



RIPTA IN THE COMMUNITY

SIXTH ANNUAL STUFF A BUS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The final numbers are in, and we are happy to announce that this year, we raised a total of 8,391 pounds of food for the [Rhode Island Community Food Bank](#) ! **THANK YOU** for making the 6TH Annual Stuff A Bus a huge success!



We would also like to thank our community partners – [Ocean State Job Lot](#) and [iHeartRadio](#) – for all the hard work they put into the food drive. And thanks to Job Lot's commitment to fighting hunger, the food drive was able to contribute more to the Food Bank. Cash donations were collected at Job Lot stores and Job Lot also contributed three tractor trailer trucks loaded with non-perishable food items.

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank distributes food to people in need through a statewide network of 160 member agencies. These agencies include food pantries, meal sites, shelters, youth programs and senior centers. Each month, 57,000 struggling Rhode Islanders receive food assistance at these agencies.

TEDDY BEAR TOSS

In the spirit of holiday giving, join RIPTA and Providence College Friars Hockey on Saturday, December 9th at Schneider Arena for a Teddy Bear Toss. Bring a teddy bear to the 7:15pm game and receive some great RIPTA swag. All stuffed bears will be donated to the West End Community Center.

[Details here.](#)

RIPTA'S ANNUAL TOY DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE WEST END COMMUNITY CENTER

Please join us in helping local families by donating a new, non-violent unwrapped toy for the West End Community Center (WECC). RIPTA is collecting toys for less fortunate children aged 18 months - 12 years old enrolled in WECC's programs.



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Help local families by donating a new unwrapped toy to the West End Community Center in Providence now through Dec. 14.

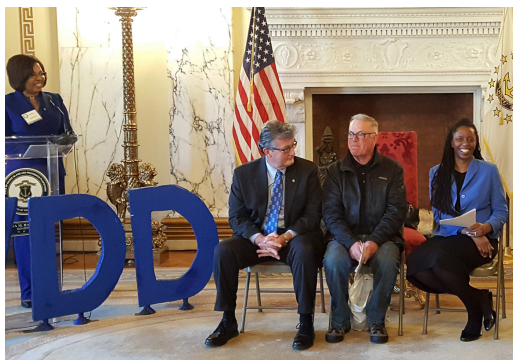
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Toys can be dropped off now through December 14, 2017 at the West End Community Center, 109 Bucklin Street in Providence, Monday through Friday, 6:30am – 5:30pm. Donations can also be dropped off at RIPTA’s Headquarters, 705 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm. The West End Community Center is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your generosity in brightening the life of a child!

WORLD DIABETES DAY

We were happy to be one of the guests offering healthy options to Rhode Islanders recently during the World Diabetes Day event at the State House. Studies show that people who take public transportation, walk more than their car commuter counterparts – sometimes getting more three times more physical activity per day than people who drive. So give transit a try and count your steps!



Picture here from left to right: State Representative Rep. Grace Diaz (who founded the Diabetes Day event in Rhode Island), State Representatives Robert Craven and Joseph McNamara, and Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

RIPTA wishes you and your family a very happy and healthy holiday season. May you be surrounded by loved ones and find time for sharing treasured moments together. Thank you for supporting RIPTA. We look forward to your continued support in 2018!

Happy Holidays

PVD WINTER LIGHTS MARKET AND TREE LIGHTING – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

RIPTA will relocate Bus Stops V and W from East Approach to Exchange Terrace beginning with the first trip of the day on Friday, December 1 until the

last trip of the day on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Passengers will be picked up and dropped off on Exchange Terrace. Routes 27, 28, 56, 57 60 and 62 will be detoured during this time.

[Details here.](#)

DOWNTOWN JINGLE 5K - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

RIPTA will detour Routes 1, 3, 6, 17, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 60, 66, 78, 92 and the R-Line in to accommodate the Downtown Jingle 5K Road Race. All RIPTA bus lines are to expect minor delays around Kennedy Plaza during this time.

[Details here.](#)

HOPE STREET WINTER STROLL – SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

Route 1 will be detoured from 8AM until 8PM.

[Details here.](#)

RIPTA TO RUN HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

RIPTA will operate all regular fixed-route bus service on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Monday, December 25, 2017 in observance of Christmas Day and Monday, January 1, 2018 in observance of New Year’s Day. RIPTA offices, including the Photo Identification and Ticket Sales Offices in Kennedy Plaza, will not be staffed on Christmas Day or New Year’s Day. Also, the Flex Service reservation line (1-877-906-FLEX) and the Ride reservation line (461-9760) will not be staffed on either holiday.

[Click here](#) for details.



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