

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Puente Hills Concerts in the Park

Tuesdays, July 10-August 21  
7:00-9:00pm  
Schabarum Regional Park  
Azusa & Colima Rd  
Rowland Heights  
Family entertainment series featuring different music styles each Tuesday from the Amazing Platters to Mariachi Divas and Rock & Roll  
For more information, call 626-336-4937 or www.concertsinthepark.com  
Take Lines 178, 185, 280, 281, 285, and 482.

## Project Amiga Midsummer Night Award Concert

Wednesday, July 25  
6:00-9:00pm  
Cathedral of Our Lady  
555 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles  
Event features a silent auction, music, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and dancing. All proceeds benefit Project Amiga Youth Reliance & Job Connection Program and Literacy Program benefiting low income, at risk youth and teen moms and dads.  
For more information call 626-401-1395  
Take the Silver Streak.

Tons of you had barbeque on the brain and know your grill lore. It's that time of year! This month's 31-Day Pass winner was Chibueze Anidi of Pomona. Congratulations, Chibueze! This month's topic is simple and relevant. Let's talk about HEAT.

**Please limit entries to ONE per customer. ONE. Only ONE. Not two. Not five. ONE. We dig your enthusiasm. But let's play fair, ok?**

**Did you know that this year has recorded the hottest average temperature for the region since they began keeping temperature records over a hundred years ago? The government body responsible for our knowledge of the weather is the National Weather Service. But which United States President started it?**

- A. Harry Truman
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. Ulysses S. Grant
- D. None of the above! Queen Victoria

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
I ride Line # \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Some like it hot.

And some do not. The summer heat is upon us and smart transiteers know how to protect themselves. Would you go out in a rainstorm without an umbrella? California sun requires the same kind of precaution. Read on for some helpful summer transit tips...

- 1** When it's hot, wear white. White shirts. White pants. White hats. White reflects the sun's ray and thus, its heat. It's the color of cool.
- 2** Along with wearing white, you should make sure your clothes are loose. Tight fitting garments insulate your body's heat. You want your skin to breathe a little.
- 3** If you are going to be waiting for a bus at a busy stop or stop that doesn't have a shelter, bring an umbrella. An umbrella is portable shade. And the ultimate summer accessory.
- 4** Hydrate! Drink water. Lots of it. Your body uses up water faster in extreme heat. If you know you're going to be outside for a while, drink plenty of water ahead of time.
- 5** These rules are especially important on the weekends, when the bus schedules have fewer trips. If you miss your ride, the wait for the next one will be longer than it would be during the week. Taking the time to plan ahead will make a big difference in both your comfort and your mood. Remember that everyone is in the same boat. Everyone needs to keep a cool head, in more ways than one.

**One other note of importance:**  
Keep the windows closed. Bus air conditioning systems circulate the air. If the windows are closed, it cools the air faster and more efficiently. If the windows are open, it has to work twice as hard and takes a really long time to cool you down.

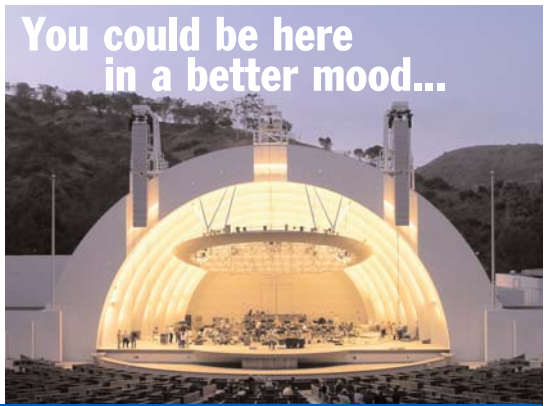


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We love traffic so you don't have to. Well, kind of. Traffic can bring out the worst in even the calmest commuter. So why not leave the driving to the professionals? Plus rising gas prices, parking fees, and then trying to find your car at the end of the evening - how is that entertaining?

The 2007 Hollywood Bowl summer concert season is in full swing until to September 30th, and includes presentations of classical music by the Los Angeles Philharmonic; popular weekend shows with the Philharmonic and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra; jazz; world music; pop; rock; and special presentations, as well as family and educational programs.

If you haven't figured it out yet, Foothill Transit's special service to the Hollywood Bowl is THE way to get to your favorite concerts and fireworks shows. And we make it super easy. Visit [foothilltransit.org](http://foothilltransit.org) one week prior to your event to see where and when you need to board.

Hollywood Bowl Service on Foothill Transit is a \$5.00 round trip fare that 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 conveniently located on the Hollywood Bowl website at [hollywoodbowl.com](http://hollywoodbowl.com). Hollywood Bowl Service schedules and locations will be posted to [foothilltransit.org](http://foothilltransit.org) prior to each concert.

Departure Locations:	
Arcadia Park	Lot 13, Line 663 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. South of Huntington Drive. Bus stop in the parking lot.
Lakewood Center Mall	Lot 10, Line 660 Lakewood Blvd. and Candlewood St. Parking off Candlewood and Graywood. Bus stop in lot.
Pasadena	Lot 5, Line 655 NE corner of Marengo Ave. and Ramona St. Entrance off Ramona St.
Rowland Heights	Lot 14, Line 665 Schabarum Regional Park E. Colima Rd. and Azusa Ave. Parking off Colima Rd. Bus stop in the parking lot.

## West Covina Transit Store *We've moved!*

100 South Vincent Avenue  
2nd Floor  
M-F - 8:30 AM to 6PM  
First and Last Saturdays - 10AM-2PM

In case you haven't visited us in West Covina for a while, you may want to take note - we're not on Barranca Ave. anymore. (Yes, we know the sign is still on the building. We're working on getting that removed to avoid further confusion.)

The new address, we hope, will be more convenient since it's across the street and down the road from several major transit points for Foothill Transit lines (including the Silver Streak). The hours are different than the old store, opening 90 minutes earlier than the old Store, but shutting down a full hour earlier.

We do encourage you to stop by the new West Covina location if you haven't already. We went to great lengths to make a roomy and welcoming Transit Store. It's modern and beautiful - though both of those points are moot without you around to enjoy it. If timing is an issue, we encourage you to try one of our five other Transit Stores. For example, our Puente Hills Mall Store is open until 9PM Monday through Friday. Or maybe our Duarte Store, which is open until 7PM. Though if you can,

We do apologize if the move has caused any confusion. But we do look forward to your input on the new space and how we can make it even better.

# Fair Fares for Foothill Transit

This is the second article in what is going to be a long series of pieces regarding our possible fare increases. Last month, we touched on some pretty broad financial issues that are affecting public transportation both locally and statewide. This month we're going to get a little more specific and answer some questions we've received. The big one is "Are you going to raise your fares?" We'll answer that one first...

Dear Foothill Transit,

So, are you going to raise your fares?

Signed, Straight Shooter

Dear SS - The canned answer we've been giving is, we're not sure yet. We can say with a great degree of confidence that it is highly likely. But the final decision will be based on input from you, the transit riding public. We will be announcing public meetings here in *Footnotes*, on the website, and on our buses. We wish we could just say yes or no, but things change on a dime these days. We will keep you posted. We promise.

Dear Foothill Transit,

I pay my fare everyday. I see other people pay their fares everyday. Before I give you any more of my hard-earned money, I want to know what exactly you're doing with it.

Signed, Fed Up

Dear Fed - This question requires a little more background on how public transportation is paid for. Yes, you do pay a fare each time you board. But did you know that if we relied entirely on fares to pay for the service, we'd have to charge closer to \$4 per trip for local service and that express fares would be substantially higher? That's where our government comes in. Seventy-five percent of our public transportation operations are paid for by public money. Foothill Transit provides one of the most efficient transit services in the country, but even with smart planning and efficient service, we're still expecting to run a deficit in a year or so. Why? That public money that funds the majority of the service is starting to get cut. And we all know that nothing gets cheaper over time. Fuel prices, insurance costs, maintenance, and safety considerations all add up to an increasingly expensive service. We pay it gladly, but can't

write a check on good intentions. The money we take in from the farebox also has another bonus attached to it - the more we take in, the more we get from the local funding allocation. That's partly why L.A. Metro raised their fares, and it's a big part of why we'll have to.

Dear Foothill Transit,

Don't you have any other options than raising our fares? I mean, can't you just get money from another source? Or maybe cut some service?

Signed, Problem Solver

Dear PS. - Cutting service is something we've explored with reservation. If we cut too much service, we lose funding. If we cut too little, it won't make a dent in our costs. If we do propose a service reduction, we intend to make it as painless as possible for everyone. Low performing lines are currently being reevaluated. A careful review of peak times is being examined. And as always, any proposed changes will be run by the public first. We are exploring all options. The sad truth is still the same - costs are going up and money is drying up. It's time to cinch our belts.

Dear Foothill Transit,

I heard that you may be raising fares just because the MTA raised theirs. What gives?

Signed, Really Curious

Dear R.C. - The Los Angeles MTA (also known as Metro) is facing a grim financial future of deficits and budget issues. We've all had some tough choices to make and in their position, we can't say we wouldn't have done the same. Like we said before, a large portion of public funding is allocated to agencies using a formula partly based on how much money the agency takes in. By raising their fares, Metro is getting a much larger piece of that public funding pie. The trouble is, that funding pie is only so big, and if Foothill Transit doesn't act to ensure that its piece at least stays the same, we'll lose a significant amount of funding. Metro is doing what it has to, and so are we. Otherwise we're all going to be in a giant hole with no way out.