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10 AM - 3 PM**

**INTERNATIONAL GAME FISH ASSOCIATION
300 GULF STREAM WAY, DANIA BEACH
(adjacent to Tri-Rail Station)**

Meet representatives from leading South Florida companies looking to build their workforce. Ride Tri-Rail and enjoy a stress-free commute to the Job Fair, with a complimentary shuttle to and from the train station. Plus, the first 300 event attendees will receive a free Tri-Rail One-Way Ticket.

For more information, call 1-888-GO-SFRTA
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MEET WITH THESE COMPANIES:



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onboard

The latest news from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority - a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach counties.

TRI-RAIL POSTS STRONG RIDERSHIP INCREASES IN 2011

SFRTA recently reported that total ridership, including weekends and holidays, reached 3,948,100, up from 3,644,978 in 2010, showing an increase of 8.3%. Last year's total marked the second highest ridership in the 22-year history of the system, surpassed only by 2008, when gas prices consistently hovered around \$4 a gallon. Weekday ridership on Tri-Rail trains increased by 10% in 2011, growing from 3,117,556 passengers in 2010, to 3,424,030 in 2011.

"Now that more South Floridians are returning to work, more and more commuters are turning to Tri-Rail to provide an economical, efficient way to get to their place of employment. We are glad that we are here to fulfill their needs," said Joseph Giulietti, SFRTA Executive Director.

The key to using Tri-Rail is the connectivity to feeder systems. In 2011, use of Tri-Rail-sponsored shuttles increased by 64%, with a total of 783,947 passengers, as compared to 479,155 in 2010. Ridership numbers were bolstered by the addition of new shuttle routes in Opa-locka, Lake Worth



and Fort Lauderdale, as well as the rerouting of some existing shuttles to make them accessible to more employment centers.

Underscoring the impact that the improving employment outlook is having on Tri-Rail ridership, is that 285 companies joined the SFRTA's Employer Discount Program (EDP) in 2011, as did 2,829 individual employees.

TRI-RAIL INFORMA UN FUERTE AUMENTO DE PASAJEROS EN 2011

La Autoridad Regional de Transporte del Sur de la Florida (SFRTA) anunció que el total

de pasajeros, incluidos los fines de semana y los días festivos, llegó a 3.948.100, frente a los 3.644.978 en 2010: un aumento del 8,3%. El total del año pasado fue el segundo lugar en cantidad de pasajeros en los 22 años de historia del

sistema, superado solo por el 2008, cuando los precios de la gasolina se mantuvieron constantemente en \$4 el galón. La cantidad de pasajeros de los días de semana en los trenes de Tri-Rail aumentó un 10% en 2011: de 3.117.556 pasajeros en 2010 a 3.424.030 en 2011.

"Ahora que más habitantes del Sur de la Florida vuelven a trabajar, cada vez más eligen Tri-Rail para viajar de casa al trabajo de una manera económica y eficiente. Nos complace estar aquí para satisfacer sus necesidades", comentó Joseph Giulietti, Director Ejecutivo de SFRTA.

La clave de usar Tri-Rail es la conexión con otros sistemas. En 2011, el uso del servicio regular de conexión patrocinado por Tri-Rail aumentó un 64%, con un total

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de 783.947 pasajeros, frente a los 479.155 de 2010. El aumento de la cantidad de pasajeros se reforzó con el agregado de nuevos servicios de conexión en Opa-locka, Lake Worth y Fort Lauderdale, así como el cambio en el trayecto de algunos servicios de conexión existentes para hacerlos más accesibles a más centros de empleo.

El impacto que tuvo la mejora en la perspectiva laboral sobre la cantidad de pasajeros de Tri-Rail quedó resaltado por las 285 empresas y los 2.829 empleados individuales que se sumaron al Programa de Descuentos para Empleadores (EDP) en 2011.

TRI-RAIL AFICHE GWO KANTITE OGMANTASYON NAN PASAJE YO NAN ANE 2011

Otorite Transpò Rejyonal Sid Florid (SFRTA) te anonse kantite pasaje total la, nan jou wikenn ak jou ferye, te rive a 3,948,100, parapò ak 3,644,978 nan ane 2010, sa ki montre yon ogmantasyon 8.3%. Chif total ane pase a te reprezante dezyèm pi gwo kantite pasaje nan istwa sistèm nan depi 22 ane, te depase sèlman nan ane 2008, lè pri galon gaz la te rive a peprè \$4. Kantite pasaje nan tren Tri-Rail yo te ogmante a 10% nan ane 2011. Ogmantasyon sa a kalkile ant 3,117,556 pasaje nan ane 2010, ak 3,424,030 pasaje nan ane 2011.

Joseph Giuliatti, Direktè Egzekitif SFRTA, di konsa, "Kounye a, plis moun k ap viv nan Sid Florid retounen nan travay, plis pasaje ofi-amezi pran sèvis Tri-Rail pou bay yon fason ki ekonomik ak efikas pou yo ale nan espas travay yo. Nou kontan poutèt nou isit la pou satisfè bezwen yo."

Sa ki enpòtan pou itilize sèvis Tri-Rail se fason li konekte nan sistèm rabè yo. Nan ane 2011, itilizasyon sèvis transpò nan otobis Tri-Rail finanse te ogmante a 64%, avèk yon total 783,947 pasaje, parapò ak 479,155 nan ane 2010. Kantite pasaje yo te ranfòse lè yo te mete nouvo wout yo nan in Opa-locka, Lake Worth ak Fort Lauderdale, ak detounman kèk otobis pou yo jwenn aksè nan plis sant travay.

Si n ap montre enpak amelyorasyon sityasyon travay la genyen sou kantite pasaje Tri-Rail yo, sèke 285 konpayi te antre nan Pwogram SFRTA pou bay Rabè pou Patwon (EDP) nan ane 2011, menm 2,829 anplwaye te fè sa poukont yo.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SFRTA representatives recently took part in a transportation day hosted by the Broward County Aviation Department at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport, in January. The group was comprised of Broward County leaders of programs for people with disabilities. The day included a tour of the airport, and a conference-style program that included presentations from airport management and staff, airline representatives, as well as Broward County Transit and Tri-Rail.

The attendees were assembled by the Center for Independent Living (CIL) of Broward, as part of its Leadership CIL Broward program, which is designed to expand the skills and knowledge of individuals with disabilities who have demonstrated leadership within their professions and communities.

SFRTA is pleased to offer a great public service to the South Florida community. To schedule an SFRTA representative to speak at your organization, call 954-788-7925.

TRI-RAIL BICYCLE LOCKERS GET NEW LOCKS!

Attention all Bicycle Locker Program participants! We will be replacing current locks on all bicycle lockers with a new, shrouded lock that is more protected and weather-durable, which will soon be delivered and placed inside your locker. Just replace the old lock with the new, and place the old lock inside your locker to be retrieved by us at a later date.

Tri-Rail's Bicycle Locker Program is now offered with no fees, only a \$20 refundable security deposit. Since this change, the number of registrants has increased significantly. Get yours while they last!

Log onto www.tri-rail.com/bikelockers or contact Tri-Rail's Customer Service Department at 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) for more information.



SOUTH FLORIDA EVENTS

STREET PAINTING FESTIVAL

Every February for the past 18 years, downtown Lake Worth celebrates what is now dubbed as the largest event of its kind in the United States. For two days, the 2012 Street Painting Festival features hundreds of artists who use the city's asphalt as canvas, exhibiting on-the-spot created artwork for the public to enjoy. The outdoor event has food courts, musical entertainment and street performers, and has proven to be a signature South Florida event that thousands of spectators have come to enjoy.

The free event starts at 10 a.m. and takes place on Saturday and Sunday, February 25 & 26, 2012, in downtown Lake Worth, along Lake and Lucerne Avenues. **How to get there:** Take Tri-Rail to the Lake Worth Station. Take free trolley to the event.



FLORIDA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Celebrating 20 years of unique fun and entertainment, the Florida Renaissance Festival will return to Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach. Event goers can prepare to celebrate Medieval Times with traditional jousting and sword fighting performances, tournament-style games and staged entertainment throughout the day. The festival will also feature special delicacies of the Middle Ages and a kids' area with games, crafts, activities and more.

The Florida Renaissance Festival kicks off at 10 a.m. on each Saturday and Sunday, beginning February 11 through March 11. The festival is also open to the public on February 20, in honor of President's Day. For more information, please visit www.renfest.com or call 954-776-1642.

How to get there: Take Tri-Rail to the Deerfield Beach Station. Take Broward County Transit (BCT) Route 48 westbound to Powerline Road, then transfer onto BCT Route #14 southbound traveling on Powerline Road to Quiet Waters Park.



COMMUTER BENEFIT NOT PASSED

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) has reported that the extension to keep the monthly transit commuter benefit at \$230 failed to be passed by Congress before the deadline on December 31, 2011, dropping the transit benefit to \$125 per month, per person.

The drop could serve as a tax increase to some transit riders this year, depending on the tax bracket in which they fall. This also affects employers that offer pre-tax transit benefits, particularly if they total more than \$125 per month. APTA also stated that the parking tax benefits were in fact extended, demonstrating a bias for driving over public transit.

Not extending the commuter benefit comes at a time when transit ridership showed steady growth in 2011, on a national level, as well as on Tri-Rail.

For more information, visit www.apta.com.

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