

SEN-HAN NEWS



A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Dear Valued Passenger:

I am sorry to bring you discouraging news at this happy and blessed time of year. But, more change is in store for us as SEN-HAN Transit adjusts to another year of funding cuts. For 2010 we will be receiving another cut in Casino Revenue funds which typically have accounted for 50% of our annual funding. Casino Revenue cuts in 2009 and 2010 have reduced our funding by \$324,000. As a passenger you felt some changes this past year as the number of shopping routes were reduced and the number of medical rides were reduced. I am sorry to say further service cuts and other program changes are being planned for early in 2010.

- First, separate Mall Shopping routes will be eliminated. Instead, we will be changing our regular Shopping routes to destinations that include the usual food store and, where possible, a multi purpose store such as K-Mart or Walmart. The time of stay at the shopping centers will be extended to allow you to shop at both stores. **More news on these changes will be distributed when planning is complete.**
- Secondly, we also anticipate further cuts in our ability to meet the demand for medical appointments and therapies.
- Further, as of January 1, all riders will be asked to **copay \$2 for each one way ride.** This replaces the old system where you were asked to make a donation of \$1 per ride.
- Drivers will provide you with an envelope each time you enter the vehicle. Your cost share payment should be deposited in a locked box as you leave the vehicle.

It is hoped that the additional revenue will allow us to keep as many vehicles on the road as possible.

While these measures alone will not make up the significant operating deficit we face, it is hoped that strong financial support by our passengers will reduce the service impact of these significant budget cuts.

There has been a legislative initiative to increase the level of Casino Revenue funding for transportation state-wide. The Senate bill was approved in December, but the Assembly bill (A2046) has not yet been put to a full vote. You can help bring this bill to a vote in early January by contacting your local assemblymen, particularly Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts (742-7600). The proposed increase in funding for Camden County could be as much as \$150,000 for 2011.

2010 will be a challenging year for all of us at SEN-HAN Transit. I can promise we will do our best to limit the effect of these budget cuts on you, our valued customer. Working together is the best solution!

Sincerely

Donna Kovalevich

Executive Director.

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**SEN-HAN TRANSIT
HOLIDAYS**

December 25, 2009, Friday

January 1, 2010, Friday

January 18, 2010, Monday

February 12, 2010, Friday

February 15, 2010, Monday

Only dialysis patients, radiation
and employment clients will be
transported.



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HOLIDAY GIFTS

As the holiday season nears, many of you may want to express your appreciation in some way to your drivers. While we are pleased that passengers are grateful for the service we offer and the kindness exhibited by the drivers, we need to remind you of the agency's policy that employees **cannot** accept tips or gifts of value from our clients. However, if you wish to offer a general "thank you" to SCUCS for the services you have received, we would happily accept donations to SEN-HAN Transit or to SCUCS' Emergency Food Shelf. SEN-HAN Transit donations are used to expand the number of rides available to county seniors. Donations to the Food Shelf enable us to purchase food, which we distribute monthly to needy seniors. If you choose, these donations could be made in the name of a particular driver you wish to honor, or in honor of a friend or relative. Donations made in someone's honor would be recognized by a card, which would be sent to them acknowledging both the donation and the donor.

2009 SEN-HAN TRANSIT ROADEO RESULTS



Dave Flippen of Pennsauken was honored as SEN-HAN Transit's "Driver of the Year" at the 22nd Annual Para Transit Roadeo sponsored by Senior Citizens United Community Services of West Collingswood on November 3rd. Flippen was selected by his fellow drivers from a slate of 12 who met the agency's standards for safety, client sensitivity and excellence of service delivery. He currently works as a subscription and medical driver.

30 SEN-HAN drivers participated in the annual Roadeo which consists of a written test, as well as an obstacle course to test driving skills. First place in the Roadeo competition went to Brad Sunkett of Camden while second place went to Linda Szymanski of Williamstown. There was a three-way tie for third place between Luciano Santiago of Camden, Dan Rudolph of Atco and Pauline Malewicz of Haddon Heights. The local winners will represent Camden County in the State Para-Transit Roadeo to be held in April 2010.

Twelve drivers were also honored with Safety Awards. A Nineteen Year Pin Year was presented to Brad Sunkett; an Eighteen Year Pin to Corey Schecter; a Sixteen Year Pin to Dan Rudolph; an Eleven Year Pin to Linda Szymanski; an Eight Year Pin to Luciano Santiago, a Seven Year Pin to Barbara Eckman, Four Year Pins to Beth McWhite and Darlene Monroe, a Third Year pin to Dave Flippen, Second Year pins to Tracie Louis and Pauline Malewicz, and a First Year pin to Ray Denney. Perfect attendance awards went to Ray Denney, Dave Flippen, Barbara Eckman, Pauline Malewicz, Wil Medina, Beth McWhite, Luciano Santiago and Corey Schecter.
