

Bike to work, skip the traffic, May 10

May 10 marks the Bay Area's 18th annual Bike to Work Day when commuters put down their car keys, strap on a helmet and bike to work or BART.

On Bike to Work Day "Energizer Stations" will be located along bike commute routes and at BART stations where bicyclists can stop for

refreshments, giveaways, and bicycling info or simply to be cheered on by fellow participants.

BIKE TO WORK DAY



Visit youcanbikethere.com for a full list of Energizer Station locations and more Bike to Work Day information.

While you're there, sign up for the Team Bike Challenge.

Get your team of 2-5 riders together and compete to commute by bike as often as possible through the month of May. You could win prizes for everyone on your team.

BART bike lockers go electric

Electronic bike lockers provide secure bike parking and increased bicycle storage at BART stations. To use the electronic lockers, buy a BikeLink smart card online or at a convenient retail location.

Then ride up to an available locker and insert your smart card into the card slot. Follow on-screen directions to put time on the meter.



The cost, at 3-cents an hour, is automatically deducted from your smart card. Park your bike inside, close the door and you're off. When you return to retrieve your bike, insert your smart card into the slot to open the door. Unused time and value are automatically refunded back to the card.

Buy a smart card, get a list of electronic locker locations and view a video on the electronic lockers at bart.gov/bikes.

From the General Manager

Bike to BART...

This month BART and the Bay Area celebrate Bike to Work Day, a great opportunity to get out of your car, enjoy some fresh air and help the environment by biking to BART. BART has been a longtime supporter of Bike to Work Day, but our commitment to cyclists goes well beyond a single day.

From electronic bike lockers that give more cyclists better access each week, to bike stations at four of our BART stations, we welcome those of you who choose the environmentally-friendly option of biking to BART. It's good exercise, too. Standard bikes are permitted on most BART trains except in peak commute periods and directions (pick up a "Fares and Schedules" brochure to see exactly which trains allow bikes). Or, you can use a folding bike, which are permitted on BART at all times.

Have a safe, fun and healthy Bike to Work Day,



Grace Crunican, General Manager

Bike to Work Day events at two of BART's bike stations

Start Bike to Work Day off right with a stop at a BART bike station.

Snacks, drinks and camaraderie will be available at the Fruitvale bike station.

Stop by the Downtown Berkeley bike station and enjoy fresh, hot pancakes (while supplies last).

Park your bike at a BART Bike Station

BART operates several of the largest bike stations in the nation, providing safe, secure, indoor bike parking.

The Downtown Berkeley Bike Station is located at 2208 Shattuck Avenue, just steps from the BART entrance at Allston Way and Shattuck Avenue and offers free valet parking from 7 a.m.-9 p.m., 24-hour self-service parking, repairs and sales, classes and special events.

The Fruitvale bike station features free, secure bike storage from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. and a full-service repair shop adjacent to Fruitvale BART.

At Embarcadero park your bike any time the BART station is open using a BikeLink smart card for 3-cents an hour. This bike station is located on the concourse level of the Embarcadero BART Station.

And don't forget BART's newest bike station at Ashby BART, just outside the main entrance to the station on the west side of the station. This self-serve facility is open 24 hours and requires a BikeLink Card for access.

Visit bart.gov/bikes for more information or to purchase your BikeLink smart card.

BART testing new seat material

In March BART began replacing existing wool seats in 100 train cars with a vinyl seat material. These train cars will be integrated into the existing fleet until 100 cars have the new type of seats.

Rather than continue to replace damaged and worn seats with the existing hard-to-care-for wool fabric, BART is switching to an alternative material that meets smoke, fire and toxicity standards.

If customer feedback is positive, BART will outfit up to an additional 100 cars with the new seat material.



To identify the cars with new vinyl seats, passengers should look for exterior decals that say "New Seats on Board."

You can email feedback to seats@bart.gov.

Good Times calendar

Yerba Buena Gardens Festival

May-October, 2012
Third and Mission streets, San Francisco
www.ybgfestival.org

>**BART: Powell or Montgomery**, 2-block walk
3 Outdoor Stages. 100 Programs. 100% Free!
The YBG Festival brings a little rhythm and life to the parks and open spaces of Yerba Buena Gardens through free artistic, community, and cultural programs. From May to October enjoy free dance programs, Latin Jazz & Salsa performances, Thursday Lunchtime Concerts, Theater, Poetry, & Spoken Word and other special events. The Festival kicks off on May 6 with a performance by the acclaimed Omar Sosa Afreecanos Quartet, which mixes Afro-Cuban musical styles with modern electronic elements and African instruments played by an international group of musicians. Bring your dancing shoes and enjoy yourself.

Live Oak Park Fair

June 9 and 10
1301 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley
>**BART: North Berkeley**, free shuttle to fair
Celebrate creativity and community! A cornerstone of the vibrant North Berkeley arts & crafts community, this weekend in the park showcases the creative endeavors of local and Western States artists and craftspeople. Situated in North Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto, the huge trees, rolling lawns and Codornices Creek make Live Oak Park a favorite destination. Admission is free. You can catch a free shuttle from the North Berkeley BART Station every half hour from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

BART Board of Directors meeting

Thursday, May 10, 9 a.m.
344 20th Street, 3rd floor, Oakland
>**BART: 19th Street/Oakland**, 2-block walk

Carnaval sambas into the City

Take BART to 16th Street Mission or 24th Street Mission Station for Carnaval SF 2012, hitting the streets Memorial Day weekend: Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27.



Carnaval SF will again feature a two-day festival of vendors, food and live music on seven blocks of Harrison Street between 16th and 23rd. 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. For more parade and festival info, or to purchase grandstand tickets, visit sfcarnaval.com.

BART celebrates Asian Pacific American heritage

Take BART to the San Francisco Asian Heritage Street Celebration

The 8th Annual Asian Heritage Street Celebration will be held Saturday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The celebration takes place in San Francisco on Larkin Street, from Grove to Ellis streets. Take BART...and you're there. Exit at Civic Center Station.

This year's fair features entertainment, food, arts and crafts, kid-friendly activities and much, much more. For info, visit asianfairsf.com.

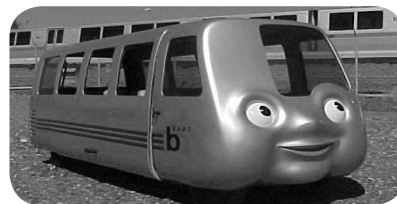
You are also invited to BART's San Bruno Station for a photographic exhibit on a sad chapter in American history: the removal of Japanese-Americans from their homes following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The exhibit runs through May.



You could be the BART A's Fan of the Game! Win A's tix, BART tix and a ride in the BARTmobile

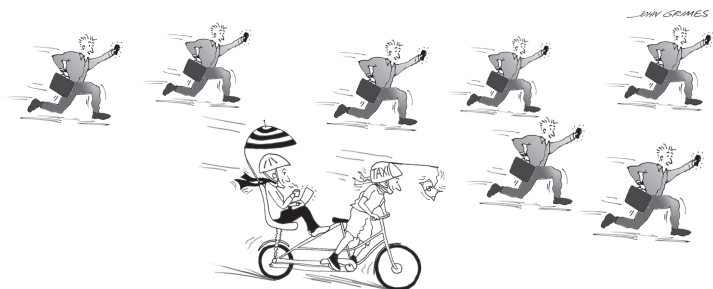
Sure, you're an A's fan, but do you have what it takes to be the BART A's Fan of the Game?!? tickets to a selected A's game, a \$50 BART ticket and a pre-game ride around the field in the BARTmobile.

Enter to win and you have the chance at two MVP



Game dates: June 20, July 4, Aug. 8 and Oct. 3. Visit bart.gov/fan for details and to learn how to enter.

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Over 43,000 Bay Area residents regularly bike to work.