

## Team up with BART this hoops season

Whether its the Warriors or Cal, take BART...and you're there

College and pro hoops fans will get their fill in the coming weeks as the Warriors and Cal Bears play a full slate of exciting home games.



Take BART to Coliseum Station for NBA action with the Warriors. Their upcoming schedule is jam-packed with great NBA entertainment.

For more info visit [warriors.com](http://warriors.com).

### Upcoming Warriors schedule:

Mon 1/21 vs L.A. Clippers 1:00 p.m.  
Wed 1/23 vs Oklahoma City 7:30 p.m.  
Thu 1/31 vs Dallas 7:30 p.m.  
Sat 2/2 vs Phoenix 7:30 p.m.  
Tue 2/12 vs Houston 7:30 p.m.  
Wed 2/20 vs Phoenix 7:30 p.m.  
Fri 2/22 vs San Antonio 7:30 p.m.

The Cal Bears men's basketball team hopes to make some noise in the Pac-12 this season. Cheer them on at Haas Pavilion, a short walk from BART's Downtown Berkeley Station.

### Upcoming Cal Men's schedule:

Thurs 1/31 vs Oregon State 7:00 p.m.  
Sat 2/2 vs Oregon 1:30 p.m.  
Thu 2/14 vs UCLA 6:00 p.m.  
Sun 2/17 vs USC 7:00 p.m.

The Cal women are ranked in the top 10 and ready to go. They'll also be hitting the court at Haas Pavilion this month.

### Upcoming Cal Women's schedule:

Sun 1/20 vs UCLA 12:30 p.m.  
Fri 1/25 vs Colorado 8:00 p.m.  
Sun 1/27 vs Utah 2:00 p.m.

For more info, visit [calbears.com](http://calbears.com). Plan your BART trip at [bart.gov](http://bart.gov).

## Take BART to MLK Day events

Take BART to Northern California's largest celebration honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The events will take place at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco Monday, Jan. 21. Visit [www.norcalmlk-foundation.org](http://www.norcalmlk-foundation.org) for a schedule of events.



Exit BART at Powell or Montgomery Street station and make the short walk to the Yerba Buena Center.

## Customer satisfaction with BART on the rise

Customers' overall satisfaction with BART is up with gains in ratings for on-time performance and cleanliness of seats, reflecting investments in the system such as the installation of new, easier-to-clean vinyl seats.

The rankings came in the latest BART Customer Satisfaction Survey, which is conducted every two years. Full survey results will be released in a report later in February.

You can download the Customer Satisfaction Survey presentation that includes the preliminary results at [bart.gov](http://bart.gov).

Overall satisfaction is up by two points in the 2012 survey compared with 2010, to 84% from 82% -- meaning 84% of respondents said they were very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the services provided by BART.

## Pretax commuter benefits increase for 2013

Want to save up to \$1,500 per year in income taxes?

Take advantage of tax-free dollars to pay for BART tickets and parking through employer-sponsored programs. As of January 2013, the tax-free transportation benefits have increased to \$240 per month and up to \$240 per month for qualified transit parking (including parking at BART stations.)

Employees who set aside income on a pre-tax basis do not pay federal income or payroll taxes on the income set aside. If you have a combined (local, state, federal) tax rate of 40% and spend \$240 per month on BART fares, you will save nearly \$100 each month or \$1,200 a year. If you pay for monthly BART parking at \$63 per month, you can save an additional \$25 per month or \$300 per year.

For details visit [bart.gov/pretax](http://bart.gov/pretax).

## January Good Times calendar

### OMCA Family: Celebrate MLK Day

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

#### >BART: Lake Merritt

Sunday, Jan. 20, noon-3 p.m.: Winners from Oakland Unified School District's Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Festival will present their award-winning poetry. Create your own one-of-a-kind dream bottle to hold your dreams, hopes, and wishes. All ages are invited to join in. No reservations required. Free with museum admission.

### SFJazz Center opening week concerts

Robert N. Miner Auditorium, SFJazz Center  
201 Franklin St. at Fell, San Francisco  
www.sfjazz.org

#### >BART: Civic Center, 4-block walk

Jan. 23-27: See the website for details of each evening's concert. These performers will appear at each concert: Joshua Redman, McCoy Tyner, Mary Stallings, Bobby Hutcherson (except Jan. 25), SFJazz Collective, Bill Frisell, Jason Moran, John Santos, Regina Carter, Miguel Zenón and more. Savion Glover appears Jan. 27.

### Fred Korematsu Day "Heroes" celebration

Herbst Theatre  
401 Van Ness, San Francisco  
http://korematsuinstitute.org/fredkorematsuday/

#### >BART: Civic Center, 3-block walk

Sunday, Jan. 27, 2:30-4:30 p.m.: A ceremony honoring 16 American civil rights heroes who've been long overlooked. Featuring celebrity emcee Danny Glover and a special performance by "American Idol" star Jasmine Trias, this will be a historic gathering of civil rights heroes and the descendants of heroes who have passed on.

### "Dear Harvey"

New Conservatory Theater Company  
25 Van Ness, San Francisco  
www.nctcsf.org or 415/861-8972

#### >BART: Civic Center, 2-block walk

Jan. 18-Feb. 24: Marking the 35th anniversary of his assassination and as told by the people who knew him best, this is the recounting of the life and the lasting impact of groundbreaking gay rights activist and politician Harvey Milk.

### Off the Grid food truck party:

#### Lake Merritt at OMCA

10th and Oak streets  
www.museumca.org

#### >BART: Lake Merritt

Fridays, Jan. 18 and 25, plus Fridays in February; 5-9 pm: The Bay Area's most talked-about food truck party comes to Oakland. Join OMCA and Off the Grid on 10th Street every Friday this winter for a family-friendly take on a festive night market. Savor California beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages around the Koi Pond at the Blue Oak café pop-up. Enjoy live music, extended OMCA Store hours, and open studios with the Customizers-in-Residence from the we/customize exhibition.

### Chinese New Year Community Concert and Celebration

Davies Symphony Hall  
201 Van Ness, San Francisco  
www.sfsymphony.org

#### >BART: Civic Center, 3-block walk

Saturday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m.: Welcome the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Snake. This family event features a mix of music and instruments in a fusion of East and West. It includes a festive reception with Asian instruments, dancers, Chinese calligraphers, and more.

### Visit [bart.gov/board](http://bart.gov/board) for information on BART Board of Directors meetings and agenda.

## From the General Manager

# Good news for 2013...

Happy New Year to you all and thank you for continuing to ride BART in 2013!

We have some good news to report that will help you save money on BART this year. Based on the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, employers can enable their employees to use pre-tax income to pay for up to \$240 per month in transit fares plus up to \$240 per month in transit parking costs. If you have a combined (local, state, federal) tax rate of 40% and spend \$240 per month on BART fares, you will save nearly \$100 each month or \$1,200 a year. If you pay for monthly BART parking at \$63 per month, you can save an additional \$25 per month or \$300 per year. For more details visit [bart.gov/pretax](http://bart.gov/pretax).

Also this month, we're once again proud to support Northern California's largest celebration honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. See the story on the front page for more information.

Thanks again for riding BART. We look forward to providing you with safe, reliable and convenient service in the year ahead.



Grace Crunican, General Manager

## Public invited to police oversight forum

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District has created the Office of the Independent Police Auditor (OIPA) and the Citizen Review Board (CRB) to provide effective, independent oversight of the BART Police Department.

One of the cornerstones of effective oversight is community input and engagement.



Office of the  
**INDEPENDENT  
POLICE AUDITOR**

BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor and the BART Citizen Review Board invite you to a public forum to learn about the oversight system, find out what happens when you file a complaint and provide valuable feedback to help make the oversight system as effective as it can be. The forum will take place at the San

Francisco Main Library, 100 Larkin Street, 1st Floor, San Francisco, Tuesday, January 29, 2013 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

RSVP to the Office of the Independent Police Auditor at 510/874-7477 or [oipa@bart.gov](mailto:oipa@bart.gov). More information is available at [bart.gov/policeauditor](http://bart.gov/policeauditor).

The purpose of the forum is to inform the public about the system of civilian oversight of the BART Police Department and to let people know how the oversight process can be of service to them. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope you will join us, as we need your input to be as effective as we can be.

For more information, visit [www.bart.gov/policeauditor](http://www.bart.gov/policeauditor).

## New hours for BART Transit Info Center

BART's Transit Information Center is now open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily if you'd like to speak with a BART operator. Automated schedules, fares and real-time information are also available 24/7 by phone. If you'd like a help planning your BART trip, or more information about transit services that connect to BART, give us a call!

You can reach us at the following local telephone numbers: Oakland/Berkeley/San Leandro 510 465-2278; San Francisco/Daly City 415 989-2278; South San Francisco/San Bruno/San Mateo 650 992-2278; Concord/Walnut Creek/Lafayette/Antioch/Pittsburg/Livermore/Orinda 925 676-2278; Hayward/San Leandro/Fremont/Union City/Dublin/Pleasanton 510 441-2278; Richmond/El Cerrito 510 236-2278; all other locations 510 465-2278.