National NonProfit Day!

National Nonprofit Day is commemorated on August 17 each year to recognize nonprofit organizations’ ongoing efforts to serve local communities. Nonprofits throughout the country work to promote awareness and offer assistance to individuals who otherwise would not be able to afford it. Their activities contribute to the shaping of our society and provide hope for a brighter future.

SMTS is no different! Our drivers, coordinators, and staff work diligently to ensure our riders get where they need to go by offering safe and reliable transportation. Our drivers also help our riders with groceries, offer a smiling face, great conversation, and various other helpful things. SMTS is a remarkable nonprofit organization, thanks to great employees like you.

Please remember that no contribution is too small. Whether volunteering, giving, or just spreading the word about a nonprofit, your efforts matter!
Meet the Main Office Staff!

CHARLIE BURNS
Since 2023 Fleet Tech
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Holiday: Christmas
Favorite Hobby: Fishing
If you could be immortal for one day what would you do? Bungee Jump!

National Tell a Joke day! August 16th

How do you throw a surprise party together for an astronaut? You planet.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A FAKE NOODLE? AN IMPISTA

WHAT'S SMARTER THAN A TALKING BIRD? A SPELLING BEE

WHAT DO YOU CALL A PIG THAT KNOWS KARATE? A PORK CHOP

What did the birthday cake say to the fork? “You wanna’ piece of me?”
The Missouri Humanities organization hosts an annual small-town showcase contest encouraging numerous small towns to highlight their uniqueness that can be overshadowed and underappreciated. Each year five unique small towns are selected and featured in various publications.

As a rural transportation provider in Missouri, SMTS services many of these unique small towns. One of the 2023 selected towns includes one located in the western portion of our service area, St. James. St. James is located in Phelps County, Missouri, and has around 4000 residents. St. James is known for having numerous wineries and great hospitality.

Missouri Humanities Program Director Caitlin Yager said, "Missouri Humanities is thrilled to explore five more wonderful Missouri communities in 2024. We’ve thoroughly enjoyed getting to know these towns during the nomination and voting process. It's our sincerest hope that the stories told through Small Town Showcase encourage others to venture out and learn more about the different places and people that make Missouri such a unique and interesting state. We’re not a “flyover state” we’re the heart of America!"

You can learn more about numerous unique small towns by visiting the Missouri Humanities organization website. https://mohumanities.org/small-town-showcase
Numerous communities throughout the SMTS service area have established blessing boxes for local individuals in need of nonperishable supplies. Our local Fredericktown office donated in July to help several Madison County residents in need.

Back to School

With August comes back to school, back to school means more traffic! Make sure to keep up your great driving skills and paying close attention! SMTS hopes that everyone has a great school year!
Rider Spotlight
John Bergtholdt

Charlene Mullins - Aug 1
Robert Watson - Aug 4
James Gilliam - Aug 7
Angel Cain - Aug 10
Saelua Tipeni - Aug 14
Ginny Smith - Aug 16
Kenneth Gilbreath - Aug 16
Patricia Hickman - Aug 18
Patrick Cronin - Aug 25

August Anniversaries!
Douglas Settle - 19 Years
Brenda McDowell - 17 Years
Gerard Macke - 11 Years
Jerri Miller - 11 Years
Donna Mooningham - 10 Years
Tracy Cole - 6 Years
Diana Bell - 3 Years
Mark LaClair - 3 Years
Donald Stroburg - 2 Years
Marita Mendenhall - 2 Years
Rafanne Mann - 2 Years
Kenneth Thomas - 1 Year

Thank you!

Long time SMTS rider, John Bergtholdt, turns 100 years old this month. John is a lifelong resident of the Ste. Genevieve community who met his wife on a blind date! John told SMTS the secret to a long life is marrying the right gal! His wife can been seen in the photo above!
Happy Birthday John!

Please submit ideas to, tori@ridesmts.org