

Take BART to the best Bay Area holiday events

Say "humbug" to unpredictable traffic, bridge tolls and parking hassles as you head to Bay Area holiday events. Take BART...and you're there! Plan your trip online at bart.gov.

San Francisco Ballet's "Nutcracker" at the beautiful War Memorial Opera House is a short walk from BART's Civic Center Station. For tickets and information, visit sfballet.org.



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Scooge gets in the spirit once again in "A Christmas Carol." Take BART to Powell Street for the American Conservatory Theater production. Visit act-sf.org.

Step back in time and into the world of Victorian London at The Great Dickens Christmas Fair. The fair is open weekends through December 23, and a free shuttle runs from the Glen Park BART station to the Cow Palace. Get \$5 off admission when you show your BART ticket or Clipper card at the door. Visit dickensfair.com for more information.

Hit the ice at three downtown San Francisco rinks: the Embarcadero Center ice rink outside BART's Embarcadero Station, the indoor, year-round

Yerba Buena Ice Skating and Bowling Center at Yerba Buena Gardens (BART: Powell or Montgomery) and the Union Square ice rink near Powell Street Station.

Reserve a BART Airport/Long Term parking space

December 22 through January 2, BART will make 475 additional parking spaces available for Airport/Long Term parking reservations. Reserved spaces are available at most East Bay BART lots for just \$5 per day and at the Colma and Millbrae BART stations for just \$6 per day. Visit bart.gov/parking for more info or to make your reservation.

From the General Manager

Happy New Year, from BART...

The new year is fast approaching, and once again BART will be providing special New Year's Eve service (see story above, at right) to get you to your celebrations safely and without the stresses of driving.

2012 was a big year for BART: we celebrated 40 years of service to the Bay Area and saw record ridership, including our busiest weekday, Saturday, and highest average monthly ridership in our history. We expanded service on the Richmond-Millbrae line and continued improving train interiors with new seats and new non-carpet floors.

Next year we'll continue construction on three major extension projects: connecting to the Oakland Airport and Antioch, and extending to Warm Springs as we move closer to bringing BART to Silicon Valley. We're also continuing work on our "Fleet of the Future" project to replace our existing train cars, the majority of which have been in use since BART service began forty years ago. We know you count on BART for reliable, safe and convenient transportation and we appreciate your continuing support. Thank you for riding BART this past year. Here's to a happy and healthy 2013.



Grace Crunican, General Manager

BART to extend hours, run special service on New Year's Eve

Let BART help you ring in the new year. BART will extend service until 3 a.m. on New Year's Eve to get you home safely from your festivities.



In addition to normal weekday evening service

with trains every 20 minutes, BART will run additional trains into and out of San Francisco on New Year's Eve. The extra service is designed to ease crowding at Embarcadero and Montgomery Street stations resulting from the large number of people attending the fireworks show in downtown San Francisco.

To further ease crowding at these stations, beginning at 8 p.m., trains on the Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond lines heading into San Francisco will not stop at Embarcadero Station. The San NYE service continued on back

Help keep BART running smoothly on New Year's Eve

BART is expecting large crowds heading into and out of San Francisco on New Year's Eve. You can help keep BART running safely and smoothly by following these simple tips.

- Buy a round-trip ticket before you start your trip; that way you can avoid lines at ticket vending machines on your way home.
- Avoid ticket machines altogether by signing up for a Clipper card at clippercard.com and loading it with cash value or BART's high value discount product.
- Just after midnight is the busiest time at

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Take BART shopping

Enter to win a \$400 Visa gift card and a \$40 Clipper card

You know BART is the best way to commute every day, but it's also the best way to get your holiday shopping done. You'll avoid traffic and parking hassles and arrive relaxed and ready to shop.

Visit bart.gov/shop for a chance to win one of 10 Shop and Ride Prize Packs. Each Shop and Ride Prize Pack contains a \$400 Visa gift card and a \$40 Clipper card. Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2012. All prizes are courtesy of BART's 40th Anniversary Sponsors: Bombardier Transportation and Titan Outdoor.

There are so many fabulous shopping centers near BART stations, there's no need to drive to satisfy everybody on your shopping list. Visit bart.gov/shop for a list of the shopping centers with the most convenient BART access and great offers from our holiday shopping partners.

Good Times calendar

Kung Pao Kosher Comedy: Jewish Comedy on Christmas in a Chinese Restaurant

The New Asia Restaurant
772 Pacific Ave. between Grant and Stockton
Chinatown, San Francisco
www.koshercomedy.com/kungpao/

>BART: Powell or Montgomery, take Muni 30-Stockton northbound from Third/Market/Keamy to Pacific and Stockton.

Dec. 22-25; two shows each evening: Celebrate Jewish traditions – Chinese food at Christmas and comedy any time! Featuring Judy Gold ("The View," "Comedy Central," Emmy Award-winning actress & writer), Scott Blakeman, Mike Capozzola and your hostess, Lisa Geduldig. Partial proceeds benefit The Brown Twins/Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS) Emergency Assistance Fund.

"In the Name of Love": 11th Annual Musical Tribute Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Paramount Theatre
2025 Broadway, Oakland
www.mlktribute.com

>BART: 19th Street/Oakland

Saturday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m. (pre-concert Oakland Community Exhibition 6 p.m.): This Oakland civic and cultural event produced by Living Jazz features Jennifer Holliday, Tuck & Patti, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, the Oakland Children's Community Choir, the Oakland Jazz Workshops and special guests. The event brings Oakland's diverse community together to pay tribute to Dr. King's message of community, equality and inclusion. "In the Name of Love" showcases both international and local talent, children from Oakland public schools, and local non-profits and businesses working to make a difference.

NYE service continued

Francisco stop closest to the fireworks show for customers on the Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond lines will be Montgomery Street. Trains on the Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont lines will stop at Embarcadero Station but not at Montgomery Street. Trains from Millbrae and Daly City will make all stops in San Francisco.

After the fireworks end, passengers boarding trains bound for Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond must use Montgomery Street Station. Trains on the Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond lines will not stop at Embarcadero Station on their way out of San Francisco. Passengers boarding trains on the Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont lines must use Embarcadero Station, as trains heading to Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont will not stop

BART tips continued

BART's downtown San Francisco stations. Avoid the rush by leaving San Francisco a little earlier or staying later. BART will run until 3 a.m. on New Year's Eve.

- If you must leave San Francisco right after the fireworks end, remember that Pittsburg/Bay Point and Richmond riders must use Montgomery Street Station and Dublin/Pleasanton and Fremont riders must use Embarcadero Station.
- As always, there is no eating, drinking or smoking in BART stations or on BART trains.
- Bicycles are not allowed in crowded stations or on crowded trains.
- Remember to stay safely behind the yellow platform edge tiles.
- Once train doors begin closing, stay clear of the doors and do not attempt to hold the doors open.

at Montgomery Street Station. Millbrae and Daly City-bound trains will make all stops, but BART recommends passengers on those lines use Montgomery Street Station.

BART makes these changes on New Year's Eve to try to ease overcrowding at Embarcadero Station by better distributing riders between Montgomery and Embarcadero stations.

Additional "event" trains will be standing by to carry riders home during the busiest time when the fireworks end.

On New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, BART will operate on a Holiday/Sunday schedule with service beginning at 8 a.m.

Have a safe and happy New Year's Eve and thank you for riding BART.



- If you are in need of emergency assistance, contact a BART employee, use the intercom on each train car or call 911.
- If you have parked your car at a BART station, please be sure to have a designated driver to get you home safely.

Happy holidays and thank you for riding BART.

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