

BLACK LABS RULE THE RAILS

It seemed like black Labrador Retrievers were taking over the trains one recent Saturday morning when the SFRTA once again hosted "Training on the Train" in conjunction with Southeastern Guide Dogs of Palmetto, FL. Two or three times each year, puppy-raisers give their charges a chance to experience the noises, smells and sights that occur during a train ride. The ability to use public transportation for someone who is visually impaired is essential to maximize their freedom of mobility. Service animals are a frequent sight on Tri-Rail trains.

Puppy-raisers usually get their puppies at 3-4 months old and socialize them until they are approximately 14-16 months old, at which time they go off to the university to complete



their training. During that time, puppy-raisers are encouraged to take their puppy everywhere they go — to work, stores, worship services, movies and on buses or trains.

New puppy-raisers are always needed. Being a puppy-raiser is a great way for high school students to earn their mandatory

community service hours. If you think you would like more information about becoming a puppy-raiser, please call or e-mail Sandra Mann, the Palm Beach/Broward County area coordinator, at 561-281-0906 or mann6424@bellsouth.net. For more information about Southeastern Guide Dogs, log onto www.guidedogs.org. While there, check out the Puppy Cam. It will make your day!



ADDITIONAL BIKE LOCKERS AT WEST PALM BEACH

More and more commuters continue to add bicycling as part of their daily commute and Tri-Rail's Bicycle Locker Program makes it that much easier to do so. By combining train and bicycles, passengers are taking advantage of a healthy and green commute that combines transportation with fitness and a concern for the environment.

Currently, lockers at the Delray Beach and Deerfield Beach stations are at full capacity, but lockers are still available at all stations where no construction is pending. In fact, we recently installed more lockers at the West Palm Beach Station, where we previously had none available.

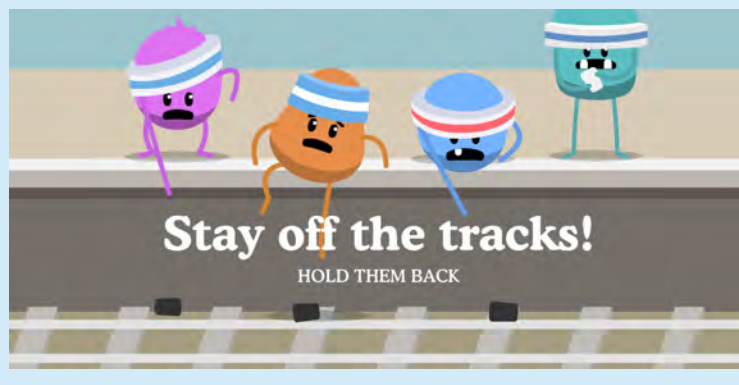
To obtain a locker, all that is required is a \$20 refundable deposit. For more information, log on to www.tri-rail.com/bicycle-information.

DUMB WAYS TO DIE 2

The "Dumb Ways To Die" crew is back for more of their silly antics, all in the name of promoting safety around trains and tracks. The endearing cartoon characters, created for Metro Trains Melbourne in Australia, became a hit three years ago upon being launched in a safety campaign that received worldwide attention.

"Dumb Ways To Die 2: The Games" takes our cartoon friends through 28 Olympic style mini-games, where the object is still the same as the first version of the same app, to stay alive.

Download the free game on your smart phone and help keep spreading the message to be safe.



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TRAIN SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK, MAY 31 - JUNE 6

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority declared Sunday, May 31, through Saturday, June 6, as Train Safety Awareness Week. This has become an annual event to educate the public about the importance of obeying the laws that pertain to trains, tracks, and crossings.

The statistics are grim. In Florida in 2014, there were 51 train-related casualties, with 27 of those being fatalities and 24 being injuries. About every three hours in the United States, statistics show that a person or vehicle is hit by a train. Operation Lifesaver President Joyce Rose shared some thoughts about the importance of this subject.

The mission of Operation Lifesaver, the international rail safety education organization



with programs in all 50 states, as well as Argentina, Canada, Estonia and Mexico, is to reduce vehicle-train collisions and pedestrian-rail trespass incidents. This is

done through a network of volunteers who give free rail safety presentations to educate motorists and pedestrians about the potential dangers that they face at all highway-rail intersections and along train tracks.

Last year, millions of people were reached through face-to-face education programs to school groups, school bus drivers, professional truck drivers and first responders, as well as informational booths at community events and public forums.

Operation Lifesaver is also working to change people's behavior around railroad tracks and crossings with the national public awareness campaign, See Tracks? Think Train!

"Because Florida ranks in the top 15 states nationally for both crossing collisions and

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Dump the Pump



JUNE 18, 2015
RIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT

Leave your car at home and ride the bus or train on Thursday, June 18 and participate in the 10th annual national Dump the Pump celebration by using public transportation instead of driving.

Pledge to ride public transportation on Thursday, June 18 and you could win a FREE monthly pass on Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, Palm-Tran or Tri-Rail.

Visit www.1800234RIDE.com/dump_the_pump for details.



SENIOR IDOL DAZZLES AUDIENCES

Tim Hawkins of Plantation was recently crowned the winner of Tri-Rail's 10th Annual "Senior Idol" with nearly 800 fans cheering him on during the highly anticipated show at Parker Playhouse. Twelve finalists took center stage competing for the chance to win a \$500 grand prize, a pass to ride Tri-Rail for a year and the coveted title of Senior Idol during the "Broward 100" commemorative event, presented by Baptist Eye Surgery Center and sponsored by Winn-Dixie, Boomer Times and John Knox Village.

Pictured (left to right) Jack Stephens, SFRTA/Tri-Rail Executive Director; Tim Hawkins, 2015 Tri-Rail Senior Idol Winner; Jade Alexander, Tri-Rail Senior Idol Guest Host.

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pedestrian rail trespass casualties, the state's annual Train Safety Awareness Week (TSAW) is an important reminder to Floridians to take safety around tracks and trains seriously", said Rose. "Operation Lifesaver is proud to be a part of TSAW."

LA SEMANA DE CONCIENTIZACIÓN ACERCA DE LA SEGURIDAD FERROVIARIA

La Autoridad Regional de Transporte del Sur de Florida (South Florida Regional Transportation Authority) declaró la semana del domingo 31 de mayo al sábado 6 de junio como la Semana de Concienciación Acerca de la Seguridad Ferroviaria (Train Safety Awareness Week). Esta se ha convertido en un evento anual para educar al público sobre la importancia del cumplimiento de las leyes que conciernen a los trenes, vías y cruces.

Las estadísticas son sombrías. En 2014 en la Florida 51 personas estuvieron involucradas en accidentes relacionados con los trenes, con un saldo de 27 muertos y 24 heridos. Las estadísticas muestran que cada tres horas en Estados Unidos, una persona o vehículo es golpeado por un tren.

La presidenta de Operation Lifesaver, Joyce Rose, compartió su opinión acerca de la importancia de este tema.

La misión de Operation Lifesaver, la organización internacional de educación en seguridad ferroviaria con programas en todos los 50 estados, así como en Argentina, Canadá, Estonia y México, es reducir los choques entre vehículos y trenes, y los accidentes provocados por peatones que

invaden las vías del tren. Esto ocurre a través de una red de voluntarios que ofrecen presentaciones gratis en seguridad ferroviaria para educar a los automovilistas y peatones sobre los posibles peligros que enfrentan en todas las intersecciones de carreteras y ferrocarriles así como a lo largo de las vías de tren.

El año pasado, millones de personas obtuvieron información a través de programas de educación cara a cara para grupos escolares, choferes de autobuses escolares, choferes profesionales de camiones y socorristas, así como en kioscos informativos en eventos comunitarios y foros públicos.

Operation Lifesaver también está trabajando para cambiar el comportamiento de la gente alrededor de las vías y los cruces ferroviarios con nuestra campaña de concienciación pública nacional See Tracks? Think Train!

"Debido a que Florida está dentro de los 15 estados con la mayor cantidad de muertos debido a choques en cruces y la invasión de vías por parte de los peatones, la Semana de Concienciación Acerca de la Seguridad Ferroviaria (TSAW) del estado es un importante recordatorio a los floridanos de tomar en serio la seguridad alrededor de las vías y los trenes", dijo Rose. "Operation Lifesaver se enorgullece en ser parte de TSAW."

SEMÈN KONSYANTIZASYON POU SEKIRITE AK TREN

Ajans Transpò Rejyonal Sid Eta Florid (South Florida Regional Transportation Authority) deklare dimanch 31 me jiska samdi 6 jen se Semèn Konsyantizasyon pou Sekirite ak Tren. Sa te tounen yon evènman yo fete chak ane

pou edike piblik la osijè enpòtans ki genyen pou obeyei lwa yo ki gen pou wè ak tren, ray ak pasaj kloute yo.

Estatistik yo depriman. Nan Eta Florid pandan lane 2014, te gen 51 moun ki te viktim yon aksidan ak yon tren, 27 ladan yo te jwenn lanmò epi 24 te blese. On-Board te kontakte Prezidan Operasyon Sove Lavi (Operation Lifesaver) Joyce Rose pou li te kapab bay opinyon li konsènan enpòtans zafè sa a.

Misyon Operation Lifesaver, òganizasyon entènasyonal edikasyon pou sekirite ak ray ki gen pwogram nan tout 50 Eta yo ansanm ak nan peyi Lajantin, Kanada, Estoni ak Meksiko, se pou bese kantite kolizyon veyikil ak tren epi ensidan kote pyeton ap travèse ray yo. Nou fè sa grasa yon rezo volontè ki bay prezantasyon gratis pou sekirite ak ray pou edike chofè machin ak pyeton osijè risk potansyèl ki genyen lè yon nan kafou ak akote ray tren.

Lane dènyè, nou te atenn plizyè milyon moun grasa pwogram edikasyon fas-a-fas nou yo ak gwoup lekòl, chofè otobis lekòl, chofè kamyon pwofesyonèl ak ekip sekou yo ansanm ak kontwa enfòmasyon nan evènman kominotè ak fowòm piblik.

Operation Lifesaver pa travay pou pou ka chanje konpòtman moun akote ray tren ak pasaj pou travèse vwa yo grasa kanpay konsyantizasyon piblik nasyonal nou an ki rele Ou wè ray? Panse yon Tren ap vini, See Tracks? Think Train!

Poutèt Eta Florid nan 15 Eta ki gen plis kolizyon ak moun ki blese pandan y ap eseye travèse pasaj sou vwa yo, Semèn Konsyantizasyon pou Sekirite ak Tren (TSAW) Eta a òganize chak ane enpòtan pou fè Abitan Eta Florid yo sonje pou yo pran sekirite akote ray ak tren seryezman. Operation Lifesaver santi anpil fyète deske li patisipe nan TSAW.



MARIE HORENBURGER HONORED FOR 21 YEARS OF SERVICE

With her announcement to retire from the SFRTA Governing Board, Marie Horenburger was presented with a proclamation during the agency's most recent board meeting, as the longest standing board member. After 21 years of consecutive service, Ms. Horenburger has been a part of a vast amount of the agency's achievements, since being designated as the Palm Beach County business representative on Tri-Rail's Governing Board in July 1994.

In recognition of her contributions, Commissioner Steve Abrams, representing Palm Beach County, proclaimed May 22, 2015, as "Marie J. Horenburger Day" in Palm Beach County.

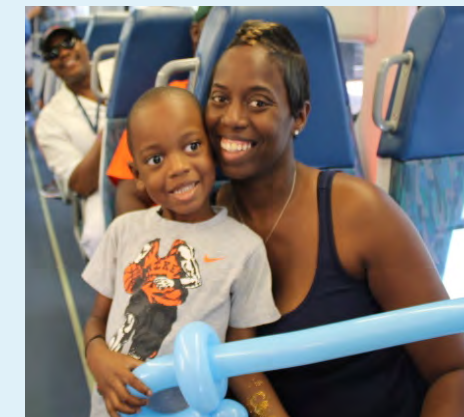


FAMILY FUN ON RIDE & PLAY DAY



Hot 105.5's Chico the Virgo hands passengers free tickets to the IMAX theater at the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale.

Amor 107.5's Rodrigo Duran rode Tri-Rail and its complimentary Fort Lauderdale shuttle to the Museum of Discovery and Science with other passengers as part of Ride & Play Day.



Tri-Rail presented its "Ride & Play" leisure day on Saturday, April 25. As part of this one-day promotion, Tri-Rail invited riders to come aboard for a day of family fun that included onboard entertainment, including magicians from South Florida Parenting Magazine, giveaways and exclusive deals to popular South Florida attractions.



Passengers met some of their favorite radio personalities from Y100, Hot 105, Kool 105.5, Wild 95.5 and Amor 107.5 as they rode Tri-Rail to some of South Florida's best attractions. Riders who showed their validated train tickets were also given special admission prices and offers to Bayside Marketplace, CityPlace, Gulfstream Park, Museum of Discovery and Science, Norton Museum of Art and Vizcaya Museum and Gardens.

With \$5 roundtrip weekend fares and children under five riding free, Tri-Rail is the best way to explore the best of South Florida!

POMPANO BEACH STATION GROUNDBREAKING

The SFRTA broke ground at Tri-Rail's Pompano Beach Station on May 22, for a construction project that includes upgrading the station to be powered by 100% solar energy, building a parking garage and a new SFRTA Operations Center.