

ON BOARD with DeCamp

Winter 2016

We're hoping you all had a happy new year and are enjoying this unusually mild winter weather. The gate change to the lower level of the Port Authority went very smoothly and according to plan. At this time, you're probably all familiar with and accustomed to the new location.

It's been a busy time for us as we meet with civic leaders and members of local volunteer organizations who provide essential services to all segments of our population. Here are some highlights:



Protecting Pedestrians & Bicyclists



DeCamp is very pleased to partner with **Drive With Care in Montclair**, a pedestrian safety campaign designed to call attention to the rising number of pedestrian and bicycle accidents. Under the direction of the *Montclair Pedestrian Safety Committee*, a township volunteer organization formed in 2013, the initiative encourages safe driving behaviors through a variety of media and public forums.

To find out more about more about the program and how you can get involved, go to www.facebook.com/Drive-With-Care-in-Montclair or email drivewithcare@montclairnjusa.org

Transportation Tips for Seniors

DeCamp was invited to participate in **Montclair Seniorama**, an annual conference hosted by the Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC) that focused on helping seniors remain transportation independent. Over 100 seniors were in attendance and heard presentations on local services to help them get around safely and affordably.

People over 62 can save as much as 50% on DeCamp buses with a blue reduced fare coupon issued by NJ Transit and are available free of charge. For more information on how and where to get the coupon books, call the Reduced Fare Office at (973) 491-7112.

Tax Relief for Commuters

There's good news for commuters who take mass transit to work.

Legislation has just been passed increasing the amount that employers offer employees in pretax benefits to assist with their commuting expenses. This benefit had previously been higher for those who drive to work and park their car but now all commuters can enjoy an equal amount of savings.

For further information and to find out how your employer can sign up for the commuter benefits program, click on the article below:

<http://www.nytimes.com/commuter-transit-benefits>

2016 Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day
May 30th
Saturday Schedule

**Independence
Day**
July 4th
Saturday Schedule

Labor Day
September 5
Saturday Schedule

Thanksgiving Day
November 24
November 25
Saturday Schedule

Christmas Holiday
Observed
December 26
Saturday Schedule

DeCamp Passenger Advisory Committee

We continue to meet with our Passenger Committee who relay many of your questions and suggestions. Here's an update we wanted to share from member Adam Shapiro:

Five months into the new gates at Port Authority, and most riders I've spoken with think a bullet has been dodged. While there's still frustration that the entry from 40th Street can take awhile, removing the delays going up the ramp seem to be a good tradeoff.

Before the Passenger Advisory Committee's last meeting with Jonathan DeCamp and the team, many asked us to discuss the organization of the lines at Port. We did, and some of the barriers that were in place have been removed. It's not perfect... there's not much space to maneuver... but hopefully you're finding it's getting better

If you have anything you'd like us to address at the next meeting March 16, please send them via Twitter to [@adamjshapiro](https://twitter.com/adamjshapiro). I'll Tweet out updates to all followers the day after.

Beyond that, I tend to wear headphones on the bus or at Port, so please tap me on the shoulder if you'd like to chat. I'm not trying to be anti-social... just keeping up on some podcasts. I have a relatively recent picture on my Twitter ID, and I'd love to say hello.

Don't Leave it Behind

During the winter months we find a lot of hats, scarves and gloves that our riders leave behind. We're sure you want them back. Stop by our office or call and we'll put them aside for you.

*Our Lost & Found is located in our office at 101 Greenwood Ave. in Montclair.
Hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm or call us at (973) 783-7500.*



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Please feel free to email your suggestions for future newsletters.

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