

LATE-BREAKING NEWS FROM THE RARITAN VALLEY RAIL COALITION

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Raritan Valley Rail Coalition Launches One-Seat Ride Website

SOMERVILLE – Elected officials, Raritan Valley line commuters and the public are invited to link to the New initiative at our Recycling Center - we now recycle tires up to 36", \$3.00 per tire, cash or check; \$5.00 per tire on rims. Tires accepted during Saturday morning recycling hours 8-12; Union Township residents only!at www.raritanvalleyrail.com

Representatives from the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition and the Mayors One Seat Ride Coalition, led by Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, made the site's development a priority this year.

The main goal of the website is to educate municipal officials, legislators, businesses and residents about the importance of one-seat ride service, which offers economic benefits to towns and shorter commutes for rail riders located near and along the Raritan Valley line.

"While a one-seat ride may seem like just a convenience for some commuters, the reality is that it would foster great economic growth along the entire corridor," said Somerset County Freeholder Director and Rail Coalition Chairman Peter S. Palmer. "We need a groundswell of support from the people living along the Raritan Valley Line in order to make this happen."

The website has an action page that asks individuals to write and email their legislators, NJ Transit and municipal officials, sign a petition, or donate and volunteer to encourage NJ Transit to operate one-seat ride service along the Raritan Valley line during the weekday peak periods of 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. and on weekends.

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