

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, JUNE 6

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Thanks to Senior Bus driver

The Montclair Township Senior Bus, operated by EZRide, has been of tremendous benefit to the Township. Seniors, like myself, have benefited from being able to avail free transportation to and from supermarkets, medical offices, exercise, classes, etc. Other than the much-appreciated availability of the service itself, the “gem” of the service had been its long-term driver, Marcos. Marcos was reliable and “on-time”, and he was so courteous and helpful.

The following is an example: During that first “surprise” snowstorm last winter, Marcos went “above and beyond” the call to duty. After picking me up at Edgemont Park at about 3 p.m., we continued on to Mountainside Hospital where a passenger utilizing a wheelchair was waiting. It took us well over an hour to go from Mountainside to about a block or two from the main library. Once at the passenger’s residence, we quickly determined that the passenger’s wheelchair would not operate in the snow. Marcos tied a rope to the front of the wheelchair. He pulled and I pushed! After getting the passenger safely home, Marcos then had to borrow a shovel to get the bus free as we were stuck. Finally, Marcos and I were now back on the road. I got home at 6 p.m.

The remarkable thing is that he then had to go Brookdale ShopRite to pick up a passenger who was unable to find any alternative ride. Marcos got home at 11p.m. that night. That is true dedication.

Although his noted actions were remarkable, he is always so kind — so helpful. Marcos is no longer driving the Montclair route. It is a loss to the township’s seniors and to the overall success of the service. He is missed greatly, and we wish him the best.

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