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Free Saturday Shuttle Takes Villagers to and from Stuart

Martin Community Coach Operates the No Fare Transportation Service at Indiantown's Rines Market

Indiantown, FL – There is a free bus shuttle on Saturdays for Indiantown residents looking to get some holiday shopping done on the weekend in Stuart.

“We pursued this improvement along with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) because Marty, the county’s bus service, does not provide transportation on the weekends and our residents have a need to access amenities currently not available in our rural town,” said Village Manager Howard Brown, Jr.

The Saturday service that began earlier this year has two-hour headways from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Rines Market, 15500 SW Trail Drive, Indiantown. A round trip is approximately one hour and 45 mins. The shuttle stops and picks up at the following Martin County locations:

- St. Lucie Mobile Home Park, 11500 SW Kanner Hwy, Indiantown
- Walmart Supercenter (Stuart), 4001 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart
- Publix at Wedgewood Commons, 3304 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart

The all-white shuttle can serve up to 25 passengers at one time comfortably. According to Chris Stephenson, transportation director at Senior Resource Association, ridership of the free Saturday service ranges from 15 to 30. Riders usually spend a few hours in town before taking the shuttle back to Indiantown.

Senior Resource Association administers the program with funding through a two-year \$50,000 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation and a \$12,000 match from the Village of Indiantown. Senior Resource Association contracts Martin Community Coach to operate the service. Service is currently expected to continue through April of 2022.

For more information on the service, call 772-469-2063. To contact the shuttle operator, Jim Schaub, directly, call 954-990-5438 or 772-882-1913.

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Indiantown is a rural community in Florida's Treasure Coast. First established in the early 1900s, then incorporated on December 31, 2017, Florida's youngest municipality hosts a diverse population of roughly 6,000 residents. While it may be small, its resident engagement is exemplary and its potential for community building and new business opportunity is large. The Village mission seeks to enable economic prosperity and business while building pride and cohesion through hands-on self-governance. www.indiantownfl.gov

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