



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RIPTA!

RIPTA is celebrating fifty years of public transportation! 2016 marks RIPTA's 50TH anniversary of providing bus service to Rhode Islanders! It will be a yearlong celebration of looking back at RIPTA's history, as well as looking forward. What we hope will be obvious throughout is one thing has never changed: it has been our pleasure to serve our passengers. Thank you for riding RIPTA. Stay tuned for celebration information.



ARE YOU A RIPTA SENIOR / DISABLED BUS PASS HOLDER?



You need a new card! Qualifying Senior and Disabled Bus Pass Holders must switch to the new reduced fare card. Good news - we've extended the deadline! You now have until September 1, 2016 to get your new Reduced Fare Program Bus Pass. After September 1, 2016, your bus pass will not work on board RIPTA vehicles. Please note that the bus fares for this program will NOT change until January 1, 2017.

For program details, including required documentation, [click here](#) or call 401-781-9400.

BUS STOP DESIGN GUIDE



RIPTA is currently developing bus stop design guidelines for use by RIPTA, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, municipalities and others, when roads with RIPTA bus routes are reconstructed or otherwise improved. Your input is valuable in helping to set guidelines describe where and how a bus stop should be built. If you weren't able to attend one of the scheduled community meetings, please [click here](#) to view the presentation. RIPTA will be accepting feedback on the presentation and proposed bus stop design concepts through Friday, July 15, 2016. Please email Pam Sherrill at sherrill6@cox.net with your feedback.

ATTENTION WOONSOCKET BEACH BUS PASSENGERS!

The Woonsocket Beach Bus begins its' trip from Community Care Alliance on John Cummings Way, then turns left onto Social St. – Main St. – South Main St. then left onto Providence St., left onto Smithfield Rd. (R) Rte.#146A - Rte.# 146 South to Rte. # 95 South to downtown Providence and then the South County Beaches. Passengers may board along the route throughout Woonsocket. For those passengers parking to ride the beach bus, parking is available in municipal lots along Main Street throughout downtown Woonsocket.



For the full Beach Bus Schedule, [click here](#).

RIPTA Takes Part in “Power of Place Summit”

RIPTA was one of the sponsors of this year’s “Power of Place Summit” hosted by GrowSmart RI. The event, which was held June 21st at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, drew more than 450 public officials, business leaders and engaged citizens from throughout the state and beyond.

"It was energizing for the smart growth movement to bring together such a large and diverse group of Rhode Islanders committed to the same thing - shaping a stronger and more vibrant Rhode Island," said John Flaherty, Deputy Director of GrowSmart RI. "Mass transit figures prominently in that (vision) as business and civic leaders are increasingly seeing transit as a key competitive advantage to building and sustaining a strong and dynamic 21st century economy."

It was an activity-packed day with session topics that included the state’s housing market, transit goals for the future, the impact of climate change on historic communities, and the importance of a complete bike trail network. Flaherty said that GrowSmart is compiling some of the presentations from the event and will be making the information available on its website. Please check <http://bit.ly/1RRikSF> for the latest postings from the Summit.



RIPTA CEO Ray Studley (left) with event organizer John Flaherty, Deputy Director of GrowSmart RI.

RIPTA OBSERVES FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

RIPTA will run a Sunday/Holiday service schedule on Monday, July 4, 2016, in observance of the Fourth of July. The Sunday/Holiday schedule will apply to all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys. RIPTA Offices in Kennedy Plaza, Ride Reservation Office, and Flex Reservation Office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2016 in celebration of the holiday. In addition, RIPTA will detour Route 60 (Providence/Newport) on Monday, July 4TH to accommodate the Bristol Fourth of July Parade.

[Click here for details.](#)





DETOURS

OAKLAND BEACH FIREWORKS – FRIDAY, JULY 1

RIPTA will detour Route 3 (Warwick Ave.) to accommodate the fireworks at Oakland Beach.

The detour will be in effect from 5pm on Friday, July 1, 2016 until Midnight.

[Click here](#) for details.

AQUA – SATURDAY, JULY 2

RIPTA will detour Routes 27, 28, and 92 to accommodate Aqua – a revolutionary water celebration. The detours will be in effect from 10AM to Midnight.

[Click here](#) for details.



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