please do your best to make an appointment within this time range.

**MARCH SAFETY WINNERS:** Haydee Rosales, large bus; Flor Navarro, van; Ada Schiripa, DA; Juan Morales, Transit; Jorge Sanchez, ADA; William Nardella, Shop. Congratulations!



**FACEBOOK:** This week's spotlight is Laura Wills, Adult & BOCES Dispatch out of 71 Moffitt Blvd.

*"Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities are endless."*



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