



# New bus service contract approved

By Joe Conti

On October 20, the Board of Governors approved a resolution to provide bus service through Stout's Transportation. The current contract with Bus Transportation Services expired on October 31, 2011.

Stout's Transportation, located in Ewing, New Jersey, is one of the most respected bus companies in the industry. The company was founded by Harry Stout, Sr., in 1960 and remains a family run business, recently celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Starting in 1960 with two used school buses, today's fleet consists of 50 buses of all sizes, 50 full-time drivers and many part-time drivers.

The new contract provides Monday through Friday, six hour daily service. There is no change from the previous service and the procedure to schedule time remains the same. The only change will be in the cost. Whereas the prior contract cost \$425 per day, or \$106,250 per year, plus \$2,000 for additional trips, this \$2,000 cost is no longer needed and has been removed from the 2012 Budget. The new contract is at a cost of \$350 per day for Year One, \$375 in Year Two and \$400 in Year Three. As you can see, our cost will be less in Year Three than our present cost, resulting in savings of \$127,500 over a three-year period.

The new service begins November 1, 2011.



The brand new bus serving Rossmoor

# Rules of the road for all of us

By Jean Hoban

We are addressing the following letter to all Rossmoor residents. It is up to us to demand that the rules of the road be strictly adhered to by anyone driving

through our community. We have a right to expect a certain courtesy from our neighbors if we ourselves extend the same courtesy when entering and exiting from Rossmoor.

**To whom it may concern,**

*I hope you will share the contents of this letter with others and encourage more Rossmoor residents to get involved in keeping our community safe. I usually seek to remedy a situation before I complain about it, but this is something I can't do on my own.*

*I am extremely concerned about the lack of attention drivers pay to the 4-way stop at the entrance to our community. Not only was I almost struck by cars on three separate occasions while crossing the street, but my car barely avoided being rammed by someone running the stop sign as I was turning into the intersection. I can't count the number of times I've witnessed people not even slowing down, let alone stopping.*

*Recently, as I was going to work, I stopped at the intersection and watched two cars approaching from Old Nassau Road. I know not to*

*assume the right of way, because so many people disregard the stop signs. The first car came to a stop to allow me to enter the intersection and make the left turn. The car behind it never stopped. Instead, the woman passed the stopped car on the right (which is also illegal) and just drove straight through the intersection. I was far enough away, so we didn't collide, but I blared my horn at her to make her aware that I was there! She finally turned her head and seemed surprised to see me. She*

*went through the gate and had to wait for the traffic light on Forsgate Drive anyway, so she didn't make any time by her illegal actions.*

*I realize we can't police the intersection, but if people started taking note of the offenders, we could notify them that they were seen disregarding the signs and jeopardizing the safety of others. It would also be helpful to put some sort of warning device in the intersection like orange rubber cones, or those little plastic men that*  
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This means for all of us.

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