

# G.I.T.Co. GAZETTE



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## Vehicles and Lessees

With the disposal of two previously leased vehicles, G.I.T.Co.'s fleet is comprised of 26 vehicles. Lessees and the year each began leasing one or more vehicle(s) are shown below:

Paraquad	2003
St. Louis Project Club	2003
St. Louis Society	2003
Jazz Transportation	2005
TouchPoint Autism Services	2005
Y.W.C.A. of Metro St. Louis	2007
Pathways to Independence	2009
Southside Wellness Center, Inc.	2009

## Question and Answer

*How can battery drain be reduced?* Because most G.I.T.Co. vehicles are conversion vehicles, there is a greater drain on the battery or batteries when the vehicle isn't being used. This occurs because of the additional electrical components in the vehicle. One way to reduce the amount of drain on a battery is to clear off the dirt which accumulates on the battery cover. Another way is by clearing corrosion off of the battery terminals with baking soda.



**Thank You Firestone!**

The manager of the Firestone located next door to G.I.T.Co. has allowed staff to park overflow vehicles in its back parking lot. G.I.T.Co. is exceedingly grateful for this allowance and is giving Firestone a hearty "Thank you" for extending this courtesy.



## FY12 Lease Renewal Training & Inspections

Two dates at the beginning of May 2011 have been set aside to review alterations in the FY12 Master Vehicle Lease (Lease). Those dates and times are:

Wednesday, May 4, 2011  
from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 5, 2011  
from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



During the training, processes and procedures affecting lessees will be reviewed. As with prior fiscal years, any and all leased vehicles must be inspected before any Lease can be renewed. The inspection which will be performed on each vehicle is one with which lessees are already familiar. It is known as the G.I.T.Co. Vehicle Inspection. All inspections will occur at one designated repair shop. Since G.I.T.Co. still needs to view all leased vehicles before any renewal, Shannon Bremer, the G.I.T.Co. Management Team Project Monitor, will go to the repair shop and view the vehicle as it is being inspected. In the event her schedule does not coincide with the appointment, she will make arrangements to examine the vehicle(s) with the appropriate lessee at an agreeable location and time. All inspections must be completed by Wednesday, June 29, 2011. Leased vehicles can be inspected prior to the training dates in May! This lease review session is mandatory for each and every lessee.



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