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## Dangers of Fall Driving

### School Buses

Watch out for school buses and children, especially early in the morning and the afternoon. Remember, you can't pass a school bus with its red lights flashing. You must stop. Watch for school zones and reduced speed limits.

### Leaves



Once leaves become wet, they can become slippery as ice! Watch for patches of wet leaves in the roadway. As nights get cold, wet leaves can turn to icy leaves. They can also obscure traffic lines and other pavement markings, making driving in unfamiliar areas particularly difficult.

### Sun Glare

Fall is also a bad time for sun glare on the roads. Sun glare can impact your sight for seconds after exposure, making it difficult to see pedestrians, oncoming traffic, or the vehicle in front of you.

### Fog

With autumn comes fog. When driving in fog, keep your headlights on the **low** beam. Not only will headlights enhance visibility of your vehicle, state law requires headlights to be on when wipers are in use.

### Deer Crossing

The risk of deer / vehicle collisions is greatest during autumn and early winter. Be especially watchful during morning and evening hours when wildlife is most active.



## Time for Tricks and Treats

Halloween is just around the corner! Be sure to keep an eye out for little ones on or near the roads during this time.

Also, as a reminder, please refrain from giving candy to clients of any age. What may seem like a *treat* to you, can actually lead to some *tricky* situations for riders with allergies, dental work, dietary restrictions, and so on.

Thank you and...

# Happy Halloween!



## Ms. Battle Turns 100

Bux-Mont Transportation recently honored one of our Shared Ride passengers as she celebrated her 100th birthday.

Ms. Emma Battle has been traveling with TransNet to her local senior center nearly every day for over eight years!

Born in Philadelphia in 1915, Ms. Battle was the fifth child in a family that would eventually have eleven children. Longevity is clearly in her family's genes. Ms. Battle's mother lived 97 years and her *younger* sisters are now 87, 94, and 96.



Joanne Harrar & Emma Battle

Ms. Battle's niece, Sandra, told us that her aunt was always a very hard worker. In fact, she worked until age 79 when her niece "made her" retire.

During her lifetime, Ms. Battle worked as a window dresser, a companion, a housekeeper, and a nanny.

To what else might Ms. Battle attribute her long life? Sandra shared that her aunt was always a frequent walker and bus rider... and that she loved her "pink lady" cocktails!

Thank you, Joanne and everyone at Bux-Mont, for making Ms. Battle's birthday extra special!



## Kudos

“She wouldn’t get there unless there was TransNet.”  
 “We are blessed to have the service.”  
 “Everyone does a great job!”  
 “A+ service!”

These are only a few of the many comments praising TransNet’s team of drivers and staff taken from our 2015 Consumer Survey. **Thank you** to all those who have contributed to our customers’ satisfaction over the past year. Keep up the great work!



Kudos also go out to **Jack Cracchiolo at Tri County Transit!** Jack always has a smile when greeting his clients and provides great passenger assistance. He takes pride in his daily work and it shows. Thank you, Jack, for spreading joy to all those you come into contact with each day.

## Fall Safe Driving Tips

- **Watch your speed.** Drive slower when faced with fall driving hazards.
- **Keep your distance.** Increase your following distance on rainy or foggy days, during dawn or dusk, in areas with wet leaves, and when traveling behind school buses, as they stop frequently. If you are being tailgated, let the other driver pass.
- **Stick with low beams.** Keep your headlights on low when driving in fog (and rain). High beams will only cause glare.
- **Clear frost away from your windows.** Frost can reduce visibility and how quickly you respond to hazards.
- **Approach traffic lights carefully.** Sun glare can make it harder to see traffic.
- **Slow down and use caution,** particularly where deer crossing signs are posted and increase following distance between vehicles.
- **Exercise caution when one deer** crosses a roadway. Since deer often travel in small herds, one deer will often be followed by others.

## Excellence Awards

Beginning July 1, 2015, employees who meet certain criteria are eligible for an opportunity to win an Excellence Award from TransNet, which includes a \$500 cash prize and a special pin (see photo below). Twice each year, each Partner organization will nominate an employee and the nomination will be approved by TransNet.



The first round of awards is being presented in September and October.

Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you for your hard work!

## Fall Word Find

L G P A S T U R K E Y S M U D V A C E S  
 A L C U E E O V D K C R E D Q U I I T E  
 P Y A U M T V I I A S F W X T D P U P A  
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APPLES	FOGGY	POTATOES
AUTUMN	FOOTBALL	PUMPKINS
BRAKES	FROST	SCARECROW
CANDY	GRAVY	SCENERY
CIDER	HARVEST	SEATBELT
CORN	HAYRIDE	STUFFING
CORNMAZE	HIGHWAY	TOLLROAD
CRANBERRIES	LEAVES	TRANSNET
CRISP	LOWBEAMS	TUNNEL
DEER	ONRAMP	TURKEY