

Mountain Transit Authority

Richwood Grocery Run to Begin on April 7

Special points of interest:

- Richwood Grocery Run
- Driver Appreciation
- 40th Anniversary Celebration
- Frank Spencer
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The City of Richwood and surrounding areas are still recovering from the June 2016 flood and we are working to help ease that burden. One of the main concerns we are hearing from passengers is the absence of a grocery store in Richwood. Citizens must travel to Craigsville or Summersville to do their grocery shopping.

Traveling to get groceries can be burdensome to an individual with no car or no neighbor to ask for a ride. Unfortunately, this is a troubling reality to the citizens of Richwood.

MTA currently offers a route from Richwood to Summersville twice a day Monday through Friday. This route accommodates many people but we think that by adding an additional route on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of every month, many more individuals can be helped.

This route has been specifically designed for those who need to grocery shop. We are asking that individuals please call the office to schedule their pick-up.

The bus will arrive in Rich-

wood at 9:30am to pick up scheduled passengers and will leave the bus stop at 10:00am traveling to Summersville along Rt. 39.

The return trip to Richwood will leave at 1:00pm. Which will allow for approximately 2 hours of shopping.

After running ads, posting flyers and sharing on Facebook, we have received a reasonable amount of response regarding the grocery run. It is our hope that not only will the route be successful, but we help as many people as possible.



Transit Driver Appreciation Day– March 17, 2017

Transit Driver Appreciation Day was celebrated on March 17, 2017. For hours on end, our drivers manage to keep a schedule, check fares, give directions, remember requests and more. All while safely maneuvering an extra-large vehicle through unpredictable traffic, tough weather conditions and some *really* tight spaces. Needless to say, they deserve our thanks for keeping us moving!

We recognized our drivers with ads in the Nicholas Chronicle and the WV Daily News, along with posts on our Facebook page.

Many of our drivers have been with MTA for 10 or more years and continue to provide safe and dependable service. If you see them out and about, please commend them on a job well done and thank them for all they do for our communities.



Martha Mazzella, Jeff Jones & Evy Hall



Karl Orkis & Martha Elmore



Bill Fox & Joe Harris



Jim Brewster & Richard Peavy

MTA Celebrates 40th Year of Operation



Mountain Transit Authority began providing bus transportation services on November 22, 1977, and continues to provide service to the general public in Greenbrier, Nicholas and Webster counties.

In celebration of our 40th Anniversary, MTA is offering 40¢ one-way rides on the 22nd of each month to all passengers, which will be honored on all fixed routes (does

not apply to Summersville Call-a-Ride).

Over the past 40 years, MTA transportation services have reached far and wide within the 3 counties that we serve. During FY 2016 alone, 42,370 trips were provided to passengers with the buses traveling nearly 250,000 miles.

The population and culture that we serve is ever changing and MTA is always striving to

improve upon the services we offer. Continued assessment of public transportation and its effect on local communities will ensure access to safe and dependable transportation.

MTA looks forward to many more years of service and appreciates the continued support of our passengers, employees and communities. We are here to get you where you need to go!

Former MTA Employee Passes Away

“He was a wonderful employee and friend who will be greatly missed”

MTA has lost a dear friend and former employee. Frank Garrett Christian, 89 of Lewisburg, passed away Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at Greenbrier Manor Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. Frank was a retired bus driver with the Board of Education and a

U.S. Army Veteran.

Frank drove the Alderson-Lewisburg-White Sulphur Springs route for 19 years before retiring a second time in 2013.

Services were held at the Wallace and Wallace Funeral

Home in Lewisburg. In lieu of flowers, it was requested that contributions be made to the Greenbrier Manor Activities Fund.

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Replacement Vehicles

MTA has received two replacement vehicles from the WV Division of Public Transit—a Dodge minivan that will be used for Non-emergency Medical Transportation and an 18 passenger Ford E-450 bus.

MTA submits a 5-year plan with each Section 5311 grant application. This plan projects what capital assets will need to be replaced. The WV Division of Public Transit pro-

cures replacement vehicles as needed for transit systems throughout West Virginia.

Because MTA received two new replacement vehicles, the WV Division of Public Transit was able to supply two of MTA's older buses to Weirton Transit Corporation. They provide transportation in Brooke and Hancock counties and were experiencing a vehicle shortage this year.



Dates to Remember:

April 19, 2017—MTA Board Meeting

May 29, 2017—Memorial Day (MTA Closed)

June 20, 2017—WV Day (MTA Closed)

June 21, 2017—MTA Board Meeting

