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***Melville Employees Pledge to Go Car Free for Car Free Day Long Island***

***T. Weiss Realty offering tenants free vanpool shuttle to Farmingdale LIRR Station***

Long Island will join in the celebration of Car Free Day – an international event that encourages drivers to leave their cars at home for a day on Monday, September 22.   Participants are being asked to use more sustainable travel choices on the 2nd Annual Car Free Day Long Island, such as transit, carpooling, bicycles, walking and telecommuting to help reduce traffic, conserve energy, reduce harmful emissions, improve fitness, reduce parking problems and save money. Commuters, students and residents can pledge to go car free or car-lite at the Car Free Day LI website ([www.carfreedayli.com](http://www.carfreedayli.com)). Participants are also eligible to win raffle prizes including commuter bikes, gift cards, theater tickets and more.

Many companies and organizations along Long Island’s busy Route 110 Corridor will be observing Car Free Day this year. “We are thrilled to partner with 511NY Rideshare and Transit Solutions for the 2nd annual Car Free Day Long Island,” stated Lauren Rachel Flanagan, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for Melville-based T. Weiss Realty. “In partnership with both organizations, we will be hosting Transportation Days in each of our Melville properties, and encouraging all of our tenants to be car free or car-lite on September 22nd through carpooling, using mass transit, or taking advantage of the free vanpool shuttle service from the Farmingdale LIRR station to one of our office buildings that day.”

The Melville Chamber of Commerce has challenged its board and members to go car free. "On Monday, September 22, the board members of the Melville Chamber of Commerce will be leaving our cars in the garage, car pooling to work, holding meetings on our computers and some of us will even walk to a Melville restaurant for lunch. We proudly pledge our support of Car Free Day Long Island and have asked our members to join us in looking for better ways to commute, cutting congestion, saving fuel and making our community a healthier and more pleasant place to live, work, shop and relax," said Michael DeLuise, President, Melville Chamber of Commerce.

This year, in support of the event, an island-wide Car Free Day LI Rally will be held at Farmingdale State College on Thursday, September 18 that will promote the use of commuting alternatives and will feature information provided by organizations such as 511NYRideshare, Transit Solutions, Greater LI Clean Cities Coalition, Sustainable LI, the Sierra Club of Long Island, Farmingdale State College and North Shore-LIJ Health Systems.  Guest speakers will address issues such as the environmental, economic, and health impacts of single occupancy vehicles.  Panel discussions on behavioral change, transit-oriented development, bus rapid transit, and green–fleet technology have also been scheduled.  The Rally will be held at the Farmingdale State College Campus Center from 2-5pm and all are welcome.

Companies, schools and organizations who would like to encourage their employees, students and members to pledge can utilize the Car Free Day Toolkit, available for download at the Car Free Day LI website, which includes celebration ideas, logos, flyer, poster, stickers and sample emails and social media posts. Information on commute alternatives is also available on the website at [www.carfreedayli.com](http://www.carfreedayli.com) .