

# Safety Newsletter

Southwest Area Regional Transit District

October, November, and December 2021

Quarterly Newsletter

## Reminders:

- Wear masks at all times to protect yourself.
- If you have reached your capacity of your clients and there is an ADA client waiting, you must transport.
- Wear your shields to protect yourself.
- Do not leave straps in the floor place them back in the rails, it is not safe to use a trash can or anything else to hold straps, they have to be returned to the tracks for safety reasons.
- Seat belts should be worn at all times—make sure clients are wearing them.

## Do Not Let your COVID-19 Guards Down

We must remain alert that COVID-19 is a contagious illness that poses the possibility of exposure in any public place where people are present.

Despite life seeming more “normal” than in previous months, COVID-19 will be part of our reality for the foreseeable future. We must stay vigilant, especially as the Texas Department of Health reports recent increases in the numbers of confirmed cases of the virus around the state.

Now is not the time to let our guards down. The same best practices that helped us flatten the curve this spring are critical now. They include:

- Wearing face coverings indoors and outdoors where a six-foot distance from others is not possible
- Continued physical distancing
- Frequent and proper hand-washing
- Avoiding touching your face

Staying home and away from others if you are sick

As the priority is to keep everyone safe in the communities, we must continue to take personal responsibility when it comes to protecting ourselves, our loved ones and everyone with whom we come in contact.

These small steps — even the ones that seem strange or inconvenient — should be habit by now, and they remain critical practices.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

Cynthia Rodriguez — Uvalde

Francisco Villalobos— Eagle Pass

Carlos Mallen—Eagle Pass

Jesus Puente—Eagle Pass

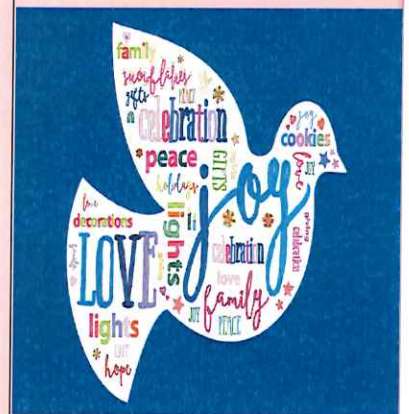
Jesus Rodriguez - Eagle Pass

Erik Ruiz—Uvalde

3 available Vehicle Operators from the county service area.

The Committee members will be meeting quarterly to tackle any safety issues or concerns. Feel free to bring any issues to those members as needed.

Your concerns are greatly appreciated.



COVID-19

Recipe/motivational quote

Safety Issues

Birthdays

COVID-19

Drive Safely !





**SWART**

Don't forget to visit  
our web site



October Birthdays

Frankie Cisneros 10/27  
Matias Parra—10/25  
Jose Cruz—10/8  
Maria Sandoval—10/18

November Birthdays

Gerardo Gutierrez—11/2  
Erika Uriegas—11/29

December Birthdays

Juan Salinas—12/2  
Carlos Rosales 12/8  
Ruben Anguiano—12/19  
Robert Enriquez—12/19



## Dealing with COVID-19

You can reduce your chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 by taking some simple precautions:

- Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.
- Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and others. Why? When someone coughs, sneezes, or speaks they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person has the disease.
- Avoid going to crowded places. Why? Where people come together in crowds, you are more likely to come into close contact with someone that has COVID-19 and it is more difficult to maintain physical distance of 1 metre (3 feet).
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and infect you.
- Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately and wash your hands. Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene, you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.
- Stay home and self-isolate even with minor symptoms such as cough, headache, mild fever, until you recover. Have someone bring you supplies. If you need to leave your house, wear a mask to avoid infecting others. Why? Avoiding contact with others will protect them from possible COVID-19 and other viruses.
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention, but call by telephone in advance if possible and follow the directions of your local health authority. Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.

Keep up to date on the latest information from trusted sources, such as WHO or your local and national health authorities. Why? Local and national authorities are best placed to advise on what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves.

## COVID-19 (the disease caused by the novel coronavirus) What you can do



# Safety Issues

- Slow down on speed bumps.
- If you see a non safe issue, report it right away to our Safety & Training Technician.
- Do not use vehicles that are not equipped with cameras. It's for your own safety.
- Loud music and profanity music should not be played in the vehicle
- Don't forget to wear your ID badge at all times
- Emergency red handles on the buses are broken and they are not being reported.
- Incident/accidents Reports need to be turned in within 24 hours that an incident/accidents occurs not days later.
- Park buses in their designated spots. For no reason should we have vehicles parked under the canopy.
- Mechanical failures need to be reported to the Vehicle Technicians, not to your Supervisor.
- Make sure all clients are wearing their seat belts at all times.
- Reduzca la velocidad de los baches.
- Si ve un problema no Seguro, informar de inmediato a nuestra seguridad al tecnico de seguridad.
- No utilice vehículos que no estén equipados con cámaras. Es por tu propia seguridad.
- La música fuerte y la música profana no deben reproducirse en el vehículo
- No olvides usar tu placa de identificación en todo momento
- Las manijas rojas de emergencia en los autobuses están rotas y no están siendo reportadas.
- Los informes de incidente/accidente deben ser entregados dentro de las 24 horas.
- Estacione los autobuses en sus lugares designados. Sin ninguna razón deberíamos tener vehículos estacionados bajo el dosel.
- Las fallas mecánicas deben ser reportadas a los Técnicos del Vehículo, no a tu supervisor.
- Asegúrese de que todos los clientes lleven puestos los cinturones de seguridad en todo momento.

## TML Comparison Report

Please note that this report reflects as of September 30, 2021

Fund Year	Workers Comp.	General Liability	Auto
2021/2022	0	0	0
Contribution	\$45,450	\$282	\$68,800
Loss Ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Fund Year	Workers Comp.	General Liability	Auto
2020/2021	3	0	6
Contribution	\$46,109	\$278.00	\$57,437
Loss Ratio	34.9%	0.0%	26.9%

**Happy New Year**



## Important dates to remember:

⇒ Don't forget to clock in daily, and submit your timesheet. If you have any questions or problems with EWS, contact Laura Herrera, Finance Assistant at 830-278-4155 ext. 3039

## Simple recipes

### Easy Homemade Chili

1 tablespoon

1

2 pounds

¼ cup

14 ½ ounces cans

4 cups

1 cup

2 15-ounces cans

16 ounces can cans

1 tablespoon

3 tablespoons

¾ teaspoon

½ teaspoon

1 teaspoon

Olive Oil

Large Onion (diced)

Lean Ground Beef

Red Wine Vinegar

Petite (diced tomatoes, undrained)

Tomato Juice

Ketchup

Pinto Beans (undrained)

Kidney Beans (undrained)

Brown Sugar (packed)

Chili Powder

Garlic Salt

Pepper

Paprika



Teamwork is knowing  
the strength of the  
wolf is in the pack and  
the strength of the  
pack is in the wolf. We  
find strength in each  
other.

Sam Glenn

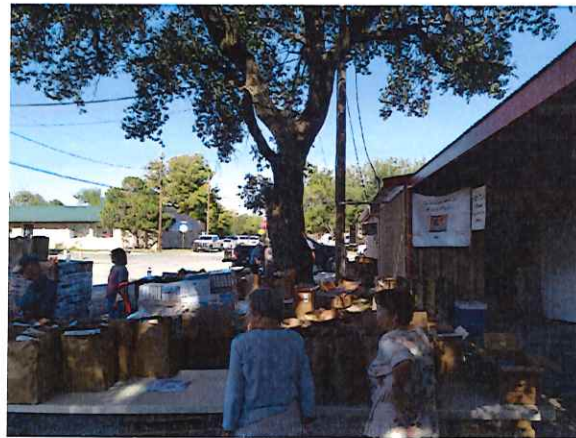


## Community Events.....Mobility Manager—Maria Camacho

SWART participates in the Kinney County Nutrition Christmas Party.



SWART participates in the Veterans Parade in Eagle Pass.



SWART participates in the Kinney HOPE Center Turkey giveaway.



La Pryor Community Night Out!!



Zavala County Block Expo!!



# SWART Annual Christmas Celebration



Thank you for attending the  
Annual Christmas Celebration, we had a great time!!

