



Club Rideshare

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'Tis the Season of (Ride)sharing

Ridesharing and the holidays go hand in hand—because when you share the ride, you'll have more time, money and energy for holiday fun! Here are a few rideshare events and opportunities coming up soon...

Stuff a Bus with Toys

Help firefighters and transit agencies "stuff a bus" full of new toys for needy families as part of the annual **Spark of Love Toy Drive**. The Orange County toy donation event is Dec. 14 at the Honda Center in Anaheim.

You can also drop off toys on Nov. 17 at any Walmart store, or from Nov. 12-Dec. 24 at your local participating fire station.

\$10 Rides on Holidays

It's only \$10/day to ride **Metrolink** anywhere it goes all day on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. On holidays, Metrolink operates on its Sunday schedule, so check times carefully.

Take Metrolink to the Festival of Lights

Metrolink will offer special service to the Festival of Lights at the Mission Inn in Riverside. On Fridays and Saturdays Nov. 23-Dec. 15, trains will leave Orange County starting at 3 p.m., returning after 8 p.m. Free shuttles carry passengers between the Riverside-Downtown Station and the event.

The Festival of Lights features more than 5 million holiday lights, 400 animated figures, horse-drawn carriage rides, Santa Claus—and even the world's largest man-made mistletoe!

Find schedule information at metrolinktrains.com.

"Why I Rideshare"

Richard Marquez started carpooling three years ago when his wife, Carmen, took a job near where he works for OC Social Services in Santa Ana. Richard says saving money on gas is only one of the many benefits of ridesharing. "We have time to enjoy each other's company," he says. "Plus, taking the carpool lane is faster than the regular lane. And safer too—you're not weaving in and out trying to pass other cars."



Important News on Perk Pass

The Rideshare Office will be mailing out next year's Perk Passes in December. If you've moved in the past year, be sure to update your address information with the Rideshare Office so you'll receive your new card. Email current address info to rideshare@ocgov.com.

Perk Pass allows you to use payroll deduction to **pay for bus fare with pre-tax dollars**, reducing your overall taxable income.

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Introducing OC Flex

OC Flex is a new curb-to-curb shuttle that serves portions of Orange County. With OC Flex, you simply book a ride, get picked up and share your ride, then get dropped off. You can take unlimited rides for just \$4.50 a day (with the OC Flex mobile app) or \$5 cash onboard.

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is introducing OC Flex as a pilot project in two areas. The initial launch areas are parts of Huntington Beach and Westminister, and parts of Aliso Viejo, Laguna Niguel and Mission Viejo.

Find out more and download the app at octa.net/ocflex.

Thanks for Turning in Your Surveys!

The annual transportation survey conducted last month lets us know how many employees are ridesharing and provides information so we can see where we need to improve.

If you checked "yes" to receiving a RideGuide on the survey, you'll soon be receiving a full list of your updated commute options, including potential carpools, vanpool seats, bus/rail routing, Park & Ride lots and more—handy if you're looking to add riders or switch up your commute.

All employees who turned in a survey were entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. Congratulations to the 10 lucky winners:

- Guillermo Balderas, Superior Court
- Arcie Palomo, Social Services Agency
- Juan Chavez, Probation Department
- Kevin Oxford, OC Waste & Recycling
- Elvia Cortez-Villanueva, Social Services Agency
- Martin Gomez, Sheriff-Coroner
- Susan Miller, OC Community Resources
- Stella Rodarte, Health Care Agency
- Nilda Silva, County Executive Offices
- Leila Holtzen, OC Public Works



Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

We'd like to extend a big "congrats" and thanks for ridesharing to September winners of the Club Rideshare monthly prize drawing of \$25:

- Andrea Gaunt, Superior Court
- Rick Valadez, Superior Court
- Nathan Reynolds, Public Defenders Office



Ride & Win Tickets to Disneyland



Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) is giving away tickets and bus passes to the Happiest Place on Earth. To be entered into the drawing, ride an RTA bus any time through Dec. 16, then tell RTA about your experience.

The top winner gets four Disneyland tickets and 30-Day bus passes good on all bus routes, including RTA's CommuterLink Express Route 200 which provides direct service to the park (and other areas of Orange County).

Second prize is two Disneyland tickets and 30-Day bus passes.

For contest details and to enter, go to riversidetransit.com.



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