

New Leadership at OCTA

The OCTA Board of Directors has new leadership for 2011. Patricia Bates, Vice Chair of the Board and Orange County supervisor for the 5th Supervisorial District, took the helm as the new Board Chair. Bates has served on the OCTA Board since 2007. Paul Glaab, Laguna Niguel council member, is the new Vice Chair. Glaab joined the Board in 2006.



New Chair Patricia Bates



New Vice Chair Paul Glaab

The 2011 OCTA Board members include:

Patricia Bates, Chairman	Bill Campbell, Director	Peter Herzog, Director	Tom Tait, Director
Paul G. Glaab, Vice Chair	Carolyn V. Cavecche, Director	John Moorlach, Director	Gregory T. Winterbottom, Director
Jerry Amante, Director	Larry Crandall, Director	Shawn Nelson, Director	Cindy Quon, Governor's Ex-Officio Member
Don Bankhead, Director	William J. Dalton, Director	Janet Nguyen, Director	
Peter Buffa, Director	Don Hansen, Director	Miguel Pulido, Director	

New San Diego to Los Angeles Express

With less stopping and more going, Amtrak California's new Pacific Surfliner San Diego to Los Angeles Express (SD to LA) service will help make your commute a little easier to take.

The new SD to LA Express Train (563) began pulling out of the station on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, and operates Monday through Friday.

Express Train 563 replaces weekday Train 565 with fewer stops along the corridor. The Express Train departs San Diego's Santa Fe Depot at 7:05 a.m. with stops in Solana Beach, Oceanside, Irvine, and Anaheim, before arriving at Los Angeles Union Station at 9:33 a.m.

Please note: Unlike Train 565, the new Express Train will no longer stop in San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Niguel-Mission Viejo, Santa Ana, Orange and Fullerton. Train 565 will continue to operate on Saturdays and Sundays (only) with no change in service.

In addition, Metrolink Orange County Line Train 687 will depart Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo at 8:33 a.m. instead of 8:20 a.m., arriving at Los Angeles Union Station at 9:55 a.m. For more information, visit www.amtrakcalifornia.com or www.metrolinktrains.com.

Save on Ducks Tickets

Enjoy Anaheim Ducks hockey and save with Track Pack! It's a special package for Metrolink riders with savings on all Wednesday game tickets during the season. Track Pack includes 1 game ticket, 1 hot dog and a soda, all starting at \$21.50! With Track Pack you can save on all seating levels and price codes. Discount package offer applies to all levels and price codes.

To get your Track Pack:

- Buy online at www.ticketmaster.com/promo/pnbsgo
- Call 877-WILD-WING to purchase by phone
- Buy at the Ducks' box office

Get To The Game By Train

Get your Track Pack now and save and then get to the game on Metrolink. With the station only three blocks from the Honda Center, the train is a great way to get to the game. For more information, go to www.octa.net/Ducks.



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Orange County Commuter Rail Update

Great Savings for a Whale of a Time!

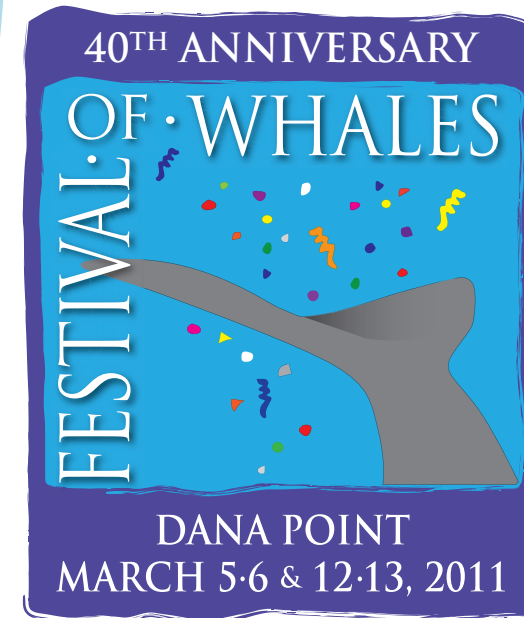
Each year at this time, the California Gray Whales embark on their annual journey from the frigid Alaskan waters and migrate south to Mexico. For the past 40 years, Dana Point has celebrated this special migration with the Festival of Whales. This year the festivities will be held on two consecutive weekends, March 5 and 6, and March 12 and 13.

The fun starts Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m., with the Festival of Whales parade – appropriately titled, 40 Years of Majestic Migration. The parade, complete with themed floats and costumes, travels along Pacific Coast Highway from Selva Road to Street of the Golden Lantern in Dana Point. After the parade, you can enjoy a myriad of events that offer something for everyone, and of course the best whale watching excursions on the West Coast! A complete Calendar of Events is online at www.festivalofwhales.com.

OCTA and Metrolink can help you get there for less. Grab the family or your friends and take Metrolink with a Friends and Family 4-Pack. A group of four can get four roundtrip tickets good for travel on any Saturday or Sunday for only \$29. Regular Metrolink fare from Buena Park to San Juan Capistrano is \$18.50 each x 4 = \$74. With a Friends and Family 4-Pack, you pay just \$29—that's a savings of \$45! From the San Juan Capistrano Metrolink station, just take OCTA Bus Route 91 South to Dana Point and you're there.

Want to save while you're there? Present your OCTA bus pass or Metrolink ticket at Dana Wharf Whale Watching and you'll save \$5 off any whale watching excursion ticket price. You can celebrate into the night or for the entire weekend and save as well. Show your OCTA bus pass or Metrolink ticket when registering and stay overnight at the Dana Point Marina Inn for the special rate of \$69, or at the Doubletree Guest Suites Doheny Beach for only \$169.

Whether you go for the day or for the weekend, you and the entire family will have a whale of a time with great savings from OCTA and Metrolink! Visit www.octa.net/whales for more information on whale watching excursions, hotel offers and OCTA bus schedules and Metrolink schedules.



Questions? Comments?

Write to us at the address below, give us a call or contact us online.

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THINGS TO DO IN ORANGE COUNTY WITH metrolink weekends

Wondering what to do next weekend? Next month? Here's a preview of upcoming events taking place around Orange County. With Metrolink Weekends service, all of these events are just a comfortable train ride away. So give your car the weekend off and avoid parking hassles with Metrolink Weekends.

March

Sesame Street Presents: The Body Discovery Science Center
January 29-May 1, 2011
Orange
From Orange Station, take OCTA Bus 54 or 56
West and transfer to Route 53 South
www.discoverycube.org or (714) 542-2823



5-6 & 12-13 Festival of Whales
40th Annual Festival of Whales
Dana Point

From San Juan Capistrano Station, take OCTA Bus Route 91 South
www.festivalofwhales.com or (949) 472-7888

12 Living History Day
Mission San Juan Capistrano
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Within walking distance of San Juan Capistrano Station
www.missionsjc.com or (949) 234-1315

26 Swallows' Day Parade and Mercado
San Juan Capistrano
10 a.m.
Within walking distance of San Juan Capistrano Station
(949) 493-1976

April

2-24 15th Annual BubbleFest Discovery Science Center
Orange
From Orange Station, take OCTA Bus 54 or 56
West and transfer to Route 53 South
www.discoverycube.org or (714) 542-2823

3 Village Art Fair
Ave. Del Mar, San Clemente
Within walking distance of San Clemente Pier Station.
www.villagesanclemente.org or (949) 218-5378

16 Doheny Wood Car Show
Dana Point
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
From San Juan Capistrano Station, take OCTA Bus Route 91 South.
www.socalwoodies.com/doheny.htm



16 Olvera Street Anniversary Celebration
Olvera Street, Los Angeles
Within walking distance of LA Union Station
www.calleolvera.com

23 Blessing of the Animals
Olvera Street, Los Angeles
Within walking distance of LA Union Station
www.calleolvera.com

May

1 Village Art Fair
Ave. Del Mar, San Clemente
Within walking distance of San Clemente Pier Station.
www.villagesanclemente.org or (949) 218-5378

30-1 & 7-8 Cinco de Mayo at Olvera Street
Olvera Street, Los Angeles
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Within Walking Distance of LA Union Station
www.calleolvera.com or (213) 485-8372

7 Rocket Launch: The Boeing Company Discovery Science Center
Orange
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
From Orange Station, take OCTA Bus 54 or 56
West and transfer to Route 53 South
www.discoverycube.org or (714) 542-2823

20 WaterWorks: Soak Up the Science Discovery Science Center
Orange
May 20-September 11, 2011
From Orange Station, take OCTA Bus 54 or 56
West and transfer to Route 53 South
www.discoverycube.org or (714) 542-2823

21-22 Doheny Blues Festival
Dana Point
From San Juan Capistrano Station, take OCTA Bus Route 91 South
www.omegaevents.com or (949) 360-7800



28 The Adventures of Mr. Potato Head Discovery Science Center
May 28- September 11, 2011
Orange
From Orange Station, take OCTA Bus 54 or 56
West and transfer to Route 53 South
www.discoverycube.org or (714) 542-2823

See the Swallows Day Parade

When the swallows return to San Juan Capistrano, it's cause for celebration. You're invited to join the excitement at the 53rd Annual Swallows Day Parade and Mercado, Saturday, March 26, 2011, in downtown San Juan Capistrano.

The parade is part of the Fiesta de las Golondrinas, which celebrates the return of the swallows to Mission San Juan Capistrano on Saint Joseph's Day, March 19th. It's the largest non-motorized parade in the nation, and great fun for the whole family. It's a popular event, so be sure to arrive early to avoid street closures, which start at 10 a.m. The parade begins promptly at 11 a.m.

The Swallows Day Mercado will also be held Saturday, March 26, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., in the Historic Town Center Park, located on El Camino Real just off Ortega Highway. The Mercado is a street fair and marketplace where you can eat, drink, and shop at over 100 booths; it's a great place to take the whole family after the parade.

Metrolink Weekends makes it easy for you to get to San Juan Capistrano. Gather your family or friends and get a Metrolink Friends and Family 4-Pack. Then sit back, relax and forget about traffic and parking. The San Juan Capistrano Metrolink Station is within easy walking distance of the parade route and the historic Mission. Take Metrolink and spend the day at the Swallows Day Parade and Mercado in historic San Juan Capistrano. For more information about the parade, please call (949) 493-1976. For Metrolink ticket information and train schedules, visit www.octa.net/metrolink.



More Parking for Fullerton



More parking is on the way for the Fullerton Transportation Center. A new three-story parking structure is now under construction at the corner of Harbor Boulevard and Santa Fe Avenue. Construction began in November with demolition work at the site.

The new structure will accommodate approximately 800 parking spaces on four levels, including one level under ground. It will feature a pedestrian bridge over Harbor Boulevard to provide direct access to the platforms and aesthetic elements to integrate with the existing development.

Keep In Touch with e-Communications

In today's fast-paced world, situations changes quickly. From train schedules to upcoming events, you need to know what's happening. Here are several ways to get "e-connected" with OCTA Metrolink.

Get Train Updates with Twitter

Whether at your computer or on your phone, you can get real-time updates with Twitter. For Metrolink general information, follow [@Metrolink](https://twitter.com/Metrolink); for the Inland Empire-Orange County Line, follow [@MetrolinkIEOC](https://twitter.com/MetrolinkIEOC); for the Orange County Line, follow [@MetrolinkOC](https://twitter.com/MetrolinkOC); for the 91 Line, follow [@Metrolink91](https://twitter.com/Metrolink91); for information on Orange County events and special promotions, follow [Twitter.com/OCTA_Nora](https://twitter.com/OCTA_Nora).

Find Out What's Happening with Facebook

Become an Orange County Metrolink fan on Facebook and you'll get information on current Orange County events, special promotions, upcoming Metrolink service expansion and station improvements. You'll also get helpful tips on how to stay safe around railroad tracks and trains. Log on to [Facebook.com/OCMetrolink](https://www.facebook.com/OCMetrolink) and become a fan today! Be sure to tell your friends about all the things you can find on the Orange County Metrolink Facebook page.

Get Connected by E-Mail

If you travel anywhere in Orange County, OCTA Connections, OCTA's e-newsletter, will keep you up to date on what's happening with Orange County transportation. You can choose the news you want to receive— Metrolink information, OCTA bus rider alerts, 91 Express Lanes information, freeway improvement projects or local street improvements. Sign up for Connections today at www.octa.net/Connections.