

Summer Fun Events

Things to do Riding Metrolink

Looking for some summer fun? Here's a preview of upcoming events taking place around Orange County. With Metrolink Weekends and expanded weekday service, all of these events are just a comfortable train ride away. So give your car some time off and avoid parking hassles with Metrolink.

JUNE

- 1-30 The Adventures of Mr. Potato Head**
Discovery Science Center, Orange
May 28- September 11, 2011
www.discoverycube.org or (714) 542-2823
From Orange Station, take OCTA Bus 54 or 56 West and transfer to Route 53 South
- 1-30 WaterWorks: Soak Up the Science**
Discovery Science Center, Orange
May 20-September 11, 2011
www.discoverycube.org or (714) 542-2823
From Orange Station, take OCTA Bus 54 or 56 West and transfer to Route 53 South
- 3 Angels vs New York Yankees**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 4 U.S. Open Elite Tae Kwon Do Championship**
Oceanside Pier Amphitheater
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. / (760) 724-5659
Within 6 blocks of Oceanside station
- 6-8 Angels vs Tampa Bay**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 10 Angels vs Kansas City**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 13 San Clemente Car Show**
Ave. Del Mar, San Clemente
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. / (949) 498-4538
www.villagesanclemente.org
Within walking distance of San Clemente Pier station
- 14 - 18 Race Across America 2011**
Oceanside Pier Amphitheater
12 p.m. / (866) 460-4288
www.raceacrossamerica.org
Within 6 blocks of Oceanside station
- 27-28 Angels vs Washington**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station

JULY

- 1 Angels vs LA Dodgers**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 2 Angels vs LA Dodgers**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 6:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 3 Angels vs LA Dodgers**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 12:35 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 5 Angels vs Detroit**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 6 Angels vs Detroit**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 12:35 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 7-8 Angels vs Seattle**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 9 Angels vs Seattle**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 6:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 10 Angels vs Seattle**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 12:35 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 16-17 San Clemente Ocean Festival**
San Clemente Pier
(949) 440-6141 / www.oceanfestival.org
Within walking distance of San Clemente Pier station
- 19-20 Angels vs Texas**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 21 Angels vs Texas**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 12:35 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station

AUGUST

- 2-4 Angels vs Minnesota**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 5 Angels vs Seattle**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 6 Angels vs Seattle**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 6:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 7 Angels vs Seattle**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 12:35 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 12-14 27th Annual Oceanside Longboard Surfing Club Contest & Beach Festival**
Oceanside Pier Amphitheater & South Pier Beach
6:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. / (760) 931-0301
www.oceansidelongboardsurfingclub.org
Within 6 blocks of Oceanside station
- 14 San Clemente Street Festival**
Ave. Del Mar, San Clemente
9 a.m. - 7 p.m. / (949) 492-1131
www.sccchamber.com
Within walking distance of San Clemente Pier station
- 15-18 Angels vs Texas**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 19 Angels vs Baltimore**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 20 Angels vs Baltimore**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 6:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 21 Angels vs Baltimore**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 12:35 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 20-21 Arts and Crafts Fair**
Ave. Del Mar, San Clemente
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. / (949) 388-6208
www.scartgallery.com
Within walking distance of San Clemente Pier station
- 20-21 35th Annual World Bodysurfing Championships**
Oceanside Pier
6 a.m. - 5 p.m. / (760) 802-7452
Within 6 blocks of Oceanside station
- 23-24 Angels vs Chicago White Sox**
Angel Stadium of Anaheim
Game begins 7:05 p.m.
www.angelsbaseball.com
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station

Enjoying the Quiet

Imagine you're at home sitting on the porch, lost in thought on a warm summer day. Suddenly you're startled out of your dreamlike state by a train horn sounding a warning as it approaches a nearby railroad crossing. Thanks to the efforts of OCTA, this scenario is becoming just a memory and not a recurring interruption in the cities of Anaheim, Orange and Tustin.

For over a year, OCTA has been upgrading and installing additional safety enhancements at railroad crossings throughout Orange County as part of a countywide safety enhancement program. Because of these upgrades, participating cities have had the opportunity to establish quiet zones. In a quiet zone, trains are not required to sound their horns when passing through railroad crossings, except in an emergency.

The cities of Anaheim, Orange and Tustin have established quiet zones at various railroad crossings. All 16 crossings in the city of Orange and four crossings in the city of Anaheim have been designated by the Federal Railroad Administration as quiet zones since February 2011.



Construction at the remaining 10 crossings in Anaheim is expected to be completed in June 2011, with the quiet zone following about a month after. Additionally, the quiet zone at the Red Hill Avenue railroad crossing in Tustin has been in effect since March 2011.

Remember that train engineers will still sound the horn in a quiet zone as a warning in certain circumstances, including:

- In an emergency
- When there is a trespasser on the tracks
- If the automatic warning devices are malfunctioning or out of service
- In an area where construction crews are along or within the railroad right of way
- If there is a safety concern at the station

For more information about quiet zones or the countywide railroad crossing safety enhancement program, visit www.octa.net/railroadcrossing or call 1-888-855-RAIL.

Even with enhanced safety features at many Orange County railroad crossings, it's still smart to play it safe around all railroad crossings.

Here's a rail safety tip to pass along to your family and friends, especially to children who will soon be out of school for the summer. Whenever you come to a railroad crossing, be sure to look and listen for a train coming in either direction before crossing the tracks. If there are multiple tracks, be sure to check all tracks before crossing in case a second train is passing the first one on another track.

You can find more information about rail safety at www.octa.net/railsafety. OCTA offers special rail safety presentations for children's groups and schools. To schedule a presentation, contact Sarah Swensson at 714-560-5376 or at sswensson@octa.net.

NEWSLINK

Orange County Metrolink Update
Summer 2011

New Look, New Name, NewsLINK!



Just in time for Summer, and the rollout of Metrolink's expanded service in Orange County, is our updated

Metrolink newsletter for Orange County riders. We're calling it newsLINK. It is designed to provide important updates on Metrolink service along with special rail promotions and stories geared to those who enjoy commuting through Orange County by rail. We've also expanded the calendar section with weekday events that include those within reach of the 7 stations comprising the expanded service.

ALL ABOARD THE
ANGELS EXPRESS
RIDE METROLINK TO
ANGEL STADIUM FOR
ONLY \$7
ROUNDTrip

\$4 FOR YOUTH 6-18
ages 5 and under ride FREE



Expanded Metrolink Service is Coming July 5th!

Expanded Service for Expanded Living

Starting July 5th, get ready for expanded weekday Metrolink service! It's all part of the Metrolink Service Expansion Program (MSEP) that adds extra rail service and longer hours to the Orange County line between the Fullerton and Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo stations.

This expanded service will let you enjoy more of what Orange County has to offer, including shopping, entertainment, restaurants, sporting events and other local attractions. Now you can stay out later during the week and take Metrolink home in the evening.

New OCLink Pass Provides Even Greater Freedom

Our new OCLink Pass lets you expand your travels even further. The OCLink Pass lets you ride any local OCTA bus, any Metrolink train, anytime, any weekday, anywhere in Orange County for just \$7, \$6 for seniors and persons with disabilities.

The new OCLink Pass will be available at ticket vending machines at all Orange County Metrolink stations. It will also be available at all Orange County **Ralphs** markets, the OCTA Store in Orange, or by calling 714-560-5932. You can even purchase them online at octa.net/OCLink. Please note that the OCLink Pass does not apply to ACCESS service or Express Bus routes.

Start Making Your Travel Plans!

Metrolink's expanded service adds more weekday trains and longer operating hours



between the Fullerton and Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo stations. The OCLink Pass lets you ride anywhere Metrolink travels within Orange County.

Buy an OCLink Pass and Start Having Fun!

Our expanded service means more trains and more places you can travel during the week. Use your OCLink Pass to:

- Get to CSUF, Chapman University or UCI
- Catch an Angels or Ducks game
- Enjoy dining and live entertainment in Fullerton
- Go antiquing in Downtown Orange
- Head to the beach in San Clemente

Expand your life with Metrolink's expanded service and an OCLink Pass!

Take me out to the Ball Game on Angels Express!



Now you can take the train to Angels baseball games with the Angels Express. Metrolink is running special Angels Express trains to all weekday home games that start at 7:05 p.m. The train takes you straight to the stadium's parking lot, which is just a short walk from the stadium.

Round-trip tickets for the Metrolink Angels Express are only \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior/disabled, \$4 for youth ages 6-18 and FREE for children 5 and under with each fare-paying adult (*limit 3 children per adult*).

Avoid Traffic and Parking Costs!

By taking the train from Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo, you are saving nearly 47 miles of driving round trip. By taking the train from L.A. Union Station, you are saving nearly 60 miles of driving round trip. Plus you'll avoid driving through traffic and save the cost of parking, too. If you're an Angels fan and always wanted to ride Metrolink to the game, now's your chance. Take the family to the game on Angels Express.

Angels Express Train Schedule

| DEPARTURE TIMES TO THE GAME AT ANGEL STADIUM | |
|---|-------------|
| L.A. Union Station to Anaheim | 6502 |
| L.A. Union Station | 5:50 pm |
| Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs | 6:11 pm |
| Buena Park | 6:17 pm |
| Fullerton | 6:24 pm |
| Anaheim (arrive at Angel Stadium) | 6:33 pm |
| Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo to Anaheim | 6501 |
| Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo | 5:50 pm |
| Irvine | 5:59 pm |
| Tustin | 6:07 pm |
| Santa Ana | 6:13 pm |
| Orange | 6:18 pm |
| Anaheim (arrive at Angel Stadium) | 6:22 pm |

Departure times back home

Special train #6503 North to L.A. Union Station and train #6500 South to Oceanside will depart 30 minutes after the game ends.

How to Buy Tickets

1. Online at www.octa.net/AngelsExpress
2. By phone at 714-560-5932

3. In person at the OCTA Store: 550 S. Main Street, Orange, CA 92868

4. At Metrolink Ticket Vending Machines by selecting SPECIAL TICKET OPTIONS

5. At Orange County **Ralphs** Supermarkets

Please allow 5 business days for tickets to arrive via mail for online and phone orders.

Please note: If you purchased your special Angels Express train ticket online, at the OCTA Store, via phone, or at **Ralphs** supermarkets you must validate your ticket at a validator machine, located at all Metrolink stations, before boarding the train.

Parking at the Metrolink Stations

Orange County Stations: Parking at all Orange County Metrolink stations, from Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo to Buena Park, is free, so you can drive to the station, leave your car and take the Angels Express to the game.

Los Angeles Union Station: Daily parking is available in front of Union Station at Lot B. There are 60 spaces available, with a maximum charge of \$14 per day. Overnight parking is not allowed. Parking is also available at Gateway Plaza (behind Union Station) for \$6 per day. The Gateway Plaza lot is open 24 hours per day.

Norwalk/Santa Fe Station: To park at this station, you need to purchase a Single Day Reserved parking permit in advance online at <http://www.ntsfsarking.com>. The permit costs \$1.00. With this permit, you will be able park your vehicle on the east side of the train tracks so that you will have access your vehicle after the game.

To learn more about the number of parking spaces and amenities available at the station closest to you, visit octa.net/angelsexpress.



Making Weekends More Fun

Beginning Friday, July 1, you'll have more opportunities to go more places on Metrolink. Weekend Metrolink service will be increasing with four additional trips on the Orange County Line and one new seasonal trip on the Inland Empire-Orange County Line.

Need some ideas for the weekend? Stroll from the Orange station into Old Towne Orange and visit over 700 dealers of antiques, collectibles and art. Take a short walk from the San Juan Capistrano station and visit the "jewel of the missions" and historic Los Rios District. Ride to Los Angeles Union Station and take a short stroll to sample the food and culture of Olvera Street. With a new Metrolink Weekend Pass (see below), you can head to Riverside on Saturday, spend the night at the historic Mission Inn, and use your Weekend Pass to return the next day at no charge.

The seasonal train is the best way to get to the beach at San Clemente or Oceanside during the summer. You'll ride in air-conditioned comfort to the beach and back. Forget about the long, hot drive and finding a parking space at the beach. Take Metrolink instead and enjoy the trip! You'll find more information about the IEOC seasonal train and OC Line schedules at www.metrolinktrains.com.

New Weekend Pass

Metrolink is making it easier and more affordable to go places on the weekend. Along with more frequent weekend service, Metrolink is introducing a new Weekend Pass. Available for \$10.00, the new Weekend



Pass will be valid for unlimited travel anywhere in the entire Metrolink system after 7:00 pm on Friday until midnight on Sunday.

You'll find a variety of places to go and things to do on weekends elsewhere in this issue of NewsLink. For more ideas and Metrolink weekend schedules, visit www.octa.net and click on "Train."

Ready for the weekend? With more Metrolink service and the new \$10 Weekend Pass, just think of the places you can go aboard a comfortable Metrolink train, with no stressful driving in heavy traffic or searching for parking. Enjoy the weekend — take Metrolink!

*Weekend Pass does not entitle travel on Amtrak trains.

San Clemente for Bicycling

The beautiful seaside town of San Clemente offers many bicycle experiences. Long-time cyclists Pete and Lynn VanNuys of **Bicycles San Clemente** share some of their favorite rides starting from the Metrolink station at 1900 N. El Camino Real.

Bikes on Trains

If you have a bike, bring it along on the train. Metrolink can take up to 3 bikes per car.

No Bike? No Problem

If you're bike-less, don't worry, you can rent one from **Bicycles San Clemente** located at the North Beach station. A wide variety of bikes are available. Rentals start at \$9 per hour and include helmets, locks and bells.

The Beach – 5 miles Round Trip

This unique 2.5-mile trail showcases San Clemente's famous beaches and offers safe access to the sand at seven gated rail crossings. The view from the elevated bridge around Mariposa Point is spectacular, and the famous pier is great for food, shopping, or a stroll out over the sea.

Trestles – 9 miles Round Trip

A completely natural beach at the mouth of San Mateo Creek, an amazing estuary and some of the worlds most famous surf breaks. Ride the Beach Trail most of the way there, then return through the town's residential areas.

Parking Structure Progress

Fullerton Station Parking Expansion

The parking structure will be built west of Harbor Boulevard, and the structure will include 812 additional parking spaces. A new pedestrian walkway along the Harbor Boulevard railroad bridge will connect the parking structure to the station, providing commuters with an easy and safe way to access both areas.

Structure Begun at Tustin Station

The new facility will have 733 parking spaces on five levels as well as 91 surface parking spaces, for a total of 824 spaces.



Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano - 11 or 14 Miles Roundtrip

These destinations start with a ride north along Pacific Coast Highway, into Doheny State Park. You can continue a mile to Dana Point Harbor, or turn inland and ride San Juan Creek Trail 2 miles to the Mission at San Juan Capistrano.

Oceanside – 26 Miles One Way

This route winds through residential neighborhoods and onto a bikes-only trail on Old Highway 101. Enjoy Pacific panoramas and quiet two-lane roads through the Marine Base, Oceanside Harbor and shops and cafes before returning by train.

San Diego – 60 Miles One Way

For full day or weekend rides, join the hundreds who ride all the way to San Diego. (*Pete and Lynn can help with maps and directions.*) Return in the late afternoon by Amtrak.

For a short bicycle cruise or a longer ride, San Clemente is the place to start. And you can get there aboard a convenient Metrolink train.

Construction of the new parking structure began in October 2010 and is anticipated to take approximately one year. While construction is under way, the station is closed to vehicles.

To accommodate Metrolink passengers, OCTA has leased 277 parking spaces from Printronix, located on Myford Road, northeast of the station. The temporary parking lot is within ¼-mile (about a 5-minute walk) of the station and can be accessed via the new pedestrian walkway linking Dow Avenue to the station.