

Bike to work, skip the traffic, May 14

May 14 marks the San Francisco Bay Area's 15th annual Bike to Work Day when commuters will put aside their car keys, don a helmet and bike to work or to BART.



Visit bart.gov/bikes for Energizer Station information.

You can also visit bart.gov/bikes to sign up for the Team BART Bike Challenge and enter the Bike to Work Day raffle. If you pledge

"Energizer Stations" will be located at several BART stations to provide cyclists with complimentary treats, a reusable goodie bag, bicycle information, and good cheer!

to bike to work, school or play at least once during the month of May you'll get the chance to win a Larkspur Bicycle by Marin Bikes, a Novara Commuter Kit from REI and many other great bike-related prizes.

BART celebrates Asian Pacific American heritage



Take BART to the Asian Heritage Street Celebration

The 5th Annual Asian Heritage Street Celebration will be held Saturday, May 16 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The celebration takes place in front of the Asian Art Museum and stretches up to the Little Saigon District of San Francisco. Take BART...and you're there! Exit at Civic Center Station.

This year's fair features two stages of entertainment, food, arts and crafts, rides, games, prizes and much, much more.

From the General Manager

Bike to BART...

This month, the Bay Area celebrates the 15th anniversary of Bike to Work Day, a great opportunity to get out of your car and get some exercise by riding your bike to BART.

BART has been a longtime supporter of Bike to Work Day, but our commitment to cyclists extends well beyond a single day. We continue to work to make BART stations accessible to bicyclists all year long.

From the installation of electronic bike lockers that allow access to more cyclists each week to free attended bike parking at three stations, BART welcomes those who choose the environmentally-friendly option of biking to BART.



Standard bikes are permitted on most BART trains except in peak commute periods and directions (the BART "Fares and Schedules" brochure shows exactly which trains allow bikes). Or, join the growing number of cyclists using folding bikes, which are permitted on BART at all times.

Have a safe and happy Bike to Work Day,

Dorothy W. Dugger, General Manager



BART bike lockers go electric

Electronic bike lockers provide secure bike parking and increased bicycle storage capacity at BART stations. Approximately 200 lockers are currently available throughout the BART system and more are on the way.

The second phase of BART's electronic locker program will provide additional electronic lockers at 16 stations this year.

To use the electronic lockers, buy a smart card online or at a convenient vendor location.

Learn how to use electronic bicycle lockers, get a complete list of electronic bike locker locations or buy your smart card at bart.gov/bikes.

Free bike parking at three BART stations

Free, secure bike parking is available at the Downtown Berkeley, Embarcadero and Fruitvale BART stations. For more information, visit bart.gov/bikes, or you can check with the bike stations for hours and other services provided:

- **Downtown Berkeley BART bike station:** 510/548-7433 or bikestation.org.
- **Embarcadero BART bike station:** 415/834-1049 or bikestation.org.
- **Fruitvale BART bike station:** 510/536-2200

Carnaval sambas into the City



Take BART to 16th Street Mission or 24th Street Mission stations for Carnaval SF 2009, hitting the streets Memorial Day weekend: Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24.

Carnaval SF will again feature a two-day festival of vendors, food and live music on Harrison Street from 16th to 22nd Street. The Festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days

The Grand Parade kicks off Sunday morning at 9:30 at 24th and Bryant. Grandstand tickets are available for \$30. To order tickets visit carnavalsf.com, then forget about parking and traffic, take BART...and you're there.

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May Good Times calendar

White Gloves & Wolves Den: The Culture of Shopping in San Francisco

San Francisco Main Public Library, Sixth Floor
100 Larkin St. at Grove, www.sfpl.org

> BART: CIVIC CENTER

Through May 31: This exhibition highlights the I. Mag-nin, City of Paris, Square & Circle Club Collections, and the Junior League Archives, with additional selections from the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection -- supplemented by relics including shopping bags, brochures, advertisements, and fashion illustrations. Several additional exhibitions at the Main Library also feature fashion history and culture. Also on the sixth floor (Skylight Gallery): "House of Nat: Fashion Tips from the Schmulowitz Collection of Wit & Humor."

SFJAZZ High School All-Stars

with special guest Eric Harland
Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco
www.sfjazz.org

> BART: CIVIC CENTER

Sunday, June 7, 8 p.m.: Top student jazz musicians from the Bay Area and beyond, performing with acclaimed drummer Eric Harland.

Future of Sequoias: Sustaining Parklands in the 21st Century

Oakland Museum of California
10th and Oak streets,
www.museumca.org

> BART: 12TH STREET

Through Aug. 23: Deep in the forest primeval, explore the spectacular beauty of the Giant Sequoia, found nowhere on earth but California's Sierra Nevada.. Exhibit features photographs by Jeff Jones and prose by retired National Park Interpretative Ranger William C. Tweed, who share a deep respect and concern for the parks that harbor the magnificent trees.



Bay to Breakers

The Embarcadero to Ocean Beach, San Francisco
www.ingbaytobreakers.com

> BART: EMBARCADERO

Sunday, May 17, 8 a.m. (arrive before 7:15 a.m.): The legendary 7.46 mile (12 kilometer) race and, unofficially, performance art event features world-class athletes in addition to costumed runners and 'fun-loving' folks of all kinds. Preregister at the website above.



Yerba Buena Gardens Festival

Fourth and Mission streets, San Francisco
www.ybgf.org

> BART: POWELL OR MONTGOMERY

May-October: Free concerts all summer and through San Francisco's warmest season, September-October! Saturday, May 2, 1-2:30 p.m.: Na Lei Hulu I Ka We-kiu. Thursday, May 7, 6-7:30 p.m.: Kugeleplex. Saturday, May 9, 1-2:30 p.m.: The Glories of Arab Music. Sunday, May 10, 1-3 p.m.: Taiwan's O-Kai Singers and Hseih Yuwei Ensemble. Saturday, May 16, 8-9 p.m.: ShadowLight Productions/Wayang Bali. Saturday, May 23, 1-2:30 p.m.: The Sephardic Music Project. Thursday, June 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m.: Mads Tolling Quartet; 6-7:30 p.m.: Stairwell Sisters. Other arts/entertainment events: Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., East Garden: Artists Guild. Saturday, June 30, noon and 2:15 p.m.: Circus Bella. Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.: Israel in the Garden.

Celebrate Aging: Making Oakland a Great Place to Grow Old

National Older Americans Month Celebration
Frank N. Ogawa Plaza, 14th and Broadway, Oakland

> BART: 12TH STREET.

Friday, May 29, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Free event features guest speaker Danny Glover, live music, information tables, and a senior art exhibit.



BART Bike Rules

For complete BART Bike Rules, pick up a "BART Basics Guide" or visit bart.gov/bikes.

- Bikes are allowed on all trains except those trains shown in highlighted areas of the "BART Fares and Schedules" brochure.
- Regardless of any other rule, bikes are never allowed on crowded cars. Bikes are allowed in any car but the first car of a train.
- Bicyclists must use elevator or stairs, not escalators, and always walk bikes.
- Bicyclists under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
- Bikes must be parked in racks and lockers. Bikes parked against poles, fences or railings will be removed.

Embarcadero elevator repairs begin this month

Beginning May 4, repairs begin at the Embarcadero station elevator located near California and Drumm Streets. This elevator will be closed from May until August 2009. Customers who rely on elevators to access the Embarcadero station should use Montgomery Station as an alternative.

In September, the Montgomery Street station elevator at Sutter and Sansome will be closed for repairs and the Powell Street station elevator at Stockton and Ellis will be closed beginning in January 2010.

For more information, visit bart.gov or sfmta.com.