

The Ride Along

ENOA Rural Transportation Program Newsletter | July 2018

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As you know, ENOA Rural Transportation celebrated Nebraska Public Transit Week April 8th to 14th. During this time, we travelled a combined distance of 5,826 miles. That's an average of 388.4 miles per van! The total number of boardings for the week hit 401!

New Rates

Beginning July 1st, 2018, the cost of our rides will be increasing by \$1 for each mileage tier.

1-10 miles.....	\$3.00
11-20 miles	\$6.00
21-40 miles	\$7.00
41-60 miles	\$8.00
61+ miles.....	\$9.00

Recognition in the Community

One of Our Blair drivers stopped at a Bucky's gas station for a snack. A young man noticed the ENOA logo on his shirt, and offered to pay for it. Mac politely declined the offer, but the man, along with the store clerk, insisted, saying "We know you guys help a lot of people."



New Driver **Robert Frederick**

Robert is our newest full time driver for Cass, Sarpy, and Douglas Counties. He started on April 9th, 2018. Robert is originally from Austin, Texas, and has been in Nebraska for two years.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM, ROBERT!



New Driver **Dawn Curtis**

Dawn is our newest full time driver for Washington County. She transferred from Meals on Wheels to Rural Transportation, and her first day with us was June 18th.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM, DAWN!



Staff Highlight **Tammy Nolan**

Tammy Nolan is a full time driver, and the dispatcher for Dodge County. Tammy has been with the Rural Transportation Program since May 26th, 1999.

Partnerships

ENOA Rural Transportation has formed a partnership with MS Forward gym, to organize rides for some of their customers. MS Forward is a gym that offers specialized workouts for people who have been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, or MS for short. They also offer workouts for people who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Muscular Dystrophy, and people who have suffered spinal cord injuries. They are located at 13530 Discovery Dr, in Omaha. For more information, call MS Forward @ 402-330-6292.

A new partnership has been formed with the Sarpy/Cass Health Department, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Every Woman Matters, and the Rural Transportation Program at ENOA, to provide rides to and from annual breast cancer screenings and mammograms for area residents. Over 50 women from the Plattsmouth Senior Center and Intercultural Center have been chosen to receive these free screenings and transportation through this partnership!



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Serving Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties

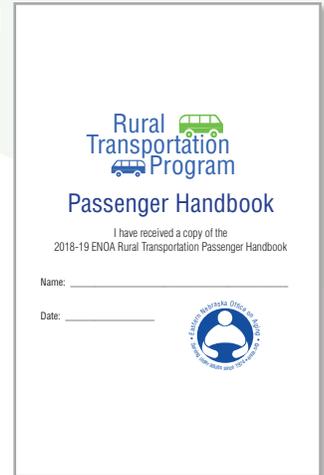
Rural Transportation Program

Policies and Procedures **Passenger Handbook**

July 1, 2018

New Passenger Handbooks

Our new passenger handbooks for the 2018-2019 fiscal year will be handed out, beginning July 1st. The driver who gives you your book will have you sign and date the inside page. They will then tear it out, and return it to the office. This page will serve as the acknowledgment that you received the handbook. It will be your responsibility to familiarize yourself with our updated policies and procedures.



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was on June 15th and is recognized each year on the same date.

As the population ages and longevity of the elderly increases, abuse of the elderly is increasing and becoming a serious problem. Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust such as a family member or friend. The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect.

Each year organizations come together to make people aware of this issue. This year, the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging wore purple clothing and purple wrist bands to acknowledge the day.

If you suspect elder abuse of a vulnerable adult you can call: 1-800-652-1999

Together, we have the power to prevent elder abuse!



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Building Strong Support for Elders

June 15, 2018

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call **1-800-652-1999**

2018 Holiday Schedule

We will be closed on the following holidays during 2018:

- Wednesday, July 4.....Independence Day
- Monday, September 3.....Labor Day
- Monday, October 8.....Columbus Day
- Monday, November 12.....Veterans' Day Observance
- Thursday, November 22.....Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 23.....Thanksgiving Day Observance
- Tuesday, December 25.....Christmas Day

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or Financial Exploitation
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