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November Transit Service

Both Triangle Transit and Chapel Hill Transit will cease bus or shuttle service operations on November 26, Thanksgiving Day. On the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 27, Chapel Hill Transit will operate on the reduced service schedule. To see more details on their service schedule please click here:

http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=758

For a Chapel Hill route guide containing all routes and additional information, click here:
http://www.townofchapelhill.org/modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=2590

For Chapel Hill Transit service alerts, and other services, such as EZ Ryder and Shared Ride 's call (919) 969-4900 or visit **www.chtransit.org.**

Click here to see the Triangle Transit service calendar:

http://triangletransit.org/bus/hours/

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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Annual Fee Waived for Zipcar Departmental Memberships

Most are aware that through Zipcar, UNC-Chapel Hill offers cars students (ages 18+), faculty and staff can use by the hour or day at very reasonable rates. Gas, insurance and even parking are included! Zipcar has become an even better deal for departments. Zipcar **There is no longer an annual fee associated with departmental memberships!!**

To find out more, including the simple steps to follow to sign your department up, click here:

http://www.dps.unc.edu/Transit/campustransit/zipcar/DepartmentsFree.pdf

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CAP Merchant Program Welcomes the Loop

Great News! The Loop Pizza Grill is the newest supporter of the CAP merchant program. The Loop, located in Eastgate Shopping Center, and a favorite to many around here, is now offering a 10% discount to all CAP participants. To view the Loop's yummy, yet wallet-sensitive menu of fresh food, to read about some of their good works, or to get hours of operation or directions, click here:

http://www.looppizzagrill.com/index.html

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UNC Chatham Lot NowAvailable to PX Riders Joining CAP

Since the new PX route, running from Pittsboro to UNC, only runs for three trips in the a.m. and three in the p.m., CAP participants who use choose an annual pass for the PX route MAY use the Chatham Park & Ride lot as a back up commute mode.

For everyone else, it is $3.00 per ride or $65 for a monthly pass. And the Southern Village lot, as well as Eubanks, may be used as a backup commute mode. The pass can be purchased at three locations: Pittsboro or Chapel Hill Town Halls or the Pittsboro Piggly Wiggly. It's a demonstration route, so continuation is dependent on sufficient ridership. Details on the route are here:

http://www.townofchapelhill.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=4349

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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.

P.A.R.T. Vanpool Special

PART is offering 50% off the first month's fare for all new vanpools and a $500 referral bonus for all existing vanpool customers who refer a new vanpool group. Visit http://partnc.org/vanpool.html

Sanford to UNC Vanpool

Sanford to UNC Vanpool Forming. Please email or call Mike Stone if interested, stonem@cs.unc.edu, 919-962-1736.

One Seat Available in Apex Vanpool

Apex to UNC vanpool has 1 open seat: Work schedule to use this vanpool should be 8-4:30. Cost is $41.55/month for CAP participants, $61.55/month for non-CAP participants. Please contact Dawn Bergmire-Sweat at bergmire@unc.edu for further information.

A New Graham / Mebane Vanpool is Forming

This vanpool will end at the Campus buildings on Airport Drive. It will serve those on either a 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. schedule. Please contact Ruby Brown if you have additional questions. She is Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation's Vanpool Coordinator. She can be reached at 336-235-6648 or 1-800-588-7787.

Seat Open in Mebane Vanpool December 1

Work hours 7:30-4:30. Pick up and drop off at Lowes Food Plaza in Mebane. Let riders off at the new Cancer Hospital and Thurston Bowels loading deck. Contact Polly Mebane at Polly_Mebane@med.unc.edu or 336-260-9144 with questions.

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Help Find CAP Merchants

CAP merchants offer discounts and donate prizes to encourage our CAP participants. In return, we thank them publicly several times throughout the year. And of course, since CAP participants are more likely to be out and about exploring the areas around campus or their park & ride lots, these merchants hope you'll stop by and say "Hi!"

The following merchants currently offer CAP participants discounts OR they have given us prizes for us to give away throughout the year, at random:

4-11 West
Bear Rock Café

Ben and Jerry’s – discount AND giveaway!
The Bicycle Chain
Café Driade
Carolina Brewery
Carolina Inn
Daily Grind
Fosters
Great Harvest Bread Co.
Ham's
I Love NY Pizza
Internationalist Books
Jack Sprat's Café
Jaluka Natural Bistro
Jersey Mike's
Johnny T-Shirt: The Carolina Store
Mediterranean Deli
Open Eye Café
Panera Bread
The Loop Pizza Grill
The Pita Pit
Student Stores
TCBY
The Bicycle Chain
The Clean Machine
Town Hall Grill
Weaver Street Market
Whole Foods – Chapel Hill

If 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.

~ CAP Administrator