

Don't fill it up—Dump the Pump! *Ride BART on "Dump the Pump Day" June 21*

Join BART in celebrating the Second Annual National Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, June 21.

Dump the Pump Day is dedicated to raising awareness that public transportation helps improve the environment and conserve fuel. It also offers the opportunity for people to beat the high price of gasoline and support public transportation as a service that helps reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

Tell your friends to park their cars on June 21

and give BART a try instead.

In 2006, Americans took 10.1 billion trips on public transportation—the highest ridership level in 49 years. From 1995 through 2006, public transportation ridership increased by 30 percent, a growth rate higher than the 12 percent increase in US population and higher than the 24 percent growth in use of the nation's highways over the same period.



So walk, bike or take the bus to BART and Dump the Pump!

Stop guzzling gas, Ride BART!

- Each year, public transportation use in the U.S. saves 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline. This represents almost 4 million gallons of gasoline per day.
- The typical public transit rider consumes, on average, half the oil consumed by an automobile driver.
- Each year, households using public transportation save over \$1,399 worth of gas.
- Public transportation produces 95% less carbon monoxide, 90% less volatile organic compounds, and nearly 50% less carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide, per passenger mile than private vehicles.



Spare the Air, ride BART for free!

Ride BART free until 1 p.m. on the first four "Spare the Air" days (excluding holidays and weekends) occurring between June 1 and October 12, 2007! Anyone entering a BART station before 1 p.m. can ride free on these days.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) are

partnering with BART and 32 other transit agencies throughout the region to provide these free transit rides.

BART and other rail systems (CalTrain, ACE) and ferries will be free until 1:00 p.m. All regional bus systems will be free all day. Keep the air as clean as possible by taking the bus, walking or riding your bike to the BART station.

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Declare independence from your car! *Ride BART to Fourth of July events*

Fighting traffic can dampen the July 4th spirit quicker than summer fog in San Francisco. Celebrate your independence from congested streets, parking hassles and skyrocketing gas prices—ride BART to the festivities!

San Francisco patriotically celebrates Independence Day with an afternoon line-up of popular local bands from 1:30-9:30 p.m. at Pier 39. Immediately following the onstage entertainment, a spectacular fireworks display, sponsored by the City of San Francisco, will take place over San Francisco Bay starting at approximately 9:30.

Enjoy the show from anywhere along the waterfront: Pier 39, Fisherman's Wharf or Aquatic Park.

Take BART to Embarcadero Station, then hop on Muni's historic F line street car along the Embarcadero and enjoy Fourth of July in San Francisco.

Due to construction zones with safety hazards, there will be no fireworks display at Jack London Square this year. During the day, however, head to Jack London Square for a good old

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Daily fee parking in BART lots will be free and no validation will be required on Spare the Air days, but all reserved/permit parking regulations and other parking regulations will be enforced. All other BART rules will also be in effect, including no eating or drinking. Bike rules will be enforced, as well.

The free transit promotion ends on October 12 or following the fourth free ride Spare the Air day of the 2007 season, whichever comes first. This project is made possible by funds from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program and Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA)/Air District funding.

For more information, visit sparetheair.org or 511.org. You can receive advance notification of Spare the Air days by registering for "Air Alerts" at sparetheair.org.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District declares a Spare the Air day when it expects air pollution to reach unhealthy concentrations, which typically occur on hot, windless days. Spare the Air advisories are issued the afternoon before a Spare the Air day.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area.

MTC (www.mtc.ca.gov) is the transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

3 Ways to Spare the Air

1. Drive less.

Cars are the major source of air pollution in the Bay Area. Before jumping into your vehicle to run an errand or go to work, consider alternative means of transportation. Can you get to your destination by walking, biking, or BART?

2. Take public transit.

Take transit and let someone else deal with the traffic. Treat yourself to a stress-free commute on BART!

3. Carpool or vanpool to the BART station

Don't drive alone to the BART station, find a carpool partner. It'll make parking easier, and you can take turns driving and give yourselves a break from road-stress a few days a week.

For more helpful tips on sparing the air, visit www.sparetheair.org/tips.htm.

GOOD TIMES

JuneTeenth Festival and Parade

Fillmore St. from Geary Blvd. south to Fulton St.
www.sjuneteenth.org or 415/ 931-2729
BART: Montgomery; Muni 38-Geary to Fillmore
Saturday-Sunday, June 16-17, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.: JuneTeenth celebrates African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures. Seven blocks of food, arts and crafts, and information booths; three stages of entertainment; speakers; health and job fair.

Berkeley Juneteenth Festival

Alcatraz/Adeline corridor, Berkeley
www.berkeleyjuneteenth.org
BART: Ashby
Sunday, June 17, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
The Berkeley Juneteenth Festival highlights African American culture, and is an all American celebration with diverse attendance and participation by all Bay Area communities.

The 23rd Annual Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo

Rowell Ranch Rodeo Grounds
2711 Dublin Canyon Road, Hayward
www.billpickettrodeo.com or 510/430-1744
BART: Dublin/Pleasanton; shuttle to rodeo
Saturday-Sunday, July 7-8: Named after a black cowboy who invented the rodeo event known as bulldogging, this rodeo celebrates black Western heritage.

Great Men of Genius

Berkeley Rep, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley
www.berkeleyrep.org or 510/647-2949
BART: Downtown Berkeley
Through July 1: Renowned performer Mike Daisey takes us on a wild ride with a series of monologues about the brilliance and madness of four masterminds: P.T. Barnum, Bertolt Brecht, L. Ron Hubbard and Nikola Testa.

Paved Paradise: Perspectives on Human Nature by Contra Costa Youth

Bedford Gallery, Leshner Center for the Arts
1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek
www.bedfordgallery.org or 925/295-1417
BART: Walnut Creek
Through July 22: High-school-age artists present their visions of the relationship between themselves and the world, especially the effect of human "progress" on our natural surroundings.

Matisse: Painter as Sculptor

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
151 Third St., San Francisco
www.sfmoma.org or 415/357-4000
BART: Powell or Montgomery
Through Sept. 16: Henri Matisse was known for his paintings and works on paper, but he was also an accomplished sculptor whose radical style left lasting marks on modern art history. The first U.S. examination of his sculpture in nearly 40 years.

Take BART to 2007 SF Pride Celebration

The 37th Annual San Francisco LGBT Pride Parade and Celebration hits the streets Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24. Join the party all weekend long at San Francisco's Civic Center.

SF Pride is two days of music, food and fun. The celebration area will be open Saturday from noon until 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. The parade begins Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Market and Beale Streets.

One of the world's largest gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender events, SF Pride attracts in excess of one million people. Beat the traffic, take BART to the celebration and parade. Exit BART at Civic Center Station and you'll be right in the middle of the action.

For more info, visit sfpride.org. Plan your BART trip at bart.gov.

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fashioned BBQ competition. Vendors and merchants will be on hand to cater to BBQ lovers of all ages. Taste great BBQ and enjoy live musical entertainment and dancing. Visit www.jacklondonsquare.com for more information.

To get to Jack London Square, take BART to Oakland City Center/12th Street and stroll down Broadway, or transfer to an AC Transit bus. Visit actransit.org for bus schedules and information. Visit bart.gov to plan your BART trip.

