

THE BUS STOP SHERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE NAMED NSTA CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR! We are proud to announce that Suffolk Transportation Service has been honored as the 2025 Contractor of the Year by the National School Transportation Association (NSTA)! This prestigious award recognizes excellence in safety, service, innovation, and community commitment in the school transportation industry. Being selected as Contractor of the Year is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of our entire team. Thank you to our drivers, staff, and leadership for making this achievement possible. Your commitment to safely transporting students every day is what drives our success. Let's continue to lead the way in school transportation—together!



NEW YORK STATE'S COVID-19 PAID EMERGENCY LEAVE EXPIRE D JULY 31, 2025:

Starting August 1, 2025, New York State will no longer require the employer to pay for COVID-19 quarantine or isolation. This program started in 2020 to help people who had to stay home because of COVID-19. After July 31, 2025, if you need time off due to COVID-19, an option will be to use available sick time.

TRANSIT PICK: Scheduled for this Sunday, August 3rd, and will begin promptly at 6AM.

PARA TRANSIT PICK: Scheduled for Sunday, August 10th, and will begin promptly at 6:30AM.

Both Transit and Para Transit picks will be held at the Safety and Training Center located at 1780 Smithtown Boulevard in Ronkonkoma.

SUNSCREEN – YOUR SKIN'S BEST FRIEND ALL YEAR LONG: Sunscreen isn't just for sunny days at the beach, it's essential every day, all year long. UV rays can cause sunburn, premature aging, and skin cancer, and they're present even on cloudy days, in winter, and indoors. In fact, up to 80% of UV rays can penetrate clouds, and UVA rays can pass through windows, putting your skin at risk even when you're inside or driving. To protect your skin, use a broad-spectrum SPF 30 or higher daily. Apply it to all exposed areas not forgetting your ears, neck, and hands and reapply every two hours or after swimming or sweating. Snow, water, and glass can reflect or transmit UV rays, increasing your exposure. Whether it's sunny, snowy, or overcast, make sunscreen a daily habit. Bottom line sunscreen is your skin's best defense rain or shine!

Know the SPF in your sunscreen	
For Better Skin in Summers	
SPF Rating	UV Protection%
SPF 2	50%
SPF 4	75%
SPF 8	87%
SPF 15	93%
SPF 30	97%
SPF 40	97.5%
SPF 50	98%

SUMMER REFRESHER CLASS: If you have not registered for a refresher class, please contact Linda Licata at llicata@suffolkbus.com. There are only 4 classes left before the pick:

- Monday, August 11th at 10:00am Safety and Training Facility located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma
- Tuesday, August 12th at 10:30am Safety and Training Facility located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma
- Wednesday, August 13th at 10:00am Safety and Training Facility located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma
- August 13th at 5:30 PM Safety and Training Facility located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma

The Safety Department will be reaching out directly to employees who have not yet registered.

CDL PERMIT CLASS: We are excited to offer CDL Permit Classes on the following dates in August our Safety and Training Facility, located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma. This free class is a terrific opportunity for Driver Assistants, as well as friends and family, to learn more about the process of becoming a driver and obtaining a CDL permit. Everyone is welcome!

- Wednesday, August 6 at 10am
- Saturday, August 16th at 8am

CONGRATULATIONS TO JULY'S SAFETY WINNERS: Evelyn Quiles, Large Bus Driver; Michael Cush, Van Driver; Lila Salas Campos, DA; German Larios, Transit Driver; Cynthia Napoli, ADA; Anthony Cassella, Shop; Patrick Riley, Management.



Check out our Facebook page for our latest employee spotlight, Guillermo Vaisman, Hauppauge Van Driver from 1849 Pond Road.



"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."