



(Left) Guide dog Trevor;  
(Right) Trainer Tom Collins  
with guide dog Gary.

## PUPPIES BOARD TRI-RAIL FOR TRAINING ON THE TRAIN

**W**hen passengers boarded trains on a recent Sunday at West Palm Beach and Hollywood, few expected to be greeted by other passengers with four legs. The annual outing with puppies from

Southeastern Guide Dogs brought smiles and more than a few tender pats on a furry head. As much as they delighted passengers, for the puppies, however, it was serious business. The ride was the school's annual day of training on the train, an effort to enable

visually impaired passengers to enlist the use of guide dogs to use public transportation. The puppies stay with local trainers for the first 18 months of their lives, during which time they learn basic obedience skills, are housebroken and are socialized through experiences like Sunday's trip. When their beginner training is completed, they go on to Southeastern Guide Dogs on the west coast in Palmetto, FL for their formal training and future placement. Southeastern Guide Dogs is the only guide dog school in the region. For more information, log onto [www.guidedogs.org](http://www.guidedogs.org).



## TRI-RAIL HITS HOME RUN FOR MARLINS FANS

**M**arlins fans who want to beat the high price of gas and lack of available parking at the new Marlins Park can hop a ride on special Tri-Rail trains operating to serve Marlins weekday and weekend home night games. Northbound trains will depart Metrorail Transfer Station approximately one hour and a half following the conclusion of games, and a special southbound train will depart the Mangonia Park Station at 5:00 pm to facilitate getting to Saturday night games. The additional trains are being funded by the Miami Marlins as part of a special demonstration project.

"Based on numerous calls to our customer service representatives, we know there is a large contingent of Marlins fans who live in Broward and Palm Beach counties who would like to attend the games but are seeking an alternative to the high cost of driving and the scarcity of parking at the stadium. We hope that by providing this additional service, they will be able to enjoy going to the games and rooting for the home team in person," SFRTA Executive Director Joseph Giulietti said.

Regular Tri-Rail zoned fares will apply during the week and flat fares of \$5 on the weekends. EASY Card-holders pay a transfer fee of \$1 to board Metrorail, plus a 50-cent transfer to the Express Shuttle provided by Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) to

and from Marlins Park via the Metrorail Culmer Station. For the return trip, the bus fare is \$2 plus a 50-cent transfer to Metrorail. Passengers who do not possess an EASY Card can purchase a 1-Day Pass for the Metrorail and Express Shuttle connections for \$5 at MDT EASY Card vending machines.

Tri-Rail's customer service call center hours will be extended on the nights of weekend games until after the last train departs the Metrorail Transfer Station. Ticket agent hours will also be extended at that station on game nights.

For more information, log onto the Tri-Rail web site at [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com) or call 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245).

### TRI-RAIL ANOTA CUADRANGULAR PARA LOS FANÁTICOS DE LOS MARLINS

**L**os fanáticos de los Marlins que deseen vencer a los altos precios de la gasolina y a la falta de estacionamiento disponible en el nuevo Marlins Park pueden dar un paseo



en los trenes especiales de Tri-Rail que se ponen al servicio de los Marlins en los juegos nocturnos que se celebran en casa. Trenes rumbo norte partirán de la estación Metrorail Transfer aproximadamente una hora y media después de la finalización de los juegos y además, un tren especial rumbo sur partirá de la estación Mangonia Park a las 5:00 pm para facilitar a los juegos nocturnos de sábados. Los trenes especiales están financiados por los Miami Marlins como parte de un proyecto especial de demostración.

"Sabemos que, en base de numerosas llamadas a nuestros representantes de servicios al cliente, hay un gran contingente de fanáticos de los Marlins que viven en los condados de Broward y Palm Beach a

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### A SALUTE TO THE BEST SINGERS OVER 65!

Tuesday, May 15 • 7pm at Parker Playhouse



Don't miss the best show in town as local seniors sing their way into your hearts. Cheer for your favorites as they compete to win the title and grand prize.

#### Special performances:

- Original Florida Follies
- The Villagers of John Knox Village
- Josephine Dolce, 2011 Senior Idol Winner

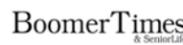
### TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Reserved seating. Tickets \$12.50 at the  
Parker Playhouse Box Office, [parkerplayhouse.com](http://parkerplayhouse.com) or 954-462-0222.

#### 2012 Senior Idol Finalists

Michael Aingel, Boynton Beach  
Millie Canellas, Delray Beach  
Holly Carroll, Hallandale  
Lenny Dwoskin, North Lauderdale  
Frank Fitzgerald, Miami Beach  
Deanne Friedberg, Boca Raton

Cathy LaBella, Coconut Creek  
Sharon Lovett, West Palm Beach  
Ramon Marrone, Palm Beach Gardens  
Ronald Mulford, Boca Raton  
Ruth McMahon, Pembroke Pines  
Ross Testaviti, Delray Beach



los que les gustaría asistir a los juegos, pero están buscando una alternativa a los altos costos de conducir y la escasez de espacio para estacionar en el estadio. Esperamos que, al brindar este servicio adicional, puedan disfrutar y asistir al juego, así como alentar al equipo local en persona”, comentó Joseph Giuletti, director ejecutivo de la SFRTA.

Se aplicarán las tarifas regulares de transporte de Tri-Rail, con tarifas por zonas durante la semana y tarifas planas de \$5 los fines de semana. Personas con la tarjeta EASY Card pagan un tarifa de transferencia de \$1 para abordar el Metrorail, más una transferencia de 50 centavos para el Express Shuttle de Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) que viaja hacia y desde Marlins Park mediante la estación Culmer de Metrorail. Para el viaje de regreso, la tarifa del autobús es de \$2 y una transferencia de 50 centavos para Metrorail. Los pasajeros que no tengan la tarjeta EASY Card pueden comprar un pase

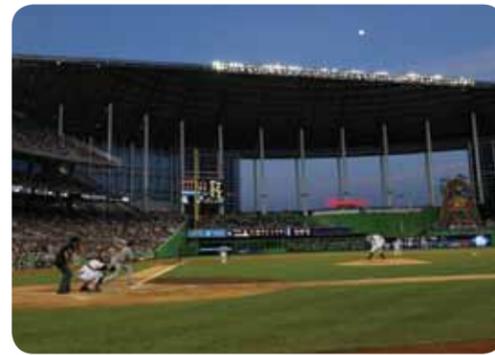
de 1 día para las conexiones de Metrorail y el Express Shuttle por \$5 en las máquinas vendedoras de MDT.

Se extenderá el horario del centro de atención al cliente de Tri-Rail las noches de los juegos de fin de semana hasta después de que el último tren parta de Metrorail Transfer Station. El horario del representante de venta de boletos también se extenderá en dicha estación las noches de los juegos.

Si desea más información, ingrese en el sitio web de Tri-Rail en [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com) o llame al 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245.)

## TRI-RAIL FRAPE KOU-SIKUI POU FANATIK MARLINS YO

**F**anatik Marlins ki vle evite peye gaz ki twò chè epi ki pa jwenn ase pakin nan nouvo Pak Marlins kapab pran avantaj nan yon deplasman nan tren espesyal Tri-Rail k ap opere pou sèvi



Marlins nan match lakay yo aswè pandan jou lasemèn ak jou wikenn yo. Tren k ap sòti nan direksyon nò yo ap kite Estasyon Transfè Metrorail apeprè 1 èdtan edmi apre match yo fini, epi yon tren k ap sòti nan direksyon sid ap kite Estasyon Pak Mangonia a 5:00 pm pou fasilite fanatik yo ale nan match aswè samdi yo. Se Miami Marlins ki finanse tren espesyal yo nan yon pwojè demonstrasyon espesyal.

Direktè Egzekitif SFRTA, Joseph Giuletti, di konsa, “Nou konnen dapre kantite apèl ki fèt ba reprezantan sèvis kliyan nou yo, gen yon gwo kantite fanatik Marlins k ap viv nan konte Broward ak konte Palm Beach ki ta renmen patisipe nan match yo, men y ap chèche yon lòt mwayen pou pa fè gwo depans pou kondi ak gwo depans pou peye pakin ki pa menm ase. Nou swete lè nou ofri sèvis anplis sa a, y ap kapab renmen ale nan match yo pou ankouraje ekip lokal yo anpèsòn.”

Pri tikè regilye Tri-Rail ap aplike, avèk pri tikè ki klase dapre zòn pandan semèn nan, ak pri tikè fiks \$5 nan jou wikenn. Moun ki gen EASY Card yo ap peye yon frè transfè \$1 pou montre nan Metrorail, plis yon transfè 50 santim nan Express Shuttle (Navèt Eksprès) Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) ofri pou fè ale-vini nan Pak Marlins nan Estasyon Culmer Metrorail. Pou wwayaj pou retounen an, pri tikè otobis la se \$2 ak yon transfè 50 santim nan Metrorail. Pasaje ki pa posede yon EASY CARD kapab achte yon Kat Abònman 1 Jou pou koneksyon nan Metrorail ak nan Express Shuttle (Navèt Eksprès) pou \$5 nan machin distribitè MDT EASY Card yo.

Orè sant apèl sèvis kliyan Tri-Rail ap pwolonje nan aswè match wikenn yo jouk apre lè dènye tren an kite Estasyon Transfè Metrorail. Orè ajan tikè yo ap pwolonje tou nan estasyon an nan sware match yo.

Pou jwenn plis enfòmasyon, konekte nan sitwèb Tri-rail nan [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com), oswa rele 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245.)

## TRACKING YOUR BUS

**T**he EASY Card has shown us how technology can enhance our commuting experience, and now another technological advancement is set to help users of public transportation. Two separate SFRTA shuttle buses in Broward County have implemented real-time tracking capability.

Students and staff at the South Florida Education Center (SFEC) have enjoyed the free shuttle bus service to and from Tri-Rail and the SFEC campuses in Davie for many years. Now they can also enjoy the benefits of NextBus technology to find the location of their bus using real-time information. By visiting [www.sfec.org/sfcs-shuttle.html](http://www.sfec.org/sfcs-shuttle.html), and clicking on the NextBus link, passengers can see where their bus currently is on the route, and plan their travels accordingly.

The City of Fort Lauderdale’s Sun Trolley has also instituted a real-time information



system by way of a mobile app. The free app, available on equipped smart phones, provides current bus information directly on passenger devices for all five Sun Trolley routes, including the NW Community Link that services Tri-Rail’s Fort Lauderdale Station. For more information about the Sun Trolley mobile app, call 954-761-3543.

## NEW TROLLEY CONNECTS PASSENGERS TO DOWNTOWN WEST PALM BEACH

**I**t’s something riders have been asking about for years. A new free trolley, was finally launched last month, and is connecting Tri-Rail riders to many of downtown West Palm Beach’s busiest employment centers and most popular destinations. The Green Line, as it is called, stops at the Tri-Rail Station on Tamarind Avenue and carries passengers to Clematis Street, Dixie Highway and Okeechobee Boulevard. By transferring to the Yellow Line, passengers can access the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, City Place and the Waterfront.

“This new service should prove to be of tremendous benefit to downtown businesses and employers,” Palm

Beach County Commissioner and SFRTA Governing Board Vice-Chair Steven L. Abrams said. “Any project that makes it easier for people to access employment opportunities is one that should be applauded. I regularly commute to West Palm Beach on Tri-Rail and I plan to avail myself of the convenience the trolley will provide.”

The trolley will operate seven days a week. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The new service was made possible by a Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant of \$688,500, which will provide service for two years. The JARC program is sponsored by the Federal Transit Administration.

The trolley is a cooperative partnership between the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), which operates Tri-Rail, the Downtown Development Authority, the Community Redevelopment Agency and the City of West Palm Beach.

For more information, call Tri-Rail Customer Service at 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) or log onto [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com).

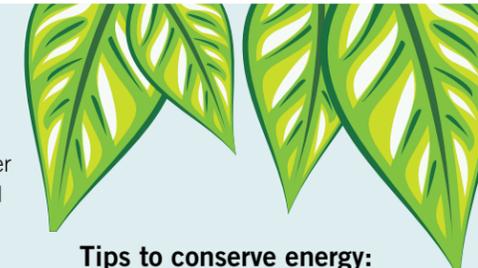


## STAYING GREEN

**M**ore than an annual reminder about how to ‘go green’ and help the environment, the Broward County Air Quality Program wants to celebrate Air Quality Awareness Month this year by reminding the public to check the Air Quality Index regularly and empower them to remain healthy.

By signing up for Enviroflash, anyone can get immediate reports via email or pager when the Air Quality Index falls out of the ‘good’ category, for select cities or regions. The email also provides information on precautions that should be taken. This information is especially important for those with respiratory ailments, children and the elderly. To sign up for Enviroflash, just visit [www.broward.org/pollutionprevention](http://www.broward.org/pollutionprevention).

For updates and events from the Broward County Air Quality Program, ‘LIKE’ them on Facebook at Broward Environment. The Broward County Air Quality Index can also be obtained by calling 954-519-1280.



### Tips to conserve energy:

- Give your car a break. Instead, take Tri-Rail, the bus, walk, bike or carpool.
- Unplug unused electronics. When electronics are not being used, unplug them from the outlet or keep them plugged into a power strip and switch it off.
- Adjust your thermostat up two degrees.
- Take shorter showers. Showers account for 2/3 of all water heating costs.
- Use cloth reusable shopping bags.
- Reuse a mug or water bottle.
- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Use recycled paper & print on both sides.

If you take all these actions, you can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 2,500 pounds, which is equivalent to the emissions of 127 gallons of gasoline.

## THE CONFERENCE OF MINORITY TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS

**T**he Conference Of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) is the nation’s only multi-modal advocacy organization for minority professionals and businesses in the transportation industry. Home-based in Washington, D.C., and with over 30 chapters across the country, COMTO holds a unique voice for minority professionals and businesses in transportation. Among its initiatives are a national scholarship program and ongoing professional development and training opportunities. From highways, roads, mass transit, rail, port authorities and airports, COMTO members represent every level of the transportation spectrum.

COMTO’s Fort Lauderdale Chapter held two local networking events to spur local membership and raise funds for the scholarships. Attendees included Florida State Senator Oscar Braynon II, Broward County Commissioner and SFRTA Governing Board Chair Kristin Jacobs, among many local transportation representatives.



*Dickey Consulting Services hosted a COMTO social event at the Midtown Commerce Center in Fort Lauderdale.*

*(From left to right: Oscar Braynon, Sr.; Sheryl Dickey, Dickey Consulting Services; Renee Matthews, SFRTA Director of Special Projects and COMTO Fort Lauderdale Chapter President; and Florida Senator Oscar Braynon, II)*