



RIPTA Observes Fourth of July Holiday

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

RIPTA offices, except the [Newport Customer Service Kiosk](#), will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in celebration of the holiday.



In addition, RIPTA will detour Route 60 (Providence/Newport) on Tuesday, July 4 to accommodate the Bristol Fourth of July Parade.

On Tuesday, July 4, the RIdE Program will also operate on a holiday schedule. The RIdE program does not provide standing order trips (recurring service) on RIPTA holidays. **If you need a ride on the holiday, please call the RIdE reservation line: (401) 461-9760 before July 4 to schedule a trip.** The RIdE reservation line will not be staffed on Tuesday; passengers can leave a detailed voicemail message to reserve trips for the next day.

[Click here](#) for details.

Major Grant Announcement

RIPTA is charging ahead to a cleaner energy future and accelerating efforts to enhance our public transit network thanks to **\$13.5 million in**



new federal funding secured by U.S. Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse and Congressman Seth Magaziner.

RIPTA is extremely grateful for our Congressional Delegation's continued strong support for improving public transit in Rhode Island!

[Click here](#) for details.



A HELPING HAND

We recently made our summer service changes and as always, with seasonal changes, getting the word out to passengers is a top priority. That's why we really appreciated the energy and enthusiasm of volunteer Joseph Bong.

A devotee of public transit, Joe has had a love of buses and trains since he was a young boy. Over the years, he has learned and ridden all of RIPTA's bus routes. He attended Mount Pleasant High School and later the Providence Transition Academy. He believes our society is too car dependent and uses public transportation faithfully. He recently volunteered to help RIPTA staff inform passengers about the summer service

changes that went into effect Saturday, June 17.

We were happy to have him accompany our outreach team as we distributed new schedules and informational flyers to passengers for the summer.

"Joe was very enthusiastic, knowledgeable and a big help," said RIPTA Travel Training Coordinator Peter Michaud. "When you're trying to get information out to a great many people, having someone who knows RIPTA like Joe does is a big assist. We hope to have him back for our fall service changes."

Transit Oriented Beach Day



Get ready to hit the beach! The [Providence Streets Coalition](#) is hosting its first-ever Transit Oriented Beach Day on Saturday, July 8! They're taking RIPTA's hottest route, the [Express Beach Bus](#), for round trip fun in the sun, surf, and sand!

Interested in joining fellow sunseekers? Meet at Kennedy Plaza Bus Stop X (Exchange Terrace) for the 9:30am departure on Saturday, July 8 (Rain Date Sunday July 9)! Returning to Kennedy Plaza at 4:19pm.

RSVP to info@ourstreetspvd.org.

Providence/Newport Ferry Shuttle

Going for a ride on the [Providence/Newport Ferry](#)? RIPTA can take you there! RIPTA is offering free shuttle service to the ferry terminal in Providence.



Board the [free shuttle van](#) at the Providence Train Station, Kennedy Plaza Bus Stop X or the RI Convention Center.

Newport riders who want to take the ferry back to Providence can grab a free ride on the [Route 67 and 68 buses](#), both of which stop at the Newport Transportation Center, located just down the street from the City's Perrotti Park ferry docks.

See you aboard!

Kennedy Plaza Ticket Window Reopens

Have a transit question? Need to reload your Wave smart card? The Kennedy Plaza Ticket Window is now open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 3:30pm; closed on weekends.

Need a Wave smart card? They are available at the Ticket Window with a \$5 activation fee.



Are you on Instagram?

So are we!

Head over to Instagram and hit that follow button - @RideRIPTA.

Rain? More like rainbows!

RIPTA employees - wearing brightly colored "The Bus is for ALL of Us" t-shirts - volunteered to march through the rain last month at the Rhode Island Pride Illuminated Night Parade - and had a great time doing so!



RIPTA is committed to fostering an inclusive, equitable and tolerant workplace. Come be a part of our inclusive team. We're hiring! Visit [RIPTA.com/careers](https://www.ripta.com/careers) for details.

Employee Spotlight

Deyrin Gonzalez, Street Supervisor & Dispatcher

Deyrin Gonzalez likes to be busy and she likes multi-tasking - and that makes her perfect for her job as both a RIPTA Dispatcher and Street Supervisor.

Dispatch is RIPTA's nerve center. There can be nearly 200 buses on the road at one time, depending on the time of day, and dispatchers oversee them all. From a driver calling in to report a breakdown to an unexpected road closure that requires a detour to a report of gridlock traffic that several of our buses are stuck in – dispatchers handle it all. Whatever the situation, it is the dispatcher's job to come up with a solution. They radio emergency detours to drivers, call for back-up if necessary, and alert other drivers to traffic and road conditions that affect our service.

“A lot can be happening at once, so you really have to remain calm, be fast thinking and make good decisions,” Gonzalez says. “I love multi-tasking, so I love it.” Like all dispatchers, Gonzalez also holds the rank of Street Supervisor and spends part of her days either on the road or at one of our transit hubs assisting passengers and drivers alike. “We're there to make things easier,” she says. “We help smooth things over if there are any incidents and we make sure our drivers have all the information they need.”

She started at RIPTA 10 years ago as a van operator in our Ride paratransit division and then moved to driving fixed-route buses. She wanted to take advantage of all the job opportunities RIPTA offers, so she then switched to being a Clerk in the Transportation Division, and after that took on the role of Night Foreman. She liked that job but said she couldn't resist the fast pace of dispatch.

“I think many people would be surprised how busy it gets and what it takes to keep things moving,” Gonzalez says. “No two days are ever the same. I absolutely love my job.”



The mother of two boys, Gonzalez says that when she's not working, she likes spending time with her family.

Passionate about transit?

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 **Friday, July 14, 2023** from **10am to 3pm** at 705 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI.

We're currently hiring for the following positions:

- Planner I
- 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

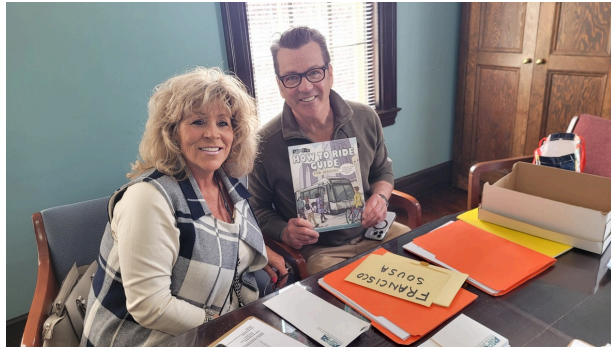
Visit [RIPTA.com/careers](https://www.ripta.com/careers) for more information.

The advertisement features the RIPTA logo at the top left, which includes the text 'RIPTA' in a stylized blue font and 'RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY' in a smaller font below it. The main headline reads 'Ready to Drive Your Career Forward?' in a large, light blue font. Below the headline is a list of four bullet points: 'Variety of Career Paths', 'Supportive & Growth-Oriented Culture', 'Stable & Secure Employment', and 'Outstanding Benefits'. On the right side of the advertisement is a photograph of a smiling man in a light blue uniform shirt and dark tie. At the bottom of the advertisement is a blue button with the white text 'Now Hiring'.

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:

EAST PROVIDENCE

Tuesday, July 18 • 11am - 1pm
East Providence Senior Center
610 Waterman Avenue

PAWTUCKET

Wednesday, July 19 • 12pm – 1pm
Fogarty Manor
214 Roosevelt Avenue

Wednesday, July 19 • 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Kennedy Manor
175 Broad Street

Thursday, July 20 • 3pm – 4pm
Pawtucket Housing Authority (Galego Court)
483 Weeden Street

PROVIDENCE

Tuesday, July 25 • 10am – 12pm
Brick Academy
188 Academy Avenue

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).

DETOURS

NORTH PROVIDENCE FIREWORKS: JULY 3

Route 50 will be on detour from 8pm to 10pm.

OAKLAND BEACH FIREWORKS: JULY 3

Route 3 will be on detour from 5pm until Midnight.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET ROAD RACE: JULY 28

Routes 14 and 69 will be on detour from 3:30pm to 9pm.

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



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