

COMMUNITY EVENTS

City of Duarte Cool Summer Nights in the Park Concerts in the Park

Wednesday, July 9th & July 23rd
6:00-8:30pm
Duarte Park
1344 Bloomdale Street
Remember to bring your lawn chair or blanket!
Contact Letty Lopez 626-357-7931 for more information.
Take Foothill Transit Lines 187 or 272.

Puente Hills Concerts in the Park

Tuesdays, July 8 through August 19
7:00-9:00pm
Schabarum Regional Park
17250 E. Colima Road
A summer concert series featuring free musical concerts and fun for the whole family. Admission and parking are free. Food, beverages, and ice-cream available. For more information call 626.336.4937.
Take Foothill Transit Lines 185, 280, 285, 482

Not too many people got last month's trivia challenge. believe it or not, the first gasoline pump was made out of a wooden barrel in 1885. Ignacio Pineda of Los Angeles was the lucky winner so he'll be getting a free 31-Day pass. This month's topic is MUSIC. Good luck!

Please limit entries to ONE per customer.

We pick one winner at random from all the correct answers we receive. Duplicate entries could get you disqualified, so no monkey business. Ok?

What game did Mozart like to play while he composed symphonies?

A: Chess

B: Poker

C: Billiards

D: Tennis

As always, employees of Foothill Transit contractors and their families are not eligible to win.

Send your answers to Footnotes, c/o Foothill Transit, 100 S. Vincent Ave., Suite 200, West Covina, CA 91790. Please include your personal information, so we can let you know if you've won.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Foothill Transit Line #: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

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Yes. It's hot.

Summertime in SoCal is legendary for great weather...at the beach. Here in the valley we bake in triple digits. Here are some tips to keep safely cool.

It sneaks up on us sometimes. Maybe we caught the bus super early while it was still cool out. Maybe we were in a rush. Now it's time to go home and you're walking outside to your stop and wham, the late afternoon heat just washes over you. It's even coming up at you from the pavement. Suddenly, those black suit pants and dark shirt you're wearing seem like a really bad idea. What's worse, you may be stuck waiting in the sun.

Summertime isn't any different than winter when it comes to dressing the part - you need to know what's coming and be prepared for it. Here are a few tips to keep you cooler when out and about:

Drink more fluids (nonalcoholic), regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.

Stay in the shade or bring your own with an umbrella or hat. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose fitting clothing.

Stay indoors whenever possible. Check in on your elderly neighbors to make sure they're ok.

Keep track of the weather and stay informed. Don't get caught outside in hot weather unprepared.

Also, a little known fact - the bus air conditioners recirculate the air inside, efficiently cooling down the bus fast and easy. With the doors opening all the time, it's important that the system work well to keep you comfortable. Opening windows and letting in warmer air makes that system work too hard and can lead to break downs. We all love a good breeze, but this summer, keep it at the beach. Your fellow passengers will thank you.

Thank you for riding Foothill Transit!

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The third annual National Dump the Pump Day was a resounding success!

About 8,000 of you boarded Foothill Transit buses on June 19th using the Foothill Transit Dump the Pump coupon.

Thanks to each and every one of you, the third annual National Dump the Pump Day was a solid success!

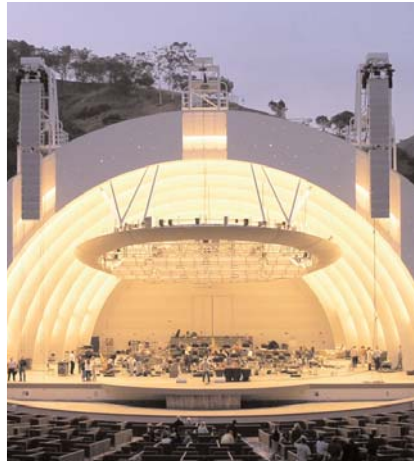
We had Transit Ambassadors stationed at key transit hubs across the region to help all the new customers who were eager to try transit - some of them for the very first time! The stories we've heard back have been wonderful. Thanks for taking the time to chat with us about why transit is helping you save

money and the environment.

But now to the nitty gritty. If you filled out a survey to get your free ride coupon, you were entered into a contest for a free Foothill Transit 31-Day Pass. The winner was selected at random from all the completed entries we received. And the winner is...

PETER MA!

Peter, thanks for choosing Foothill Transit for your daily commute and for participating in National Dump the Pump Day. To all our new riders (and we've seen you out there, welcome aboard!), this issue of *Footnotes* is for you. We're highlighting some of the basics you need to know about your daily commute on Foothill Transit. All of these can be found in our Bus Book or at foothilltransit.org. And when in doubt? Call us at 1-800-RIDE-INFO. Thank you for riding Foothill Transit.



Bowling for dollars

Take Foothill Transit to your favorite Hollywood Bowl events

Rising gas prices and parking fees (\$15! Yikes!), not to mention the hassle of traffic, parking, and then trying to find your car at the end of the evening, maybe you're even leaving the show early just so you don't have to spend half an hour behind the wheel trying to get out of the parking lot - how is any of that entertaining?

Let Foothill Transit's premier service to the Hollywood Bowl help you get the most out of your evening, saving you both time and money.

The cost is \$5.00 round trip, which may be purchased in advance through the Hollywood Bowl box office. Seating may be limited, so please call ahead to reserve your space. Event information is located at hollywoodbowl.com. Bus departure schedules and locations for events are available at foothilltransit.org. See you there!

The Return of Bus Basics

Making the most of your transit experience...every day.

We're seeing a lot of new people on our buses - not just new to Foothill Transit, but new to public transit in general. So we thought it'd be a good idea to revisit an oldie but goodie from the Foothill Transit Archives - **Bus Basics**.

This is good info for both new and regular customers like. For some of you it will be news, for others this is old hat. To everyone - thanks for your patience. Public transit has never been so popular, and with good reason. Everyone is feeling the pinch of high gas prices. If you follow the basics below, your commute with us will go a lot smoother.

Here's how to make every trip with us safe and enjoyable:

When waiting for a bus, stand on the sidewalk or inside the bus shelter - never stand in the street.

Fold strollers and carts before entering the bus, then store them next to you out of the aisle.

Please pay the correct fare - always show proper identification for a discounted fare.

Use headphones when listening to music.

No eating, drinking, smoking, or littering.

No flammable-fueled vehicles are allowed on the bus or in the bike racks.

Service animals are the only animals allowed on board.

Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before exiting.

Take everything off the bus that you carried on, including newspapers and trash.

Never cause any safety problems.

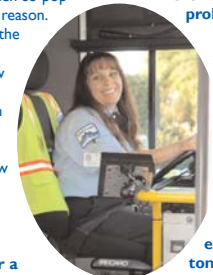
Always respect your bus driver, fellow passengers, and Foothill Transit property.

We will not tolerate acts or comments that could be perceived as threatening to another customer or bus operator; our employees will contact the police for assistance if they deem it necessary.

If you see anything suspicious, report it to your bus operator immediately.

Customers may anonymously report suspicious activity to local law enforcement and Foothill Transit Safety and Security at 626-931-7218 or via e-mail at reportcrime@foothilltransit.org.

Thank you for riding Foothill Transit!



Want more transit options? The state is taking \$1.4 billion away from public transit this year. Ouch.

It seems like the perfect storm of mobility issues- high gas prices, the economy in general, and air-choking traffic congestion. More than ever, people are clamoring for transportation alternatives that will help mend our local environment as well as save them some serious cash.

We here at Foothill Transit are keenly aware of what our communities need. But let's face facts - those skyrocketing fuel prices are sapping our fuel accounts too, buses don't grow on trees, and even if they did, we'd need an expanded workforce to run them.

Public transportation is able to do what it does because of money. Public money, specifically - a good portion of which comes to us from the State of California. Fare revenues provide only about 25% of our operating costs and none of our capital costs (such as purchasing new buses). Public funds must pay for everything else.

Now we come to the crux of the situation - although the public needs more transit alternatives, especially here in LA, the new state budget proposes divert \$1.4 billion from the Public Transportation Account, two years after Californians overwhelmingly passed Proposition 1A to protect and expand public transit funding.

Demand for more public transit has never been greater, but our ability to meet that demand is threatened by a budget process that, over the past decade, has taken \$4 billion away from public transportation.

The primary source of state funding for transit comes from the sales tax on gasoline, funds that accrue especially quickly when gas prices are high. This funding source was created specifically to address the kind of fuel crisis we are currently experiencing where high prices at the pump should translate into more transit alternatives and funds for transit's own fuel needs. However, these are the very funds that are proposed to be diverted in the budget.

Customers interested in voicing their views on these issues should contact their local state representatives or the governor's office at 916-445-2841, via fax at 916-558-3160, or online at <http://gov.ca.gov/interact>.