

Mountain Transit Authority

Special points of interest:

- 40 Years of Service
- Sproles resigns/
Price appointed
- Summersville CPD
- Richwood Grocery Run
- Loop Run Revision
- SCTV
- Employee Training

MTA Celebrates 40 Years of Service

Mountain Transit Authority began providing public transportation on November 22, 1977; taking our first passenger from Summersville to Montgomery.

Over the years MTA has transported nearly 1.8 million passengers over 10 million miles. At the start of operations, MTA served Greenbrier, Fayette, Nicholas, Pocahontas and Webster counties. Due to restructuring and strategic planning within the state, we currently serve Greenbrier, Nicholas and Webster counties.

During the past 40 years, many things have changed at MTA with the one constant being safe and dependable service



within our communities.

In celebration of our 40th Anniversary, on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 12:00pm, we will be hosting Business During hours along with the Summersville Chamber of Commerce. We ask that you please join us to commemorate this special event!



Anita Price joins MTA Board of Directors

At the June 2017 Board of Directors meeting, Linda Sproles announced that she would no longer be able to represent Nicholas County on the MTA Board. Linda had served as a board member for 2 years, including serving as president during her last year. Her contribution while on the board was greatly appreciated and she will be missed.

The Nicholas County Commission has since appointed Anita Price to serve as a board member. We appreciate her willingness to represent

Nicholas County and contribute to the valuable service that MTA provides.

Other sitting board members include board President Shannon Beatty (City of Lewisburg), Vice-President Angie Short (City of Summersville), Mary Surbaugh (Greenbrier County) and Wayne Halstead (City of Summersville).

We look forward to working with newest board member, Anita, along with our current members in the upcoming year.



Dates to Remember:

- September 4, 2017– Labor Day (closed)
- September 17-23, 2017—Child Passenger Safety Week
- October 9, 2017— Columbus Day (closed)
- October 18, 2017– MTA Board Meeting
- November 10, 2017—MTA Closed (training)
- November 16, 2017—40th Anniversary Lunch
- November 23 & 24, 2017—Thanksgiving

Summersville City Police Dept.



On Monday August 7, it was reported by an MTA driver that the United States and the State of WV flags were missing from the pole in front of the MTA building. Upon further investigation, it appeared as though someone had taken them and it didn't take long to find out who the culprit was: Sgt. Seth Louden

of the SVPD.

During the wind storm on the night of August 4, the rope on the flag pole broke loose causing the flags to fall to the ground. The next morning Sgt Louden noticed them on the ground and kindly stopped by to rescue them.

The flags were folded and

returned to the MTA garage where they are now prominently displayed with a brand new rope.

We would like to thank Sgt. Louden for taking the time to ensure that our flags were properly taken care of and returned.

Richwood Grocery Run Cancellation

Due to lack of interest, we will no longer be running the Richwood grocery route. There were many requests that MTA provide such service to the residents of Richwood since the 2016 flood and the loss of their only grocery store.

The grocery route ran on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of each month. After much advertising and very low ridership, MTA is no longer

providing this service as of August 31, 2017.

It is always our intention to listen to the communities and passengers that we serve. However, if the ridership isn't there, we are forced to stop providing the service and use our resources elsewhere.

Thank you to those who did support the Richwood Grocery Run.

Summersville Loop Route

The Summersville Loop began in July 2016 as a response to requests for later afternoon/evening service in the city Summersville.

After a year of providing this service, we have looked at the data and determined that the afternoon runs are not sustaining the numbers necessary to continue this later service. As of October 2, 2017, we are no longer going to run the last loop of the route from 4:20pm to

5:20pm. Instead, we will now be offering an earlier loop in the morning from 8:55am to 9:55am.

The loop bus will continue to operate six loops throughout the day with an earlier start time of 8:55am and will conclude the day at 4:15pm.

For more information on scheduling, please call the office at (304)-872-5872 or visit our Facebook page.

MTA Makes SCTV Debut

Summersville Community Television which is operated by the City of Summersville, filmed a very nice infomercial of MTA. SCTV director, Barney Bonito, first contacted MTA Manager, William Mauzy, about the idea and then spent a few days at the MTA garage conducting and filming interviews. The video features William Mauzy along with MTA Operations Supervisor, Jim Davis; MTA Dispatcher, Pamela O'Dell; and Webster Springs Driver, Butch Fox. The infomercial can be found on SCTV's website and Facebook page as well as MTA's Facebook page.

MTA Employee Annual Training

MTA employees participate in annual training activities twice each year in June and October. Air Evac representatives Dale Hall, Kyle Hinzman and Bryan Payne, re-certified all MTA employees in First Aid and CPR during our June training.

This year, the October training will take place in November due to scheduling conflicts. The fall training will be presented by Michael Noel of RLS & Associates and topics will consist of "Sexual Harassment/ Hostile Work Environment", "Drugs on the Bus" and "Pedestrian Accident Mitigation".