



## **RIPTA SERVICE TO RUN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE IN OBSERVANCE OF 4th OF JULY**

RIPTA will run a Sunday/Holiday service schedule on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 in observance of the Fourth of July. The Sunday/Holiday schedule will apply to all regular fixed-route buses and trolleys.



# RIPTA ACCOMMODATES 1ST ANNUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION



RIPTA will relocate the Route 6 (Prairie/R.W. Zoo) and Route 92 (Green Line) Trolley stop in Kennedy Plaza beginning with the first trip of the day on Saturday, June 23, 2012 until the last trip of the day to accommodate the 1st Annual Summer Solstice Celebration. RIPTA trolleys will not serve the East Approach Trolley Pavilion on Saturday, June 23rd. Passengers will be picked up and dropped off at

Bus Stop M in Kennedy Plaza. For detour information, [click here](#).

The 1st Annual Summer Solstice Celebration On the Plaza is hosted by the Greater Kennedy Plaza and the Department of Art, Culture + Tourism. It's a FREE, all-day celebration including live art-making, family activities and performances, food trucks, the return of the Burnside Park Beer Garden and an evening of fun music! For event details [click here](#).

## CABOT 2012 COMMUNITY TOUR

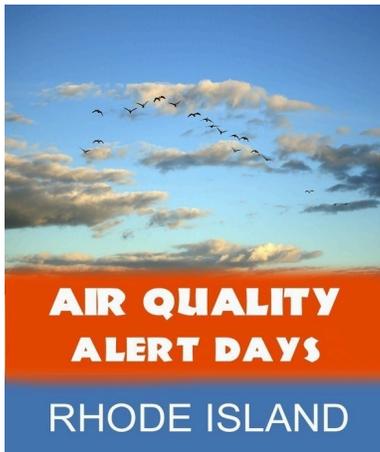
On Sunday, July 1, 2012, RIPTA will be at the Temple of Music in Roger Williams Park taking part in the Cabot 2012 Community Tour. Tour attendees – both adults and children – will have the opportunity to learn how to ride a bus and see what it looks like inside. RIPTA staff will even show you how our bike rack works, so you can bring your bicycle along for a ride!



The 2012 Community Tour is a two-month program celebrating those who give their hearts, time and skills to strengthen communities. The Tour kicked off on May 12th in Miami, Florida, and continues 2,300 miles up the East Coast, culminating in Portland, Maine, on July 7th, the International Day of Cooperatives.

Featuring fun community and family oriented events, eight major weekend stops will be held in key cities along the route. Providence, Rhode Island is the seventh stop on the tour. The overall theme of cooperatives, community service and volunteerism will be the hallmark of each celebration. For more information on this event, [click here](#).

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## AIR QUALITY ALERT SEASON IS HERE

With the onset of the warmer weather, we urge Rhode Islanders to be aware of the increased risk of ground-level ozone and fine particle pollution, and take precautions when smog levels are high. Air Quality forecasts are issued daily by RIDEM-Air Resources and can be found at

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/air/p>

[m.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region1/airquality/aqi-ri.html) or at <http://www.epa.gov/region1/airquality/aqi-ri.html>. Regional information can be found at [http://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local\\_state&stateid=41&tab=0](http://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local_state&stateid=41&tab=0).

Poor air quality affects everyone, but some people are particularly sensitive to air pollutants, including children and adults. When Air Quality is predicted to be unhealthy, RIDEM and EPA will announce an air quality alerts.

On Air Quality Alert Days, FlexService and all fixed-route RIPTA buses and trolleys are FREE!

To protect your health, improve air quality and save money, leave your car at home and take the bus on Air Quality Alert Days. The ride's on us! [Click here.](#)

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## SHARE YOUR RIPTA EXPERIENCE WITH US!

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

A panel of judges will select nine winners throughout the campaign. The winning entries will be available for viewing on

<https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA> .

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 at <https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA>. 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 <https://www.facebook.com/RideRIPTA> .

The video contest, sponsored by the College Bound Fund, is the latest step by RIPTA to publicize and promote transit. Other recent campaigns include a “How to Ride RIPTA Workshop” series and the “See Something, Say Something” safety campaign.

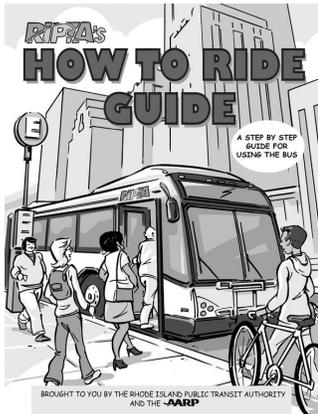


Tell us your favorite RIPTA story or your best reason to ride. Winners with the best video will receive an annual RIPTA pass and could also be the star in a new RIPTA commercial!

 Upload your video today!



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



## “HOW TO RIDE RIPTA” WORKSHOP COMES TO SOUTH KINGSTOWN

Join RIPTA and AARP for the “How to Ride RIPTA” workshop at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at the South Kingstown Senior Services Center, 25 ST Dominic Road, Wakefield, RI 02879.

This free How to Ride RIPTA Workshop program, developed by AARP and RIPTA, is designed to empower the senior community to mobilize and remain independent. RIPTA will teach seniors the basics of using public transportation. All attendees of this travel training program will receive a free step-by-step “How to Ride Guide.” This guide contains information on how to read a bus schedule, fares, senior discounts and more. RIPTA Photo ID staff will be on site to process Senior/Disabled Bus Passes for qualified applicants.

To attend this free information session, please call the South Kingstown Senior Services Center at 401-789-0268.

### Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities

RIPTA offers a special Bus Pass Program that provides Reduced Fare and No Fare Bus Passes for qualified seniors and people with disabilities. Bus passes are available to seniors and other qualified individuals with valid documentation. Seniors and people with disabilities may ride for half-price with a RIPTA Reduced Fare Pass. They pay full fare during RIPTA peak service hours (7am – 9am and 3pm – 6pm) on weekdays and pay half fare all other times when they present a RIPTA Reduced Fare Pass or Medicare Card. Qualifying low income seniors and people with disabilities may ride free of charge with a RIPTA No Fare Pass. Bus passes for seniors and people with disabilities will cost \$21.25 in 2012 and are valid for 5 years.

To schedule a How to Ride RIPTA Workshop at your venue, please call Cristy Raposo at 784-9500 x.242. [Click here](#)



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