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# First Quarter EDP Spotlights

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority's (SFRTA) Employer Discount Program (EDP) continues to provide a great benefit to the South Florida workforce. With more than 2,600 companies in the program, we expect that membership will continue to grow as more people discover the benefits of commuting with public transportation.

The EDP would not be successful without the support of our EDP Contacts at each company, who make it possible for their employees to enjoy the 25% discount savings on Monthly and 12-Trip passes. For that reason we acknowledge the three employers with the largest membership growth in their respective county, for the first quarter of 2013.

- **Teleperformance ASD, Broward County**
- **American Airlines, Miami-Dade County**
- **Digital Risk, Palm Beach County**

Thank you to all EDP Employers and Members for continuing to make this program a success! If you need further assistance in promoting the program in your company, or for information on how to enroll, please call us at 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245) or visit [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com).



# Ride and Play Saturday, May 18



Gather your family and friends for a day of fun aboard Tri-Rail. Meet some of your favorite radio personalities from WLYF 101.5 LITE-FM, Hot 105, Amor 107.5 and 97.9 FM WRMF as they ride Tri-Rail, too, to some of South Florida's best attractions. Plus, enjoy Pollo Tropical samples at select train stations and show your validated train fare at any of the locations participating on May 18 to receive special offers.

Visit [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com) and download a coupon for a Free NEW Tangy Pineapple Chicken Wrap with purchase of a Wrap Combo at Pollo Tropical®. Offer valid May 1 – June 10.

### BAYSIDE MARKETPLACE

- Free coupon book with great discounts at a selection of stores and restaurants. Visit Bubba Gump Shrimp Company or Hard Rock Cafe to receive the special offer.

**How to get there:** Ride Tri-Rail to the Metrorail Transfer Station. Take Metrorail to Government Center Station, then transfer to the Metromover to College Bayside Station. Walk two blocks east.

### CITYPLACE

- Free reusable shopping bag and special gift. Visit Customer Service to receive special offer.

**How to get there:** Ride Tri-Rail to the West Palm Beach Station. Ride Green Line Trolley to Clematis Street and South Quadrille Boulevard. Walk three blocks south or take Yellow Line Trolley to CityPlace.

### VIZCAYA MUSEUM & GARDENS

- \$3 off admission

**How to get there:** Ride Tri-Rail to the Metrorail Transfer Station. Take Metrorail to Vizcaya Station, then use walkover.

### IGFA – INTERNATIONAL GAME FISH ASSOCIATION

- Free admission

**How to get there:** Ride Tri-Rail to the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Station at Dania Beach. Walk east from the Station, following Gulf Stream Way sidewalk, approximately two blocks south.

### MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY & SCIENCE

- \$2 off exhibit admission
- \$1 off classic, 45-minute IMAX films
- \$3 off special engagement IMAX films, i.e. Star Trek: Into Darkness
- \$2 off MaxFlight
- \$10 off museum membership

**How to get there:** Ride Tri-Rail to the Fort Lauderdale Station. Take the FL 3 Shuttle (weekends) to Broward Boulevard and Southwest 5th Avenue. Walk one block south on Southwest 5th Avenue to museum entrance.



# Onboard

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY - A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BROWARD, MIAMI-DADE & PALM BEACH COUNTIES

## Training on the Train Program: Helping the Visually Impaired

Just four days after arriving from Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., to the home of puppy raiser Susan Coates, adorable little 3-month old Trevor went for his first ride on Tri-Rail as part of the "Training on the Train" program. The program is just one facet of the SFRTA's commitment to serving persons with disabilities.

"Training on the Train" is part of Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc.'s overall program of socializing guide dog puppies before they go on to their more intensive training to become fully-certified guide dogs. The puppies go everywhere with their puppy raisers – the grocery store, dry cleaner, parks, concerts, movies, work, etc.

After more than a year with Ms. Coates, Trevor is now ready to go back to Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. in Palmetto, FL for a comprehensive 4-6 month training program. Hopefully, when his training is completed,

he will be matched with a visually impaired person who would benefit from sharing life with Trevor.

One of the questions Ms. Coates is most frequently asked is how she can bear to give up a dog that she has raised from a puppy? What she says most times is, "It's like



Trevor took the train one last time to say good bye to his Tri-Rail friends before he goes off to school. (Right to left: Flavia Silva, Jack Stephens, Sue Coates, Trevor, Brad Barkman and Marie Jarman)

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sending your kid off to college. You hope they graduate, get a job and make a positive contribution to society. There are jobs out there waiting for the pups. They just need to qualify."

Puppy raisers from all around the tri-county area participate in this great program. The next puppy "Training on the Train" is scheduled for Sunday, May 5. For more information on

Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., or to learn how to become a guide dog puppy raiser, go to [www.guidedogs.org](http://www.guidedogs.org).

### PROGRAMA DE ENTRENAMIENTO EN LOS TRENES: AYUDANDO A PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDADES VISUALES

Cuatro días después de llegar de Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. al hogar de

Susan Coates, criadora de cachorros, el adorable Trevor de 3 meses realizó su primer viaje en Tri-Rail como parte del programa "Entrenamiento en los trenes". El programa es simplemente una faceta del compromiso de la SFRTA con respecto a la prestación de servicios a las personas que sufren discapacidades.

El "Entrenamiento en los trenes" es parte de un programa general de socialización de cachorros guías de Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. antes de que continúen con un entrenamiento más intenso para ser perros guía

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completamente certificados. Los cachorros van a todas partes con sus criadores (a la tienda de comestibles, tintorería, parques, conciertos, el cine, trabajo, etc.).

Al pasar un año con la Sra. Coates, Trevor está listo ahora para regresar a Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. en Palmetto, Florida, para recibir un programa de entrenamiento integral de 4-6 meses. Se espera que, cuando su entrenamiento termine, se lo entreguen a una persona con discapacidad visual que se beneficie al compartir su vida con él.

Una de las preguntas que con más frecuencia le hacen a la Sra. Coates es cómo soporta entregar un perro que ha criado desde cachorro. Lo que contesta la mayoría de las veces es que “es parecido a enviar a tu hijo a la universidad. Esperas que se gradúe, consiga trabajo y haga un aporte positivo a la sociedad. Existen trabajos afuera que esperan por los cachorros, solo tienen que clasificar”.

Los criadores de cachorros de toda el área de los tres condados participan en este excelente programa. El siguiente “Entrenamiento en los trenes” para cachorros está programado para el día domingo 5 de mayo. Si desea más información sobre Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. o saber cómo ser un criador de cachorros, visite [www.guidedogs.org](http://www.guidedogs.org).

#### ANTRÈNMAN SOU PWOGRAM TREN AN: FASON POU EDE MOUN KI GEN PWOBLEM POU WÈ

Kat jou sèlman apre li sòti Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., pou vini lakay ti elvè ti chen Susan Coates, adorab ti Trevor ki gen laj

3 mwa te ale pou premye deplasman li nan Tri-Rail kòm pati pwogram “Antrènman nan Tren”. Pwogram nan se sèlman yon aspè angajman SFRTA pou sèvi pou ki andikape yo.

“Antrènman nan Tren” se pati pwogram jeneral Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. pou fè ti chen-gid yo vin abitye avèk moun anvan yo ale nan pou fè plis antrènman pou yo vin chen-gid ki sètifye nèt. Ti chen yo ale tout kote avèk elvè ti chen yo - boutik, dray-klining, pak, konsè, sinema, travay, elatriye.

Apre plis pase yon ane avèk Madam Coate, Trevor pare kounye a pou retounen nan Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. nan Palmetto, FL, pou yon pwogram antrènman jeneral sou 4-6 mwa. Erezman, lè antrènman li fini, y ap asosye li avèk yon moun ki gen pwoblèm pou wè ki ta bon pou pataje lavi li avèk ti chen an.

Youn nan kesyon Madam Coates poze pi souvan se kijan li kapab sipòte pou bay yon chen li te elve depi lè li te yon ti chen? Sa li di pi souvan se, “Se tankou lè

ou voye pitit li ale nan kolèj. Ou swete li gradye, jwenn yon djòb ak fè kontribisyon pozitif pou sosyete a. Gen djòb ki la k ap tann pou ti chen yo. Yo senpleman bezwen kalifye.”

Elvè ti chen ki toupatou nan zòn twa konte yo patisipe nan bon kalite pwogram sa a. Pwochen “Antrènman nan Tren” ti chen an pwograme pou dimanch 5 me. Pou jwenn plis enfòmasyon sou Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc., oswa pou konnen kijan pou vin yon elvè ti chen-gid, konekte sou entènèt nan sitwèb [www.guidedogs.org](http://www.guidedogs.org).



## Train Safety Awareness Week: May 5-11

May 5 through 11, 2013 is Train Safety Awareness Week (TSAW). The annual effort consists of hundreds of volunteers from the railroad industry, as well as law enforcement and emergency responders throughout Florida, to provide information at sites where rail and paved roads meet, to educate the public about the laws and rules concerning train tracks and grade crossings.

Approximately every three hours, either a vehicle, pedestrian, trespasser, or some form of debris is struck by a train in the United States. During TSAW, law enforcement is posted at grade crossings issuing warnings and citations to drivers and pedestrians who do not adhere to the laws relating to trains and tracks.

# SFRTA Seeks Public Input for 10-Year Transit Development Plan

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) is seeking feedback from the public to help update its 10-year Transit Development Plan (TDP). Dubbed “SFRTA: Moving Our

Region Forward” or SFRTA Forward for short, the TDP is a strategic plan that lays out the vision of the Authority for the next decade (2014-2023). The TDP process presents an opportunity for SFRTA to

reinvigorate its identity, reassess its mission, address regional mobility needs, and continue to build partnerships to advance transportation projects in South Florida. To provide feedback for the TDP, visit [www.SFRTAForward.com](http://www.SFRTAForward.com) and access our brief survey. People can also access more information, submit ideas, suggestions or comments and sign up for newsletters and notices about SFRTA Forward on this same site. Ideas can be submitted via e-mail at [TDP@sfirta.fl.gov](mailto:TDP@sfirta.fl.gov) or by calling 1-888-GO-SFRTA. It is just as important to hear from both users and non-users of public transportation.

For more information about the TDP, contact Natalie Yesbeck Pustizzi, Project Manager, at 954-788-7967.



Florida Governor Rick Scott and recently appointed SFRTA Governing Board Member Frank Frione.



Miami-Dade County Commission appointee Nick Inamdar.

## New Board Members Welcomed

The SFRTA Governing Board recently welcomed two new members, Governor Rick Scott’s appointee Frank Frione and Miami-Dade County Commission appointee Nick Inamdar.

Frank Frione is the Chief Executive Officer of GFA International, Inc., an engineering consulting firm founded in 1988. The company has locations throughout the State of Florida. Its corporate headquarters is located in Delray Beach. Mr. Frione is a member of Vistage Florida CEO Leadership and a board member of the Construction Association of South Florida. Mr. Frione received the 2010 CEO of the Year Award from the South Florida Business Journal. Throughout his career, he has been highly active with numerous charitable organizations in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Nick Inamdar is the Vice President of The Gatehouse Companies, a national industry leader in the acquisition and development of multi-family housing communities throughout Florida. The Gatehouse Companies have developed, own, and manage in excess of 6,300 housing units with a cost basis in excess of \$750 million and employs a staff of 210. Mr. Inamdar serves on the board of the Coalition for Affordable Housing Providers. He is a member of Leadership Florida Class 30 and was honored as a finalist by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce in its 2012 Real Estate Achievers and Leaders Awards.



## TRI-RAIL SENIOR IDOL

**A Must-See Show!**  
**Saturday, May 11 • 2 pm**  
**at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek**

Don't miss this magical, entertaining show featuring 12 talented singers as they compete for the title of Tri-Rail's Senior Idol. Plus, enjoy a performance by 2012 Senior Idol Winner Sharon Lovett, Original Florida Follies and The Villagers of John Knox Village.

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**  
 Tickets \$12, and includes \$10 free play and a \$5 meal certificate at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek. To purchase tickets, visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or call 1-800-745-3000. Tickets can also be purchased at the Seminole Casino Coconut Creek box office. A direct shuttle bus will be available from the Tri-Rail Pompano Beach Station between 11:45 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., for those riding the train to and from the event.

A portion of ticket sales will benefit Broward Meals on Wheels.