

Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson probably had no idea that over 200 years after they created the Declaration of Independence, it would be used as a way to reward Tina Solis, who rides the 187, with a free 31-Day Pass. The correct answer to July's question can be found at www.ushistory.org. Know your history! August's topic is BIRTHDAYS. Good luck!

Remember that all correct answers received by the last Friday of the month will be placed in a drawing for a free Foothill Transit 31-day pass! As always, employees of Foothill Transit contractors and their families are not eligible.

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?

Julia Child was born on August 15, 1912. What other famous cooking icon shares her birthday?

- A. Anthony Bourdain
- B. Betty Crocker
- C. Crisco
- D. Alton Brown
- E. The Cuisinart

Send your answers to Footnotes, c/o Foothill Transit, 100 N. Barranca Ave., Suite 100, West Covina, CA 91791. Please include your personal information, so we can let you know if you've won.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

1 ride Line #: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

Diamond Bar Concerts in the Park

Through August 9

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sycamore Canyon Park

22930 Golden Springs Dr.

For more information, call 909-

839-7070

Puente Hills Concerts in the Park

Through August 22

Tuesdays

7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Schabarum Regional Park (Azusa &

Colima Road)

For more information, call 626-

336-4937

La Puente Concerts in the Park

Through August 30

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

La Puente Park

501 Glendora Ave.

For more information, call 626-

855-1561

Concerts

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Foothill Fashions

Wow. It's ridiculously hot out.

Safe summer fashion and a little planning will help you keep your cool.

If you started taking Foothill Transit prior to the heatwave, you've probably missed one of the most unheralded benefits of taking public transportation: no more burning your hands on the steering wheel. It's been so hot lately that birds are using potholders to pull worms out of the ground and cows are giving evaporated milk.

All joking aside though, this summer it would behoove all of us to take some extra precautions while waiting for our next ride. Here are some handy tips to help ease your discomfort and keep you safe in the summer heat.

- 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.



The Age of Innocence

It's true. We'll remember with some nostalgia about how bus stops were announced by each bus operator in their own unique way. We'll remark on how agency staff used to hand-count customer boardings. Or how you never used to know when your bus was coming. The list of memories will go on and on and we'll laugh and wonder how we ever lived without SMARTBus.

Customers may begin to notice a few changes this month. Maybe you'll see a scrolling message screen or hear a smooth digital voice announcing the next stop. Just a few subtle alterations to your usual bus ride. The big changes will become apparent towards the end of this year, but perhaps more to us than to you.

You see, SMARTBus will let us see where every bus is in



our system at any time. It will show us when they are on time and when they are late. It will let us know why a bus may be late, like a traffic snarl or a large pickup of customers at a particular stop. When you call 1-800-RIDE-INFO for your itinerary, they'll be able to tell you when the next bus will hit your stop. And if you visit our transit stores, you'll have a chance to see SMARTBus in action on big LCD screens that map out the Foothill Transit system in glowy digital glory.

While change is good, change will also be slow. Plenty of testing and training will be happening in the next few months to ensure the system is working properly and that the people who use it can access the right information. In the meantime, sit back, relax, and take in your surroundings. You'll be able to tell your kids about how back in your day when you rode the bus, it didn't talk, didn't have satellite mapping, and didn't have digital anything, and they'll shake their heads in disbelief.

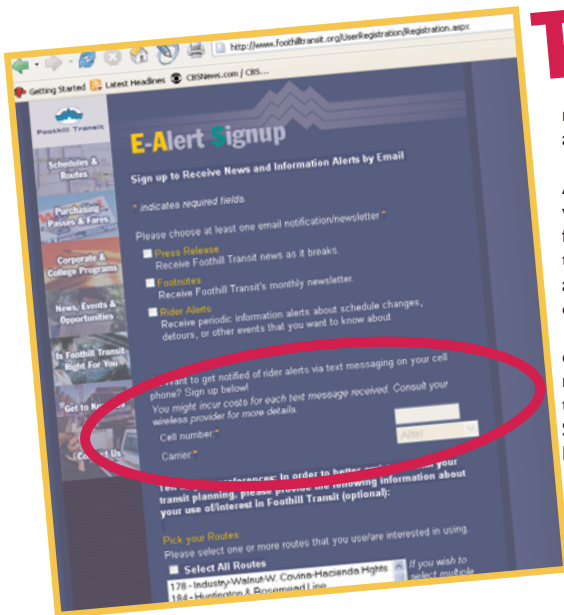
Soon we'll be reminiscing about "way back when..."

Texttastic!

Now get important Foothill Transit news sent directly to your cell phone! Text alerts are now live at foothilltransit.org!

But say you've already signed up for E-Alerts. You know, the old fashioned kind? No worries. Log in to the E-Alert System at foothilltransit.org and click to add text alerts to your cell phone. You'll only get the news and information you've told us you want. The only difference is now you'll get it on the go.

Or if e-mail is really your preferred choice, that's fine too. The only difference is now you have an extra option. To text or not to text? That is the question. The rest is easy. Sign up today! And thank you for riding Foothill Transit!



Last Chance!

Three meetings and a few weeks of e-mail...

These public information meetings we've been holding to gauge customer feedback about the Silver Streak and proposed service changes for 2007 have been incredibly helpful. So many of you have reached out and provided both praise and criticism of the proposals and have made suggestions that assist us make meaningful changes to what will become our final recommendation to the Foothill Transit Governing Board.

We still have three meetings left in August, which we hope will provide more customer insight. Foothill Transit welcomes customer input in the planning process. You are an integral part of how we structure our service, especially with big changes like the Silver Streak. If you haven't had a chance to read up on the proposed changes, head over to foothilltransit.org. The details are under the Latest News heading.

If you can't make a meeting, no sweat. Send us an e-mail, a FAX, or write to us. We'll be accepting customer comments on these proposed changes until August 31st. We'll review everything, make changes, and then present everything to the Foothill Transit Governing Board in September. If the proposal is approved, the changes will launch in March of 2007.

Thanks to everyone who has participated so far. We appreciate the effort and thank you for riding Foothill Transit.

Hollywood Bowl Service Locations

Arcadia Park	Lot 12, 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 15, Line 665 Schabarum Regional Park E. Colima Rd. and Azusa Ave. Parking off Colima Rd. Bus stop on Colima Rd.

You have until August 31st to get your comments in!
E-mail us at servicechanges@foothilltransit.org,
FAX us at 626-915-1143, or send a letter to the address on the front of Footnotes.

Public Hearings/Audencias Publicas:

Wednesday, August 23rd, 6:30 p.m.
San Dimas City Hall, Council Chambers
245 E. Bonita Ave., San Dimas
Take Lines 189, 492, 284

Public Meetings/Audencias Publicas:

Wednesday, August 9th, 6:30 p.m.
El Monte Station
Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector
3369 Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte
Take Lines 178, 269, 480, 481, 482, 486, 488, 492, 494

Wednesday, August 16th, 6:30 p.m.
Joslyn Senior Center
660 N. Mountain Ave., Claremont
Take Lines 855, 492

August and September Something to remember...

Summer isn't over yet! And according to the Hollywood Bowl you still have until the end of September to enjoy some of the amazing talents of entertainers and musicians like Willie Nelson and Al Jarreau. Well, not at the same time, but wouldn't that be cool if they were?

Foothill Transit pick up locations are listed on the left. Schedules are on the website. Front page. Look under Latest News. We post them about a week ahead of the event date. And it's cheap! See you there!

