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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. BART offers a free email subscription service that allows the public to receive BART Board of Directors meeting notices and agendas via email. To sign up, visit bart.gov/alerts and click "sign up now." Enter your email address, select "BART Board Meeting Notices and Agendas" and press submit.

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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
ybfestival.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

ybfestival.org
Trumpeter/conguero and six-time Grammy nominee Jerry



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

Gonzalez performs as part of the Yerba Buena Gardens Festival. Free.

SUNDAY STREETS

Aug. 24, 11am to 4pm
Valencia Street in the Mission District, San Francisco

> BART: 16th St. Mission or 24th St. Mission

sundaystreetssf.com
Bike, walk and explore the Mission District during this month's Sunday Streets, where miles of car-free streets are designated for people to get out and be active. Free.

MUSIC ON THE MAIN

Aug. 27, 5 to 7:30pm
Corner of Marina Way and Macdonald Avenue, Downtown Richmond
richmondmainstreet.org
> BART: Richmond, walk 2 blocks
Richmond Main Street presents Music on the Main, a free, family-

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.

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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

“Being able to use BART to get somewhere on their own empowers them. ... Whether they want to just go shopping or hop on a plane to go see the grandkids in Texas.

— 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.

BARToon grimecartoons.com

