



Celebrate Filipino culture at the Pistahan Parade and Festival

Balut-eating contest? Check. Adobo cook-off. Check. Filipino dance, art and cultural exhibits? Check, check, check. It all comes together for the Pistahan Parade and Festival Aug. 9 and 10 at San Francisco's Yerba Buena Gardens.

Now in its 21st year, The Filipino American Arts Exposition presents the best in Filipino art, dance, music and food at this two-day event.

The Pistahan Parade kicks off the festival on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 11am. The parade begins at San Francisco Civic Center (steps away from Civic Center

BART!) and marches down Market Street, makes a right on 4th and ends at Yerba Buena Gardens on Howard Street. Be on the lookout for the BARTmobile and BART volunteers dancing in the parade.

Following the parade, the festival continues over the weekend with seven pavilions and four food contests, plus family-friendly activities and prizes.

The festival is from 11am to 5pm on Aug. 9 and 10. Yerba Buena Gardens is a 5-minute walk from Powell St. Station. For more info, visit pistahan.net.

Enjoy the tastes of Asia during Oakland Chinatown StreetFest

Celebrate the Year of the Horse at the Oakland Chinatown StreetFest on Aug. 23 and 24. The annual festival, which brings thousands of people from all over the Bay Area to Oakland's Chinatown, promises to have delicious foods, arts and crafts, plus live entertainment.

The easiest way to get to the StreetFest is by riding BART. Get off at 12th St./Oakland City Center station and use the 11th Street/Broadway exit. The festival spans 7th to 11th streets, and from Broadway to Harrison Street.

Visit oaklandchinatownstreetfest.com for more information.

Visit bart.gov to plan your trip.



FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

BART conserves water during drought

As we enter the hot summer month of August, I am reminded how critical it is for us to conserve water. Although water seems abundant, especially as it glimmers off of our beautiful Bay, California's continuing drought conditions remind us that we need to conserve this precious resource.

BART has answered Gov. Jerry Brown's call to voluntarily save water. In January, BART reduced our train wash schedule from a 4-day cycle to an 8-day cycle, which is predicted to cut water usage by as much as 50 percent. Also, we now require all new landscape designs on our property to be made up of at least 75 percent drought-resistant plants, and in February, BART reduced irrigation schedules by 10 percent in response to the drought.

As the summer advances, I urge you to join BART in our effort to cut down on our water consumption. It is important we all work together to protect this vital resource.

Grace Crunican
General Manager

Board meetings, notices available via email

BART Board meeting notices and agendas are now available via email.

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More details are available at bart.gov/board.

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TIFFANY AUSTIN QUINTET

Aug. 7, 12:30 to 1:30pm
Yerba Buena Gardens Festival, 760
Howard Street, San Francisco
> **BART: Powell St.,
walk 4 blocks**
ybgfestival.org
Up-and-coming Bay Area vocalist
Tiffany Austin performs a free
lunchtime show.

JERRY GONZALES & THE FORT APACHE BAND

Aug. 15, 1 to 2:30pm
Yerba Buena
Gardens
Festival,
760 Howard
Street, San
Francisco
> **BART:
Powell St.,
walk 4
blocks**
ybgfestival.org
Trumpeter/
conguero and
six-time Grammy
nominee Jerry
Gonzalez performs as part of the
Yerba Buena Gardens Festival. Free.



Andre Thierry performs Aug. 27
at the Music on the Main
concert series in Richmond.

friendly event. Listen to live music
from Andre Thierry & Zydeco Magic.

AURORA THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS "RAPTURE, BLISTER, BURN"

Aug. 29 through Sept. 28
Aurora Theatre Company,
2081 Addison St., Berkeley
> **BART: Downtown
Berkeley, walk 1 block**
auroratheatre.org
See the Bay Area premiere of Becky
Shaw's new comedy about three

generations of
women grappling
with feminism's
foibles. A finalist
for the 2013
Pulitzer Prize.

MILLBRAE ART FESTIVAL

Aug. 30-31, 10am
to 5pm
Broadway,
between
Victoria Avenue
and Meadow Glen,
Millbrae

> BART: Millbrae + Free Shuttle

miramarevents.com
The festive spirit and flavor of the
Big Easy comes to the Bay Area
at this Mardi Gras-style festival.
Downtown Millbrae comes alive
with live music, artisan booths,
food tastings, a classic car show
and kids' activities. Catch a free
shuttle from Millbrae BART every
20 minutes. Admission is free.

OAKLAND PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Aug. 31, 11am to 7pm
Broadway and 20th Street, Oakland
> **BART: 19th St./Oakland,
walk 1 block**
oaklandpride.nationbuilder.com
Celebrate the 5th anniversary of the
Oakland Pride Festival and don't
miss the first-ever Oakland Pride
Parade. Parade starts at 10:30am at
Broadway and 14th Street.

Seniors learn how to ride BART with more confidence



Senior citizens from
the Bernal Heights
Neighborhood
Center learn how to
ride BART and obtain
a Senior Clipper Card
during a recent field
trip. BART offers
senior field trips
to help riders gain
confidence so they
can ride BART
independently.

The senior citizens of Bernal Heights
Neighborhood Center heard BART was
offering senior field trips and wasted no
time in getting on the list.

"I asked them, 'Where would you like
to go?'" said Roland Soriano, senior
program
coordinator
for the center.

"They got
really excited
and said, 'How
about the
airport?'"

BART offers
the program to
teach riders how to
obtain a Senior Clipper Card, to educate
them about safety and other issues to
keep in mind while riding BART, and to
increase their comfort level
so they can ride BART independently.
The field trip started at 24th St. Mission
BART, went to San Francisco International
Airport, then back to the BART station.
"They have a desire to be able to travel
independently, and we respect that very
much," said Samson Wong of BART
Customer Services. "If they learn to use the
system as a group on a field trip, they

tell us they are much more comfortable
being able to take it on their own."
A field trip earlier in the year went from
Powell Street Station to The Shops at
Tanforan.

"Being able to use BART to get some-
where on their own empowers them,"
said Soriano of the
neighborhood center.
"Whether they want
to just go shopping
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— Roland Soriano
Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center

Jennifer McLeod
uses BART to visit
friends and family.

"It's just fantastic," she said. "And a
great bargain."

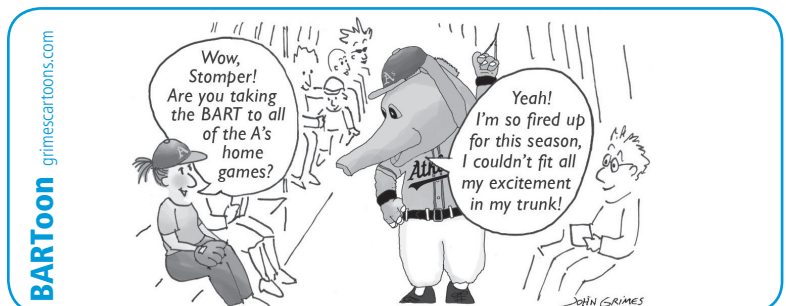
Seniors over 65-years-old are eligible
for a Senior Clipper card that entitles
them to 62.5 percent discounted fares.

BART staff have taken five groups of
seniors on field trips since starting the
program in April. Senior citizen field
trips are scheduled as staffing and other
resources allow. For more information
contact BART Customer Services at
510-464-7173. To read the full story, visit
bart.gov and click the "News" tab.

BARToon caption contest winner selected

Congratulations to Jackie Low who submitted the winning caption in our June
BARToon caption contest. She was named the BART A's Fan of the Game for July.
Jackie received two tickets to the July 23 Oakland A's game against the Houston
Astros, a \$50 BART ticket, a ride around in the field in the BARTmobile and
acknowledgement on the Diamond Vision during the game. See Jackie's caption
with cartoonist John Grimes' artwork below!

For more details about upcoming BART A's Fan of the Game contests, visit
bart.gov/fan.



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