

RideProvide Transportation Program Turns 10



GMTMA celebrated the 10th anniversary of its RideProvide transportation program for seniors and visually impaired adults at the GMTMA Annual Meeting on Friday, October 28. Guest speaker at the event was Scott Bogren, Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) Executive Director. Bogren underlined the importance of supporting services such as RideProvide, given the fact that in the United States, "10,000 people will turn 65 every day for the next 20 years, and that almost 1 in 5 people in the U.S. have a disability."

GMTMA Executive Director Kastrenakes also highlighted the increase in demand for services like RideProvide, and the need for more options for people who cannot drive and talked about how much the demand has increased over the last few years: "Ten years ago, we started with a couple of donated used vehicles, volunteer drivers and a handful of riders. Today we have 11 staff drivers, a fleet of 7 cars, and last year we provided over 15,000 trips and demand just keeps growing. "

For more information about the RideProvide program and to donate to the program, go to <http://www.rideprovide.org/>

To view our RideProvide anniversary video, [click here.](#)

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Congratulations to NJSW and SRTS Awardees



At this year's Annual Meeting, Greater Mercer TMA recognized 21 employers who demonstrated leadership by providing and promoting quality commuter benefits to their employees, therefore reducing congestion and improving air quality with the prestigious New Jersey Smart Workplaces Awards (NJSW).

The 2016 awardees are:

Platinum Level: A-1 Limousine, Albridge, an Affiliate of Pershing, Amazon, Bank of America, Bloomberg LP, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Educational Testing Service, Horizon NJ Health, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Johnson Controls, Munich Reinsurance America, Naval Airfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst, New Jersey Department of Transportation, Princeton University, SRI International, and The College of New Jersey.

Gold Level: Municipality of Princeton, Princeton Healthcare System, REI Princeton

Silver Level: Greater Mercer TMA

Bronze Level: Johnson & Johnson

This year Greater Mercer TMA also recognized the following Schools and Municipalities for their efforts to implement Safe Routes to School programs, keeping walking and biking a priority, with the SRTS Recognition:

Gold Sneaker Award: City of Trenton, Lawrence Township, Princeton Township, West Windsor Township, and Bay Head Borough.

Silver Sneaker Award: Brick Township, Lawrence Intermediate Elementary, Johnson Park Elementary (Princeton), and Riverside Elementary (Princeton).

Bronze Sneaker Award: Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary (Trenton), Paul Robeson Elementary and Hedgepeth-Williams Middle School (Trenton), Slackwood Elementary (Lawrence), Community Park Elementary (Princeton), and Wicoff Elementary (Plainsboro). Congratulations to all awardees!

Happy Trails - Biking News



Good news for biking fans and commuters, Zagster bike share service added a new dock at the Princeton Shopping Center and another one at the Institute for Advanced Study. The service is easy to use. For details, go to <http://www.zagster.com/press/zagster-brings-bike-sharing-princeton-community>.

GMTMA recently held a "Biking Beyond the Gym" workshop for employees at NRG in West Windsor. The workshop gives people tips and tools for keeping everyday biking and bike commuting fun and safe. At NRG the workshop also included a ride on the Delaware and Raritan Canal Towpath with the company's fleet of Zagster bikes.

If you are interested in having a workshop for your employees or have any bike commuting

questions, contact Jerry at jfoster@gmtma.org

StreetSmart Campaign Princeton-Phase 1 Complete



From October 4-7, Police from the Municipality of Princeton, Princeton University's Public Safety and GMTMA conducted street level outreach at five locations in Princeton. Phase one of the campaign focused on education and awareness of motorist and pedestrian safety laws. Merchants in the community also supported the campaign by posting Street Smart messaging at their businesses.

Street Smart is a collaborative effort between the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), Federal Highway Administration, New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Division of

Highway Traffic Safety. GMTMA is working with NJTPA to coordinate Street Smart campaigns in communities in Mercer and Ocean Counties.

Stay tuned for phase 2 which will kick off in the Spring 2017.

NJ Transit Schedule Changes

In keeping with the return of daylight savings time, train schedules, including the NEC, will change effective November 6, 2016. The new NEC changes and the special "get away" train times are [available here](#).

Bus Route Nos. 601, 606 and 613: Additional AM Bus Service to/from Hamilton Marketplace

Beginning on Saturday, November 5, 2016 and continuing through Friday, January 13, 2017, NJ TRANSIT will be providing additional AM service on **NJ TRANSIT Bus Route No. 601** (College of New Jersey-Trenton-Hamilton Marketplace) **No. 606** (Princeton-Mercerville-Hamilton Marketplace) and **No. 613** (Mercer Mall-Hamilton Square-Yardville-Hamilton Marketplace) to and from Hamilton Marketplace.

The earlier bus service is being provided in order to make connections with the ZLINE bus to Amazon during the holiday season. Greater Mercer TMA manages the ZLINE bus service. For schedule, [click here](#).

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