

# The Latest from OCTA

## OCTA Elects New Leadership

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) recently selected new leaders for its Board of Directors. OCTA Board Vice Chairman and Fourth District Supervisor Chris Norby was unanimously selected as the new chairman of the board. Public member Peter Buffa will serve as vice chair. OCTA's new Board of Directors for 2008 includes:

Chris Norby, Chairman  
Peter Buffa, Vice Chairman  
Jerry Amante, Director  
Patricia Bates, Director  
Art Brown, Director  
Bill Campbell, Director

Carolyn V. Cavecche, Director  
Richard Dixon, Director  
Paul G. Glaab, Director  
Cathy Green, Director  
Allan Mansoor, Director  
John Moorlach, Director

Janet Nguyen, Director  
Curt Pringle, Director  
Miguel Pulido, Director  
Mark Rosen, Director  
Gregory T. Winterbottom, Director  
Cindy Quon, Governor's Ex-Officio Member



## Expansion Plan Rolling Along

The Orange County Metrolink Expansion Program is underway, with new locomotives, cars, and improvements to tracks, stations and parking facilities. With 30-minute service between Fullerton and Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo scheduled to begin in early 2010, new locomotives and cars are now in production. More frequent service means more choices for you to get to and from work on weekdays and to the fun on weekends.

### Track Improvements

More frequent service also means additional track will be needed at the Fullerton and Laguna Niguel / Mission Viejo stations to allow trains to pull off the mainline while other trains pass. These and other track improvements are being designed to offer you faster and more frequent service.

### Station and Parking Expansion

With Metrolink service becoming more popular for commuters, new stations and more parking will be needed. A new station is being planned for Placentia. At the Irvine station, a new parking structure is currently 40% complete. Plans for more parking are in the works for the Fullerton, Tustin, Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo and Orange stations, too.

### Grade Crossing and Quiet Zones

Improving safety for vehicles and pedestrians at grade crossings is also part of the expansion program. Quiet zones—railroad grade crossings where trains will not routinely sound their horns—go hand in hand with grade crossing safety. Orange County's first quiet zone was established in August 2007 in Placentia, and more quiet zones are planned to reduce train horn noise for residents along Metrolink lines.



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# OCTA Metrolink NEWSLINE

Orange County Rail Update

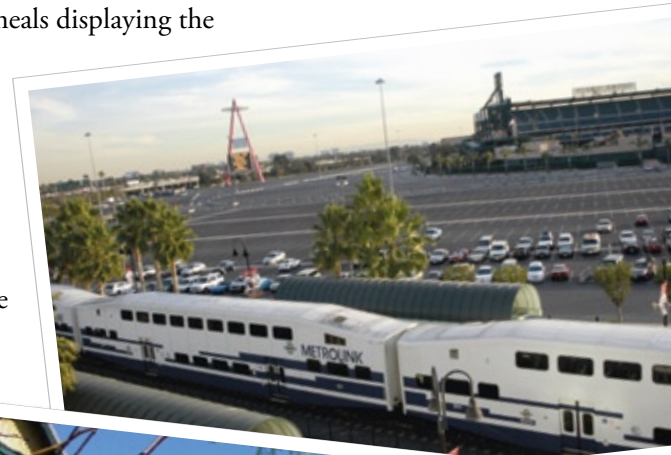
## Get Away This Weekend to Anaheim

What comes to mind when you think of Anaheim? How about fun! Anaheim is world famous as the home of Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure Park. Anaheim also is the home of Angels baseball and Mighty Ducks hockey. If you like live concerts, The Grove and the Honda Center are where you can see your favorite performers.

Weekends are the perfect time to get away to Anaheim and the perfect way to get there is aboard a comfortable Metrolink Weekends train. April is the start of a new baseball season, and the Anaheim Metrolink station is right in the Angel Stadium parking lot. You'll be in your seats and enjoying Angels baseball in no time.

Spring is a great time to go gourmet with Disney's California Food and Wine Weekends at California Adventure Park. The Food and Wine Weekends feature California spirits and cuisine, along with culinary demonstrations, seminars and delicious meals displaying the Golden State's diverse flavors.

Make plans now to get away to Anaheim for the weekend. From the Anaheim Metrolink station you can catch a convenient shuttle to Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure. Many other Anaheim attractions are just a short OCTA bus ride away. Take Metrolink Weekends to Anaheim for your weekend getaway. For more information, visit [www.octa.net/metrolinkweekends](http://www.octa.net/metrolinkweekends).



#### Questions? Comments?

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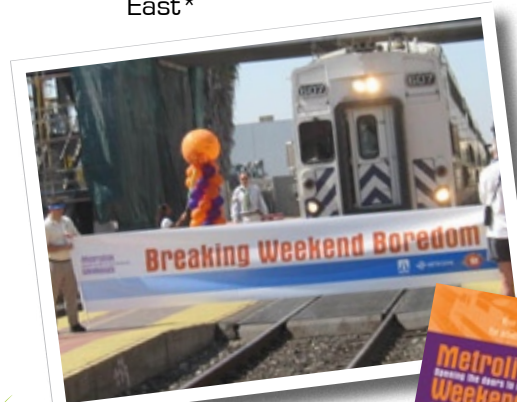
# What's Happening in Orange County

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	April	May
<p><b>1 Doodlebops Live! – Grove of Anaheim</b> [Anaheim Station] Within walking distance</p> <p><b>1-2 Festival of Whales – Dana Point Wharf</b> [San Juan Capistrano Station] Take OCTA Bus Route 91 South</p> <p><b>8-9</b></p> <p><b>9 Ducks vs. Canadians – Honda Center</b> [Anaheim Station] Take OCTA Bus Route 50 East*</p> <p><b>22 NCAA® Road to the Final Four (Opening Round) – Honda Center</b> [Anaheim Station] Take OCTA Bus Route 50 East</p> <p><b>29 50th Annual Swallows' Day Parade – Downtown San Juan Capistrano</b> [San Juan Capistrano Station] Within walking distance</p> <p><b>30 Ducks vs. Stars – Honda Center</b> [Anaheim Station] Take OCTA Bus Route 50 East*</p>	<p><b>6 Angels vs. Rangers – Angel Stadium of Anaheim</b> [Anaheim Station] Within walking distance</p> <p><b>6 Ducks vs. Coyotes – Honda Center</b> [Anaheim Station] Take OCTA Bus Route 50 East*</p> <p><b>6 Interscholastic Surfing Federation – Oceanside Pier</b> [Oceanside Station] Within walking distance</p> <p><b>12-27 Disney's California Food and Wine Weekends – Disneyland® California Adventure</b> [Anaheim Station] Take Anaheim Resort Transit Shuttle</p> <p><b>19-20 Interscholastic Surfing Federation – Oceanside Pier</b> [Oceanside Station] Within walking distance</p> <p><b>20 Angels vs. Mariners – Angel Stadium of Anaheim</b> [Anaheim Station] Within walking distance</p> <p><b>26-27 NSSA Open #10 – Oceanside Pier</b> [Oceanside Station] Within walking distance</p>	<p><b>3-4 Fullerton Railroad Days</b> <a href="http://www.scrmf.org/rdays">www.scrmf.org/rdays</a> [Fullerton Train Station] Corner of Pomona Avenue and Santa Fe Street. Event is on-site.</p> <p><b>3-4 Disney California Food and Wine Festival - Disney's California Adventure Park.</b> [Anaheim Station] Take ART Shuttle.</p> <p><b>3-31 Robert Perine and the Fender Guitar Exhibit</b> Fullerton Museum. [Fullerton Station] Within walking distance.</p> <p><b>17 Angels vs. Dodgers</b> Angels Stadium of Anaheim. [Anaheim Station] Within walking distance.</p> <p><b>17 Mother's Day @ Santa Ana Stadium</b> [The Depot at Santa Ana] Take OCTA Route 62.</p>

\*For game schedules visit [www.ducks.nhl.com](http://www.ducks.nhl.com).

For additional event information and a complete listing of events in and around Orange County's Metrolink stations go to [www.octa.net/justgetaway](http://www.octa.net/justgetaway) and click on "Things to Do."



## Be There for the Swallows Day Parade

Every year, on March 19, St. Joseph's Day, the swallows return to Mission San Juan Capistrano. The return of the swallows generates a festive atmosphere in the town and attracts visitors not only from Southern California but from around the world as well. Called the *Fiesta de las Golondrinas*, the week-long celebration begins the Friday before St. Joseph's Day and continues through the following Saturday when the annual Swallows Day Parade takes place. The parade is said to be the largest nonmotorized parade in the western U.S.

If you would like to see the swallows and the Swallows Day Parade on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, Metrolink Weekends can help. Enjoy the fiesta atmosphere of San Juan Capistrano with a train ride right to the heart of the city. Mission San Juan Capistrano is within easy walking distance from the station. Metrolink Weekends fares are 25% off regular weekday fares. Three children age 5 and under ride free with each paid adult, and each additional child pays youth fare, so take the family to the Swallows Day Parade. For schedules, visit [octa.net/metrolinkweekends](http://octa.net/metrolinkweekends).

## Join the Migration

The annual whale migration is on. There's no better place to see the whales than at the Festivals of Whales in Dana Point, March 1, 2 and 8, 9. Watch the Festival of Whales Parade along Pacific Coast Highway, Saturday, March 1, starting at 10 a.m. After the parade, enjoy the lively Street Faire with arts and craft booths, food vendors and live entertainment. It's fun for the whole family! You'll find whale watching excursions from Dana Harbor throughout the Festival of Whales. Get away with your family to the Dana Point Festival of Whales on Metrolink. Take a convenient Metrolink Weekends train to the San Juan Capistrano station and then catch OCTA Route 91 to Dana Point. For Metrolink Weekend fares and schedules visit [octa.net/metrolinkweekends](http://octa.net/metrolinkweekends).

### Whale Watching Package

Metrolink, OCTA and the DoubleTree® Guest Suites Doheny Beach invite you to migrate with the gray whales to Dana Point for the 37th Annual Dana Point Festival of Whales!

Come stay two nights at DoubleTree® Guest Suites and enjoy an added value of two adult whale watching tickets and one child's ticket! Special Offer valid thru April 15, 2008. To book your stay visit [www.dohenybeach.doubletree.com](http://www.dohenybeach.doubletree.com).

