

# Transporter

Transportation information for business executives, elected officials, and school administrators

## O.C.E.A.N., Inc. Partners with EZ Ride to Provide Ryde4Life Transportation Services in Cape May County



#### Ocean County Economic Action Now, Inc.

(O.C.E.A.N., Inc.), a non-profit organization with offices in Atlantic, Cape May, Monmouth, and Ocean counties, has partnered with EZ Ride to offer *Ryde4Life* transportation services for their clients in Cape May County. And with this addition, EZ Ride now serves O.C.E.A.N.'s clients in all four counties.

The program uses Lyft and Uber to provide rides and will soon include local cab companies. The service is available on-demand throughout New Jersey Monday – Friday 8 am – 8 pm and on Saturdays from 8 am – 5 pm. To schedule a ride, clients call (201) 939-4242, Ext. 4. If your agency would like to explore setting up a corporate account for your clients, please call (201) 939-4242 Ext.131 or email info@ezride.org

**Ryde4Life Program** 

### **EZ Ride to Launch its Fleet Electrification Project**



EZ Ride will introduce four electric mini-buses in the fleet to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next 6-12 months, with the ultimate goal of electrifying the entire fleet of 35 vehicles over a 3-5 year time period. The savings in fuel consumption, reduction in emissions, and noise would increase seven-fold when the entire fleet electrification is complete. A competitive federal grant from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) made fleet conversion possible. For more information about the fleet electrification project, please call (201) 939-4242 Ext. 131 or email info@ezride.org

### **Celebrate Brain Safety Month and Win Prizes**



March is Brain Safety Month, and EZ Ride has a **new campaign** to stress the importance of wearing helmets. While riding a bike or scooter is fun, it can be dangerous. According to the CDC, "In 2014, 2.9 million brain injury-related ER visits and deaths occurred in the U.S., including over 800,000 children." Pledge to wear a helmet and enter our contest to win prizes for your school or as an individual for the

best essay, video, photo, or most miles or days biked with a helmet. The campaign ends on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Enter to Win** 

### NJTPA On Air: Future of Transportation Contest for Kids & Teens – Due March 12th



The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) is hosting a contest on the "Future of Transportation" for kids and teens. Participants can create and submit videos, animations, short audio recordings, images, poems, drawings, or short essays on their vision for the future of transportation. There will be a total of five prizes awarded — one for the most

creative entry in each of the five age categories. Submissions are due by March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Contest Details** 

### Sustainable Jersey Grants Available for Schools & Municipalities – Deadline April 9th



The Sustainable Jersey Grants Program for schools and municipalities will award four \$20,000 project grants, eight \$10,000 project grants, and twenty \$2,000 project or green team support grants. The funds can be used for staff salaries, school equipment and programs. An **informational webinar** will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2021 to review the application process, provide tips on crafting a successful grant proposal, and demonstrate the

use of their new online application portal. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 9, 2021.

**Application Information** 

### You Could Take Public Transit to COVID-19 Vaccine Sites



NJTIP @ Rutgers has developed a database to help people in New Jersey get to COVID-19 vaccine sites using public transportation. The database is updated about every two weeks. The link provides information for COVID-19 vaccine sites with the nearest public transportation options that could help your customers and scheduling staff take advantage of lower-cost transportation.

#### **COVED-19 Vaccine Sites**

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