

Commuter Club News

Summer 2016

Platinum Pass Renewal

If you currently have a Platinum Pass card you may have noticed that the card will expire in October. But there is no cause for concern, your bus card will **automatically** be renewed! You just need to sit back, relax, and the new card will automatically be sent to your agency's personnel or payroll office by the end of September.

The new Platinum Pass should be used **starting 10/1/2016**. **All current passes will be deactivated at midnight of 9/30/2016** (regardless of the expiration printed on the card). This will occur to simplify billing during Platinum Pass renewal as the State is on a monthly calendar billing cycle.



During the month of September, GAO Central Payroll will be busy preparing the mass renewal for new Platinum Pass cards. What this means is that any new or replacement Platinum Pass applications will be placed on hold until the renewal process is complete at the end of September.

If you have any questions, please contact your agency's personnel office.

VALLEY METRO IMPROVES TRANSIT THIS OCTOBER!

Transit route service schedule and route changes go into effect on October 24, 2016. Valley Metro is improving and extending service to many Phoenix routes. Go online to www.valleymetro.org/servicechanges to check on routes.

Maricopa County Air Quality Department's (MCAQD) Fireplace Retrofit Program

Although it's toasty outside, it's not too soon to think about ways to keep the winter pollution away. Emissions from burning wood in fireplaces are a significant contributor to respiratory issues and MCAQD is developing a pilot Fireplace Retrofit Program in Phoenix to retrofit chimneys or convert wood burning fireplaces to natural gas at no charge to residents living in the pilot program boundaries, Baseline Road to Northern Avenue and 59th Avenue to 16th Street. More information is available online at http://www.maricopa.gov/pr_detail.aspx?releaseID=3325

K-9 TEAMS PATROL PHOENIX TRANSIT SYSTEM

The Transit Enforcement Unit (TEU) K-9 teams are patrolling Phoenix's transit system and have been at large events throughout the Valley for the last several months. The Detection Canine Program is a partnership between Phoenix Public Transit and Police Departments, Valley Metro, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Commuter Club Members - KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!



- ⊗ Observe HPA ⊗ Refuel after dark
- ⊗ Carpool ⊗ Telework ⊗ Take Transit
- ⊗ Stay in for lunch ⊗ Combine trips

Things are heating up! With the warm weather comes the inevitable ozone pollution problems and High Pollution Advisories (HPA). To communicate this, each week there will be an Air Quality Forecast issued by the Department of Environmental Quality and reported by Capitol Rideshare to State employees in Maricopa County. Additionally, on days when ozone levels are in danger of reaching or exceeding the health standard, a High Pollution Advisory (HPA) will be issued. This information will be posted at your agency as well as on our website.

This summer, KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING - especially on HPA days. And if you do, log on to www.capitolrideshare.com and enter the HPA Day Contest! Just tell us who you are and what mode you used. At the end of the month, we will be drawing winners from the pool of names! The more times you use an alternate mode on HPA days, the more chances you have to win! Remember to refuel your car after dark and avoid traveling in your car at lunchtime. By checking your agency's website or by visiting www.capitolrideshare.com, you can receive the most recent Air Quality Forecast.

Special Commuter Club online contest—enter by August 31st!
www.capitolrideshare.com/contact-us/testimonials/cc-contest/

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REFER A FRIEND!

Detach the application and give it to a friend who uses an alternate mode and helps clean the air; just like you do! Help them reap their rewards! If you have any questions, please call 602.542.7433!

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Agency Address: _____

Room # or Mail Drop: _____

Office Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Which alternate mode do you use:

- Bicycle
- Bus/Light Rail
- Carpool
- Compressed Work Week
- Light Rail
- Telework
- Vanpool
- Virtual Office
- Walk
- Hybrid /Alt Fuel Vehicle

Number of days a week:

If someone referred you to the Commuter Club
Please tell us their name and address:

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