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Connecticut Transportation Updates

Still Time to Register for our Annual CACT Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual CACT Golf Tournament will be held on **Tuesday, September 22**, at Blue Fox Run Run Golf Course in Avon, CT. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the Shotgun Scramble starts at 9:00 am. **Registration is \$140**. There is still time to sign up.

Thanks to CACT Golf Tournament Sponsors And There is Still Time to be a Sponsor

Many thanks to this year's Golf Tournament Sponsors:

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Please contact Mary Tomolonius (mary.cact@yahoo.com) if you want to be a golf sponsor. Golf registration form on our website: www.cact.info.

CACT Golf Tournament Scholarship

This year a portion of the proceeds from the Golf Tournament will go towards a \$500 scholarship for any CACT member or their family who either take a transportation course or are entering a transportation related program in college.



Transit Public Hearings

The Connecticut Public Transportation Commission (CPTC) is holding a series of public hearings around the state for transit supporters and advocates to voice their opinions on transit needs and services in the state. Following the public hearings, the CPTC will outline their recommendations (as they do every year) to the General Assembly's Transportation Committee, the Governor and the DOT Commissioner.

The hearings will be held at 7:00 pm on Sept. 9, Derby Town Hall; Sept. 30, Old Saybrook Town Hall; Oct. 6, Windsor Locks Town Hall and Oct. 13, Stamford Town Hall. Comments will also be accepted via email to james.stutz@ct.gov or emailed to the DOT Bureau of Public Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111. www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/CPTC

CACT Member Highlight



Rick Davis, *The Kennedy Center, Regional Mobility Manager*

Rick is the new Regional Mobility Manager at the Kennedy Center. He is very excited about his new role, and looks forward to working alongside others to provide assistance, advocacy and support of the transportation and mobility needs of seniors and those with a disability in our communities.

Before he joined the Kennedy Center, Rick worked in human services and disability advocacy agencies for the past 20 years. Most recently he worked at United Way and Bridge Academy Charter School, supporting “at-risk students and students with disabilities. He has a tremendous passion for human services and looks forward to continuing to assist individuals in gaining and maintaining mobility and a good quality of life.

His duties will include being a transportation resource in the southwest region for you and those working with seniors, people with disabilities and veterans. Rick hopes to identify gaps in transportation services and be a strong advocate for individuals with specific travel needs. He anticipates working in some capacity in the future, learning from others experiences and contributing to our common goal of supporting those in need.

Rick can be reached with any questions regarding transportation for seniors and the disabled anytime. His direct phone line is 203-365-8522 extension number is 244 to reach him.

CACT Member Highlights

If you or a staff member would like to be featured in an upcoming issue, please send your bio and a jpeg photo to Mary Tomolonius at mary.cact@yahoo.com.

Advertising in the CACT Newsletter

The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ page \$100. CACT members receive a 10% discount. All ads must be submitted prior to the last week of the month to mary.cact@yahoo.com

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As transit advocates, employees and supporters, when is the last time you took public transportation or encouraged others to?

A few years ago, CACT had a speaker fly in from Oregon to Bradley International Airport. Upon arriving, he took the Bradley Flyer to Union Station, stayed at a nearby hotel, had dinner at Hot Tomatoes, breakfast at Duncan Donuts, gave the seminar, and returned to Oregon thrilled with the accessible transportation he experienced.

If you have a positive public transportation story, please share it with us by sending it to :

Mary.cact@yahoo.com

Calendar

- **Wednesday, September 9, Quarterly DOT Transit Meeting**, 10:30 am. DOT Administrative Building, Conference Room B, Newington
- **Wednesday, September 9, CPTC Public Hearing on Transit**, 7:00 pm., Derby Town Hall
- **Tuesday, September 22, Annual CACT Golf Tournament**. 18-hole tournament, Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon. [Registration Forms on www.cact.info](http://www.cact.info)
- **Wednesday, September 30, CPTC Public Hearing on Transit**, 7:00 pm., Old Saybrook Town Hall
- **Thursday, October 1, CT. Public Transportation Commission**, 1:30 pm. Union Station, New Haven, 4th Floor West Conference Room A
- **Wednesday, October 6, CPTC Public Hearing on Transit**, 7:00 pm., Windsor Locks Town Hall
- **Wednesday, October 13, CPTC Public Hearing on Transit**, 7:00 pm., WESCOG Offices, Stamford Town Center.
- **Thursday, October 15, Monthly CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting**. 9 am. Middletown Area Transit Conference Room.
- **Thursday, November 5, CT. Public Transportation Commission**, 1:30 pm. DOT Headquarters, Conference Room B
- **Thursday, November 19, Monthly CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting**. 9 am. Middletown Area Transit Conference Room.

Transportation Policy Brief

The Connecticut's Legislative Commission on Aging in partnership with APACT and CRCOG published a *Transportation Policy Brief: How Can We Best Support Residents' Transportation Needs Across the Lifespan In Connecticut?* which is available on their website www.cga.ctgov/coa. Also available is their Annual Report *Community Livability in Connecticut: Shaping Great Places for People to Grow Up and Grow Older*.

The Gas Tax

The New York Times, August 8 edition had a timely editorial entitled *Congress Should Look Beyond the Gas Tax*.

<http://nytimes.com/2015/08/02/opinion/congress-should-look-beyond-the-gas-tax>

JOB POSTING

Your Job Opening Posting Could Be in the CACT Newsletter

We are adding a new feature to our monthly newsletter: Job Postings. If you have an opening at your organization, let us know and we will include it in our newsletter. All postings must be emailed 7 days before the end of the month. The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ page \$100.