October, 2009 Commuter News

UNC Annual Transportation Forums 10/12

On Monday, October 12 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. the Hospital takes a turn. The Hospital Forum will be held in Conference Room # 4 on the Ground Floor of the Womens Hospital. Hospital staff is invited to ask questions on the subject of commuting to UNC to representatives from Hospital Parking and Transportation Office as well as the transit agencies and DPS. Please drop by. Don't miss this opportunity. Surveys will be available for those who cannot stay.

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October Transit Service (including Thurs., Oct. 22)

-- For route by route details on Chapel Hill Transit service adjustments to accommodate Thursday, October 22, 2009 early dismissal, please click here.

-- Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) Safe Ride routes will not operate Thursday, October 22, 2009, through Saturday, October 24, 2009, due to the UNC-CH Fall Break schedule. The Safe Ride routes will resume regular service on Thursday, October 29th.

-- Visit here and look at the Service Alert #3 for details on the PX route time table adjustment that took effect on October 5.

-- To find out all about the Tar Heel Express, including shuttles for the October 10 game, click here.

-- To see a complete Chapel Hill Transit Guide booklet that includes park & ride maps, all routes, holiday service information, visit here. For all information on Chapel Hill's current schedule, call Chapel Hill Transit at (919) 969-4900 or visit www.chtransit.org .

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Click here to see the Triangle Transit service calendar. Triangle Transit Customer Service Phone Number: 485-RIDE. Their website is www.triangletransit.org .

Triangle Transit operates regional service from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Triangle Transit does NOT operate bus or shuttle service on Sundays.

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Triangle Transit Survey re October 22

Triangle Transit is planning bus service changes to accommodate riders on October 22, 2009 when the university closes early to prepare for the Florida State football game. If you usually take Triangle Transit to get to Chapel Hill, please take a brief survey by clicking on the link below. Your response will help Triangle Transit plan for service on October 22, 2009. www.triangletransit.org/oct22survey Please complete the survey by Thursday, October 8.

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Vanpools and Carpools and More

Permanent employees of the University or the Hospital who join CAP receive an additional $20 per month subsidy towards vanpool fees. There is no better time to begin slashing your fuel costs and doing your bit to help the environment.

Let's Talk Alternatives
Here's two ways to find a rideshare match:

1. Visit www.SharetheRideNC.com to find out quickly if there are already vanpool / carpool matches out there for you or to notify others of your willingness to give ridesharing a try.
2. If (and only if) you can give us a contact email or phone number, send your particulars to us and we will send them out each month in this newsletter. Get your information in to us by the last week of the present month to make it into the next newsletter.

Contact us if you would like someone from the Department of Public Safety to come to speak to your group about commuter alternatives. We have had some great meetings in recent weeks.

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P.A.R.T. Vanpool Special
Save Money. Start A Vanpool!! Newly formed P.A.R.T. vanpools are HALF PRICE for the 1st month!! A Vanpool lease is available to commuters who live at least 10 miles from their workplace and agree to share their daily commute to and from work. Visit www.PARTNC.org or call 336-235-6658 for more details.

-- *One Seat Available in Mebane Vanpool*

Operates: Monday - Friday
7:15 a.m. Depart Lowes Food Parking Lot on Mebane Oaks Rd.
8:15 a.m. (approx.) Arrive UNC Hospitals
4:45 p.m. Depart APCF Hospital Parking Lot
5:15 a.m. Arrive Lowes Food Parking Lot on Mebane Oaks Rd.
Contact Chris Fuller at native@med.unc.edu

-- *One Seat Available in Apex Vanpool*

Please also advertise 1 available seat in Apex to UNC vanpool. Work hours should be 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m., contact me at bergmire@unc.edu. Please contact the vanpool driver, Dawn Bergmire-Sweat at bergmire@unc.edu for more information.

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State Fair Shuttles

Triangle Transit is operating Express Shuttle Service to the 2009 State Fair from Chapel Hill and Durham. The shuttles will operate on Saturdays (October 17 & 24) and Sundays (October 18 & 25). For additional information, visit the website, or if you have any questions, contact the GoTriangle Regional Transit Information Center at 919-485-RIDE (7433).

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Chapel Hill Transit Joins Regional Info Center

Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) is pleased to announce that it will join the GoTriangle Regional Transit Information Center beginning October 5, 2009. The regional call center, managed by Triangle Transit, provides a single source of information about public transportation services in the Triangle region. The news is that now, Chapel Hill information is fully integrated into this service. Customers can still call CHT's customer service line at 919.969.4900 but now, they can also call 919.485. RIDE (7433).
For more information about this news, please click here and look to the lower right. Then go ahead and explore the brand new redesign of the Regional Trip Planner Website.

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Fosters Market Becomes CAP Supporting Merchant

Fosters Market *is now offering 20% off all purchases to Commuter Alternative Program participants.* Fosters publishes a nationally recognized cookbook and has received many awards. There are two locations. Ours is located at 750 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. That's the intersection where Umstead Drive ends and Hillsborough St. begins. The phone number is (919) 967-3663. Open daily 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Fosters is a wonderful place to sit and enjoy a meal. Fosters is also known for their catering. When you stop in, please be sure to say thanks to Fosters for supporting CAP!

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Help Find CAP Merchants

To find information on all CAP merchants including what incentive they offer to CAP participants, visit here. The following merchants currently offer CAP participant discounts OR they have given us prizes for us to give away at random to CAP participants throughout the year:

- ☆ 411 West Italian Cafe
- ☆ Bear Rock Café – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Ben & Jerry's
- ☆ The Bicycle Chain – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Cafe Driade
- ☆ Carolina Brewery – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Carolina Inn
- ☆ Clean Machine – Carrboro
- ☆ Daily Grind
- ☆ Fosters – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Great Harvest – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Ham's Restaurant
- ☆ I Love NY Pizza – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Internationalist Bookstore
- ☆ Jack Sprat Café
- ☆ Jaluka Natural Bistro – Southern Village
- ☆ Jersey Mike's – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Johnny T-Shirt: The Carolina Store
- ☆ Mediterranean Deli
- ☆ Open Eye Café
- ☆ Panera Bread – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Pita Pit – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Spanky's Restaurant
- ☆ Squid's Restaurant and Oyster Bar
- ☆ UNC Student Stores
- ☆ TCBY Yogurt – Chapel Hill
- ☆ Town Hall Grill
- ☆ Townsend Bertram and Company
- ☆ Weaver Street Market
- ☆ Whole Foods

Do you have a local restaurant or other business that you would like to see on this list? If so, contact us and we'll send you a very nice invitation to hand to the merchant next time you pay them a visit. It'll have more impact coming from you – the customer! Just email us your name and campus address.

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UNC CAP Park & Ride Trial Membership

Thinking about the UNC CAP park & rides but not enough to give up your on-campus permit? Don't forget, you can join CAP and pick the park & ride mode for a 30-day trial without giving up your permit. You will receive a Park & Ride decal, giving you access to 4 additional park & ride lots, a CAP ID card, opening the door to discounts with several area merchants and a chance to win prizes distributed at random throughout the year. Call 962-3951 and ask to speak to someone about the trial program.

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Posters for Your Department/Class/Hall/Other

If you sent requests for posters last month: PLEASE RESEND. We have good looking posters and postcards with the alternative transportation theme that we would love to give you to help us promote our programs. Do the right thing and email us at cap@unc.edu letting us know to whom and where to send these decorative gems.

Free Posters and Door Hangers:

- Zipcar posters: - glossy full color -11" x 17" - landscape orientation
- Fuel Your life - Not Your Car campaign - glossy full color - 11" x 17" - portrait orientation

Free Postcards (for snail mail):

- Zipcar
- CAP "film noir" miniature movie posters - vanpool, cycling or transit postcards for snail mailings

Let us know where to send them and how many you would like. You can also come in to the Department of Public Safety and pick them up. Just let us know you area. We'll leave them in the receptionist area.

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We hope this information is helpful to your department. Please email cap@unc.edu or call the Department of Public Safety at 962-3951 with additional questions.

Thank you,

The Department of Public Safety