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RIPTA TO ACCOMMODATE PUERTO RICAN PARADE IN PROVIDENCE

RIPTA will detour Route 11 (Broad St.) on Sunday, August 26, 2012 in order to accommodate the Puerto Rican Parade.

The detours will be in effect from 9:30am until 12:00pm. Click [here](#) for detour

information.

RIPTA TO ACCOMMODATE ROCK N' ROLL MARATHON



RIPTA will detour twenty-two bus routes in the Providence area on Sunday, August 19, 2012 in order to accommodate the Rock n' Roll Marathon. The detours are in effect from the first trip of the day until noon; four routes will remain on detour until 4:00pm. Francis Street will be closed until 4:00pm for an outdoor post-race block party. Click [here](#) for event information.

The following routes will detour from the first trip of the day until noon:

Routes 1, 3, 19, 20, 22, 30, 33, 34, 35, 42, 52, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78, 92, 99

The following routes will detour from first trip of day until 4:00pm:

Routes 50, 55, 56, 57

Click [here](#) for detour information.



KENNEDY PLAZA BATHROOMS CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

Restroom renovations are underway at the Kennedy Plaza Intermodal Transportation Center, One Kennedy Plaza, Providence, Rhode Island. RIPTA closed the public restrooms on Monday, August 13, 2012 to begin constructions.

The bathrooms are scheduled to reopen on Sunday, September 30, 2012. RIPTA apologizes for the inconvenience.

The Kennedy Plaza restroom renovations project demonstrates RIPTA's dedication to the enhancement of the passenger travel experience. Renovations will be completed by Tower Construction Corporation, Cranston, Rhode Island.

RIPTA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

RIPTA's Planning Department will be conducting Passenger Surveys starting Monday, August 20, 2012 through Wednesday, August 22, 2012 between 6 AM and 2 PM.



Surveyors will be wearing these badges

The following routes will be surveyed:

- Route 11 (Broad St)
- Route 35 (Rumford)
- Route 51 (Charles St)
- Route 60 (Providence/Newport)
- Route 63 (63 Broadway / Middletown Shop)
- Route 67 (Bellevue / Mansions)
- Route 71 (Broad St /Pawtucket)
- Route 72 (Weeden/Central Falls)
- Route 73 (Fairlawn/CCRI)
- Route 76 (Central Ave)
- Route 77 (Benefit Broadway)
- Route 78 (Beverage Hill/Newport Ave)
- Route 79 (Columbus Ave)
- Route 80 (Armistice Blvd)

Surveyors will be wearing badges as displayed here. Don't worry – they're not selling anything! The surveys they are conducting will provide RIPTA with important information on how we can better serve you. Once you complete the survey, you can either return the survey to the on-board surveyor, or deposit your completed survey into boxes at the Kennedy Plaza ticket window, in the Pawtucket Visitor's Center waiting room or inside Newport's Gateway Center.

Thank you in advance for taking part in this survey!



RIPTA RIDER CONTEST AUGUST WINNER ANNOUNCED

Meet Annette, our August RIPTA Rider of the Month! Annette lives in Woonsocket and is a recent graduate of URI. Annette loves riding RIPTA because it helped her save money while commuting to school. She was also able to study, read, listen to music and

text with her friends and even credited a higher GPA during the years she commuted versus when she originally lived on campus. Click [here](#) to view Annette's winning video and all of the RIPTA Rider Contest video submissions. And, make sure to check back here next month to meet our September RIPTA Rider of the Month!

ARE YOU A RIPTA RIDER? SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US AND YOU TOO COULD WIN!



RIPTA is now accepting submissions for its first social media video contest, the "RIPTA Rider Contest."

The contest, which runs through March 31, 2013 asks riders to create a video describing their favorite RIPTA story or best reason to ride. Entries can address topics such as their favorite memory of riding on a RIPTA bus or trolley; what RIPTA means to you; and why someone should ride RIPTA.

RIPTA will pick nine (9) winning entries from the videos submitted.

Winners receive the following:

- The chance to tell their story and tell their stories in TV & Radio Commercials
- One annual RIPTA bus pass valid for travel on any RIPTA bus for 365 days from the date of issue
- One winner will get the chance to star in a RIPTA TV commercial

For more information on this contest or to submit your video, visit RIPTA's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA>. A full listing of rules and guidelines is available there. Once submitted, your video will then have to be approved by a RIPTA representative. Once approved by RIPTA, your video will be live for all to view on RIPTA's Facebook page.

The video contest, sponsored by the College Bound Fund, is the latest step by RIPTA to publicize and promote transit.

For more information, please call 781-9400 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA>.



FREE ZOO ADMISSION ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

As a “thank you” to Providence residents whose tax money helps to support the Roger Williams Park Zoo, the first Saturday of every month is free to residents of the City of Providence only (not East or North Providence). Proof of residency (such as a driver’s license or a utility bill with your name and address printed on it) must be shown at the ticket window. Visit www.rwpzoo.org for more information.

RIPTA provides daily service to the Zoo on Route 6 (Prairie / R.W. Zoo). Our red hybrid trolleys will take you to the Zoo in a fun and environmentally friendly way!

Click [here](#) for schedule information.

Not a Providence resident? We have a discount for you! Save \$1.00 off your zoo admission when you ride RIPTA through September 3, 2012. After boarding the trolley or bus, simply ask the driver for a Rider Receipt. Show the receipt when purchasing your zoo admission. Discount must be redeemed on the date marked on the Rider Receipt. Not to be combined with any other offer.

RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

PUERTO RICAN PARADE

RIPTA joins the Puerto Rican Parade on Sunday, August 26th as we feature one of our hybrid buses in the parade. Be sure to wave as we roll on by! For more information on the festivities, visit www.puertoricanri.com.

ROCK WITH RIPTA

RIPTA celebrates today’s favorite Irish music and culture at the debut of a one-day Newport Celtic Rock Festival on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at the Newport Yachting Center. Attending this awesome festival? Stop by the RIPTA booth! RIPTA, a proud sponsor of the Newport Celtic Rock Festival, wants to remind you to go green and try transit! A one-way trip is only \$2.00! Or you can ride RIPTA all day for only \$6.00!

For more information on the event, click [here](#).

Keep an eye out for the upcoming Commuter Challenge this October!



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