



RIPTA TO ACCOMMODATE FIRST WORKS FESTIVAL: ON THE PLAZA

Music, dance and performances by over 200 artists will take over Kennedy Plaza on Saturday,

September 29th. RIPTA will temporarily relocate ALL bus stops in Kennedy Plaza (except for Bus Stop Q) and detour thirty-two routes in Providence to accommodate the FirstWorks Festival. **PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.** Click [here](#) for more information including a map of the temporary bus stop relocation plan for that day.





RIPTA CELEBRATES COLUMBUS DAY

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Monday, October 8, 2012 in observance of Columbus Day, an official state holiday. RIPTA offices, including the Photo Identification and Ticket Sales Offices in

Kennedy Plaza, will not be staffed on the holiday. In addition, the Flex Service reservation line (1-877-906-FLEX) and the RIde reservation line (461-9760) will not be staffed on the holiday.

RIDE PROGRAM RECEIVES NEW LOOK

As you may have heard, the RIde Program has a new look. The current white and maroon RIde vans are being replaced with dark blue and green vans as they age out. The RIde Program is an umbrella service that provides transportation for individuals with disabilities and seniors based on the eligibility requirements of several state programs. Click [here](#) for more information on the RIde Program.



KENNEDY PLAZA BATHROOMS CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Restroom renovations are underway at the Kennedy Plaza Intermodal Transportation Center, One Kennedy Plaza, Providence, Rhode Island. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the restrooms will be closed until further notice. RIPTA apologizes for the inconvenience.

The Kennedy Plaza restroom renovations project demonstrates RIPTA's dedication to the enhancement of the passenger travel experience.

MEET THE SEPTEMBER RIPTA RIDER CONTEST WINNER

Meet Pam, our September RIPTA Rider of the Month! Pam lives in Providence and has been riding RIPTA for over 12 years. She credits RIPTA for rescuing her during the great floods of 2010. After Pam was pulled from her car in the Warwick Mall parking lot by the Warwick Fire Department, she waded through waste deep water seeking higher ground on Route 5. Her only way home was to find a RIPTA stop and hope that a bus would come along as the waters continued to rise. It did...and, brought Pam home safely to Providence.



Click [here](#) to view Pam'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!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO 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>



RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

Children LOVE big vehicles – monster trucks, fire trucks, bulldozers and more! The upcoming "Touch A Truck" event gives children the opportunity to get up close and personal with these BIG vehicles! Join RIPTA from 10:00 AM to

3:00 PM on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at Toll Gate High School in Warwick. We're giving your little ones the chance to sit behind the wheel of a bus and see what the view is like from a driver's perspective. For more information, click [here](#).

COMMUNITY MEETING

Transportation Corridors to Livable Communities Project Manton Avenue and Chalkstone Avenue

VA Medical Center, 830 Chalkstone Avenue

Main Hospital Building (Building 1)

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 - 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Accessible by RIPTA Route 56 (Chalkstone Avenue)

For more information, please visit the project website:

<http://pvd.me/VNB>

- How is RIPTA improving bus stop locations, bus shelters, and bus service?
- Where should pedestrian amenities and future development be focused?
- What services and businesses would you like to see along Manton and Chalkstone avenues?

A 72-hour notice is required for persons with sensory impairment requiring auxiliary aids. To request this service, please contact the RIPTA Customer Service Manager at 401-784-9500 x183.



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