



Metrolink News and Events

L.A. at its Best: The Grand Avenue Festival

GRAND
AVENUE FESTIVAL



It's a party, and you're invited! The second Grand Avenue Festival kicks off Saturday, October 8, 2005. Local restaurants, theaters, art schools, museums, and other organizations will showcase the culture, food, and entertainment offerings of downtown Los Angeles. No doubt about it, Los Angeles will be the place to be for a day of free family entertainment.

Metrolink San Bernardino and Antelope Valley Line Saturday-service trains can be your magic carpets to all the fun! Why drive and pay for parking when Metrolink can deliver you right to the Metro Red Line subway, which puts you only one quick stop away from all the festival action?

The Grand Avenue Festival takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will fill four city blocks between 1st Street and 4th Street along Grand Avenue.

Highlights of the festival include the following:

- **"A Taste of Downtown L.A."** lets you sample delicious creations from notable restaurants.
- **The Music Center's annual Family Festival** features music, storytelling, and cultural dances.
- **USC celebrates its 125th anniversary** with jazz, stand-up comedy, salsa lessons, and musical theater.
- **The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)** offers free admission for all.
- **The Los Angeles Opera presents *Brundibár***, a children's opera about a young boy who, with the help of his animal friends, triumphs over the town bully.
- **The Los Angeles Philharmonic performs a tribute to Beethoven** at the world-renowned Walt Disney Concert Hall.

● **The Los Angeles Public Library's Performing Books series**

presents *The Remarkable Farkle McBride*, a delightful story written by John Lithgow.

- **Bert Green Fine Art presents Art Fair** on Grand Avenue.
- **The Roy and Edna Disney/CalArts Theater (RedCat)** features eclectic performances and offers free caricature drawings.

Most performances and events are free; tickets may be required for some venues. For more information on the Grand Avenue Festival, including activity schedules, visit http://downtownla.com/GAF_home.asp or call (213) 624-2146.

Saturday schedules and fares for Metrolink's San Bernardino and Antelope Valley Lines are available online at metrolinktrains.com or via telephone at (800) 371-LINK (5465).



The Great Train Adventure

Last Saturday my best friend, Katie, came to visit me in San Bernardino and we had so much fun! Katie used to be my next-door neighbor, but recently she and her family moved to Glendale. At first, we were so sad to be apart from each other, but then my mom told me that Katie was only a short Metrolink train ride away and she could easily come to visit me any weekend. Katie and I talked every night on the phone to plan our weekend visit. We had so many things that we wanted to do while we were together, how were we going to choose?

When the day finally arrived, Katie and her mom hopped on the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line at 8:10 a.m. in Glendale and rode into L.A. Union Station about 20 minutes later. There, they boarded the 9:00 a.m. San Bernardino Line train and headed toward my house!

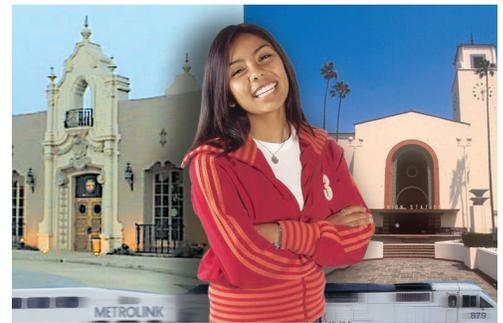
When their train arrived at the San Bernardino station around 10:30 a.m., we met them and started on our exciting adventure. We first went to A Special Place, a hands-on children's museum in

San Bernardino. At the museum, we got our faces painted, checked out the puppet theater, and saw the turtle and salt-water reef tanks.

We had built up quite an appetite while at the museum, so we then headed for delicious pepperoni pizza. Yum!

After our fun-filled day, Katie and her mom were ready to get on the late afternoon Metrolink train and head back to Glendale. I sure do miss having Katie right next door, but at least I know that she is only a short train ride away!

For a complete listing of Metrolink weekend train schedules, please visit www.metrolinktrains.com or call (800) 371-LINK (5465).



One Last Summer Blast!

As the leaves change and the summer sun bids us farewell till next year, a Metrolink train ride is the cure for your fall doldrums. Shorter days got you down? You can still grab one last taste of seaside fun before you haul out the ski gear! Hop aboard a weekend SummerLink train before service ends for the season on October 9.

With just two more weekends before SummerLink service becomes another wonderful summertime memory, get one last fix of beachside excitement. Best of all, you'll be just in time for the San Clemente Chamber Sea Fest celebration on Sunday, October 9.

The San Clemente Chamber Sea Fest is a celebration of seaside living featuring an art festival, a business expo, kids' activities, a local surf contest, an arts-and-crafts show, and the world-famous Chowder Cook-off. Sea Fest will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the surfing contest beginning at 6:00 a.m. For more information, call the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce at (949) 492-1131.

Getting to San Clemente for the Sea Fest is easy on a SummerLink train! SummerLink runs Saturdays and Sundays, October 1, 2, 8, and 9, from Metrolink's Rialto, San Bernardino, Downtown Riverside, La Sierra, North Main Corona, West Corona, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin, Irvine, Laguna Niguel, San Juan Capistrano, San Clemente, San Clemente Pier, and Oceanside stations.

SummerLink train service is provided by Metrolink, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

For more information on SummerLink train service, please call Metrolink at (800) 371-LINK (5465) or visit www.metrolinktrains.com for full SummerLink schedules.



Safety Matters

Did you know that Metrolink provides a brochure called "Emergency Evacuation Instructions" that is available in every passenger car and located in the racks near the doors?

Here's a summary of instructions to follow in the event of an onboard emergency:

- Listen for your conductor's instructions
- Please assist your fellow passengers in need of help
- Leave bicycles, wheelchairs, and other bulky items behind
- Evacuate to an adjacent passenger car
- If an adjacent car is not accessible (or you are instructed to do so)
 - Exit via the regular train doors by following these steps:
 - Break plastic covering
 - Pull red ring down
 - Grip rubber between doors
 - Pull door open
 - Exit with caution
 - Exit through emergency windows by following these steps:
 - Pull red handles toward you or pull ring to remove strip
 - Pull window toward you using both hands
 - Windows are heavy; remove with caution
 - Place window inside train
 - Exit with caution





Ask Metrolink!

Dear Metrolink,

As I was enjoying my relaxing ride home on the San Bernardino Line last week, I looked across the aisle and saw another passenger take off her shoes and socks and put

her bare feet on the seat in front of her. Besides being rude, it also seemed really unsanitary. Can you please tell me what Metrolink's policy is on this matter? Also, what should I say to other passengers if this situation happens in the future? Thank you.

Sincerely,
Concerned Rider

Dear Concerned Rider,

Thank you for your letter. Metrolink has a strict no-feet-on-the-seats policy that requires all riders to keep their feet off of the seats whether or not they have their shoes or socks on. This policy is in place to ensure that Metrolink trains are safe and sanitary for all passengers. If you happen to see another passenger not abiding by this policy, please give them a friendly reminder of Metrolink's no-feet-on-the-seats policy. If you are still having problems, please contact your train's conductor. Here at Metrolink, we want to thank you for your faithful ridership and we look forward to serving you for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Metrolink

An Improved Ride for the "Sweet Spot"

Riders, rejoice! Once again, you'll be sitting pretty now that the Seat-Cushion Replacement Program has resumed.

The program will replace old, worn-out seat cushions with new, firmer cushions at an average of two cars per week.

As many of our riders know, Metrolink's older seat cushions have lost a lot of that springy goodness, giving the term "hard commute" a whole new meaning. Once the program is completed, everyone will be able to sit back and relax in new-cushion comfort. Each new seat cushion will also sport a darker, wear-friendly color. The estimated completion date for the Cushion Replacement Program is December 31, 2005.

Correction

The "Grammar Guidelines from Metrolink Riders" article in the August 2005 *Metrolink Matters* states that Mr. Jameelah Xochitl provided corrections to Metrolink's on-board safety signage. Mrs. Jameelah Xochitl kindly points out our mistake once again, and includes this picture as final proof of our error.



Meet Metrolink's Board Members

Mayor Paul M. Eaton

Paul M. Eaton has been the mayor of Montclair since 1995. He was actively involved with Montclair city government prior to being elected mayor: In 1970, he became a four-year member of the Community Action Committee, and in 1974, he was appointed to the Planning Commission, of which he remained a member for 14 consecutive years.

In addition to serving as mayor, he also serves as the chairman of the Montclair Redevelopment Agency. He has been a member of the Montclair City Council since 1988, and he currently sits on the following city-council committees: personnel, real estate, traffic, and planning commission panel. Mayor Eaton is also a member of the League of California Cities' public works, communication, and transportation committees. He is a member of the Southern California Associated Governments (SCAG) and the National League of Cities, and a former chairman of the Boy Scouts' Old Baldy Council.

Mayor Eaton retired from professional work in November 1997.

Councilmember Kelly J. Chastain



City of Colton Councilmember Kelly J. Chastain firmly guides District 3 with one policy: "The best way to stay in touch with my constituency in District 3 and with the community in general is simple. Just ask." She is dedicated to several issues, including the revitalization of the city's aging infrastructure, responsive code enforcement in Colton's neighborhoods, and public safety. Chastain is also committed to improving the city's transportation issues. She is involved with the League of California Cities' successful Measure I campaign to "keep local funds local." She has also been involved with the San Bernardino Associated Governments Measure I campaign to re-institute the half-cent sales tax for road improvement.

In addition to being a Colton city councilmember, Chastain is very active in a variety of other projects and intergovernmental agencies. She has been a member of the Colton Public Financing Authority since 1996, vice president of the League of California Cities' Inland Empire Division, and president of San Bernardino Associated Governments since 2004.



Station City News

Claremont—Mark your calendar for the last two Claremont Depot Jazz Festival Fridays, October 7 and October 14, and join us for the sweet sounds of jazz under the stars. Dancing will be encouraged and refreshments will be available. On October 7, see the Citrus College Blue Note Swing Orchestra directed by Robert Stack. Then, on October 14, get down to the music of electric violinist Susie Hansen. Each performance will run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Claremont Depot Metrolink Station. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs. Wolfe's Market will be on site, selling a variety of dinner and snack items. For more information, please contact Claremont Human Services at (909) 399-5490.



1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in downtown Covina, one block south of the Metrolink station.

Oxnard—Preparations for the City of Oxnard's Tenth Annual Multicultural Festival are in full swing and this year brings a new wave of excitement as we gear up for the two-day extravaganza! Savor exotic international cuisine, admire crafts from multiple regions, enjoy numerous musical and dance performances by local artists, and sample a drink at our international beer garden. Children can look forward to free arts-and-crafts projects, face painting, and other recreational activities. The festival will take place Saturday, October 1, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 2, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in Plaza Park,

at the corner of Fifth Street and C Street, in the heart of the City of Oxnard.

San Juan Capistrano—The City of San Juan Capistrano will host its 15th annual Storytelling Festival, featuring five professional storytelling artists and programs for the entire family, beginning on Friday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing on Saturday, October 15. This year features an eclectic mix of tellers from across the country. From the grandfatherly humor of Baba Jamal Koram to the polished oral/mimed pieces of Brazilian Antonio Rocha, guests are sure to be delighted. Performances will be held in San Juan's Historic Town Center Park in a 500-seat tent. For ticket prices or more information, call San Juan Capistrano Community Services Monday through Friday at (949) 493-5911.



Covina—Come out to the streets of downtown Covina for the sights and sounds of the 2005 Bluesapalooza/Thunderfest event. The completely free entertainment will include live music, the "Roar of Thunder" display of over 60 NHRA racing cars, custom

show motorcycles, and an array of Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Civic Center Park will once again feature food, craft, and business vendors and a children's activity area. Join us on Saturday, October 15, from



Contest—Win Tickets to Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*

An all-new stage adaptation of the beloved classic film *White Christmas* will run at the Pantages Theatre for six weeks only, November 22 to January 1, 2006.

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* made its stage debut during the 2004 holiday season in San Francisco, garnering rave reviews and establishing its status as a don't-miss holiday show. Full of dancing, laughter, and some of the greatest songs ever written, including "Count

Your Blessings Instead of Sheep," "Sisters," "How Deep Is the Ocean?" and the unforgettable title song, "White Christmas,"

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* promises to be a merry and bright theatrical experience for the entire family!

Win one of five pairs of free tickets for the Tuesday, November 22, performance of *White Christmas* by mailing the attached coupon before November 1, 2005, to *Metrolink Matters*; WHITE CHRISTMAS; 700 S. Flower Street, 26th Floor; Los Angeles, CA 90017.



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