



## RIPTA Observes Victory Day

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys on a Sunday/Holiday schedule in observance of Victory Day, Monday, August 14, 2023.

All RIPTA offices, except for the Customer Service Kiosk at the [Newport Transportation Center](#), will be closed in recognition of the holiday.

[Click here](#) for details.



## Fall Service Changes Effective August 26

RIPTA will implement fall service changes effective Saturday, August 26. RIPTA makes regular service adjustments three times a year in response to seasonal changes and/or passenger use. Routes 1, 32, 33, 34, 40, 61X and 67 will be affected. Visit [RIPTA.com](#) for updated schedules.

## New Dates for RIPTA Board of Directors Meetings

Please be advised that the Board of Directors Meetings schedule has been updated to reflect new meeting dates.

The new schedule will be:

- August 23, 2023
- September 27, 2023 (unchanged)
- October 25, 2023

- November 29, 2023
- December 20, 2023

Meetings are typically held on a Wednesday at 1:30pm at RIPTA's Transportation Conference Room located at 269 Melrose Street, Providence, RI, unless otherwise noted.

[Click here](#) for agendas and meeting minutes.

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## Mayor's Day in the City

RIPTA is excited to join Providence Mayor Brett Smiley, along with the Department of Senior Services, at this year's Mayor's Day in the City. **The event will be held on Saturday, August 19 at the Rhode Island**

**Convention Center from 11AM to 2PM.**

Stop by the RIPTA table and say hello! RIPTA's Photo Identification staff will be on site to provide bus passes to qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities with valid documentation, under its Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program. Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program identification cards cost \$10.00 (cash only) and are valid for 2 years.

For information on how to qualify for the program, customers can call 784-9500, ext. 2012 or visit [RIPTA.com/ReducedFare](https://www.ripta.com/ReducedFare).

For more information on Mayor Smiley's Day in the City event, please contact the Department of Senior Services at 401-680-5000.

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## Ride Free Central Falls Pilot Extended Through December

RIPTA is happy to announce that we've extended the Ride Free Central Falls pilot program through December 31, 2023.



Under the pilot program, passengers can board for free at any bus stop in Central Falls and at the Pawtucket-Central Falls Transit Center when using the Wave smart card or Wave mobile app. Trips originating outside of Central Falls or the new intermodal center are required to pay the full fare.

The pilot, which launched in March 2022, is testing the effectiveness of using geofencing technology to promote the use of public transportation. [Click here](#) to learn more.



## Attention Recent High School Graduates – Free College

Did you know you that you can enroll tuition-free at the [Community College of Rhode Island](#) for your first two years? All recent RI high school graduates can go to CCRI for free thanks to the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship program

regardless of their family income.

Best part? You can ride RIPTA to any of CCRI's four campuses!

Attend [Enrollment Day](#) to learn more.

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## Employee Spotlight

Joseph Monti and Edward Brown are invaluable to RIPTA in their respective leadership roles. They are the glue that holds each of their teams together - always taking initiative, driving productivity and inspiring their colleagues to do their best.

While RIPTA already knew how indispensable these two bright, passionate employees were, it became even more evident when they were both recently hospitalized. Our thoughts are with them, and we applaud their teams for stepping up to cover the workload in their absence.

RIPTA sends them both well wishes for rest and recovery.

## Joseph Monti, Manager of Vehicle Maintenance

Joseph Monti started his career at RIPTA in 1994 as a mechanic. Since then, he has risen the ranks to his current position as Manager of Vehicle Maintenance where he oversees RIPTA's entire fleet, including the new electric buses. Joe is RIPTA's subject matter expert responsible for vehicle maintenance standards, practices, and infrastructure. A team player, he has stepped in whenever needed – including giving tours to URI Transportation Center Summer Camp students.



## Edward Brown, Director of Service Planning & Schedules

Edward Brown started as a Schedule Clerk, manually counting passengers as they boarded the bus. Almost three decades later, he is now the Director of Service Planning & Schedules. Ed oversees Scheduling and Short-Range Planning, while closely coordinating with Long Range Planning, Transportation, and the drivers' union. He assists with variety of team efforts to upgrade transit infrastructure such as bus stops, bus shelters, and transit centers throughout the state, and works closely with RIDOT and local municipalities on street improvements.

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## Drive Your Career Forward

### Join our team!

RIPTA is an established organization that offers career growth and excellent benefits including a pension plan.

Attend the **RIPTA Career Fair** on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023** from **10am to 3pm** at 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI.

### We're currently hiring for the following positions:

- Mechanic
- Paratransit Operator
- Paratransit CDL Trainee



**RIPTA Offers:**

- Competitive Wages
- Pension Plan
- Health Benefits
- 457 Deferred Comp
- Dental Coverage
- Optional Life Insurance
- Vision Coverage
- Paid Vacation and Personal Time
- Flexible Spending Account
- Paid Sick Time
- Uniform Allowance

Visit [RIPTA.com/careers](https://www.ripta.com/careers) for more information.



## RIPTA Photo ID Bus Pass Road Trips

RIPTA's Photo Identification staff will travel to communities throughout the state to provide bus passes to qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities



who are unable to get to our office in Providence. Staff also provides travel training.

**RIPTA staff will process Photo ID bus passes at the following locations:**

### NEWPORT

Wednesday, August 9 • 10am - 12pm  
William Donovan Manor  
19 Chapel Street

### PROVIDENCE

Saturday, August 19 • 11am – 2pm  
Mayor's Day in the City

RI Convention Center  
1 Sabin Street

**WEST WARWICK**

Thursday, August 31 • 10am – 12pm

West Warwick Senior Center  
125 Washington Street

**Photo ID bus passes cost \$10 and are valid for two years.**

For information on how to qualify for RIPTA's Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities, customers can call (401) 784-9500, ext. 2012 or visit [RIPTA.com/ReducedFare](https://ripta.com/ReducedFare).

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**DETOURS****WEST WARWICK SUMMER CONCERT: AUG. 2**

Routes 13 and 23 will be on detour from 5pm - 9pm.

**HOPE STREET SUMMER BLOCK PARTY: AUG. 6**

Route 1 will be on detour from 7am - 7pm.

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH PROCESSION: AUG. 11 & 13**

Route 92 will be on detour from 7pm - 8:15pm on Friday, August 11 and from 2pm - 4:30pm on Sunday, August 13.

**DOMINICAN FESTIVAL: AUG. 13**

Route 6 and the R-Line will be on detour from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Visit [RIPTA.com/alerts](https://ripta.com/alerts) for details on upcoming detours.



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