

RIVCO ON THE GO! NEWSLETTER

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EXPLORE MORE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH METROLINK

The holidays are the perfect time to venture out and enjoy some memorable day trips without the stress of driving or parking. With [Metrolink's \\$10 SoCal Day Pass](#), you can access a variety of exciting destinations throughout Southern California.

- Visit Downtown Riverside to experience the wonder of the holidays! See the historic Mission Inn shining with festive lights, enjoy the local art scene, and grab festive goodies at the food hall and nearby eateries.
- Explore the walkable, charming streets of San Juan Capistrano, with historic architecture, unique shops, and easy train access.
- Ride into Los Angeles via Union Station and enjoy theaters, museums, dining and holiday lights.
- Head to the beach town of San Clemente. The station drops you just minutes from the sand and surf.

Purchasing your pass is simple: you can buy the SoCal Day Pass through the Metrolink Mobile App or at the ticket machines located at any Metrolink station. Whether you are travelling alone or making it a group outing, this is a smart, comfortable and stress free travel option for your holiday plans.

May your holiday season be filled with safe travels, meaningful connections, and plenty of joyful moments.

HOLIDAY DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

The holiday season is here, bringing travel, celebrations, and time with family and friends. As we enjoy this special time of year, keeping safety top of mind, both on the road and in our daily activities, is essential. By staying mindful of safety throughout travel and celebrations, we can all experience worry-free journeys and create lasting holiday memories. A few simple safety tips can help make every trip smoother, more secure, and more enjoyable.

- **Celebrate Responsibly:** Enjoy the festivities but never drive after drinking. Always arrange for a sober driver, rideshare, or public transportation if you plan to celebrate. Likewise, never get into a vehicle with someone who has been drinking.
- **Check Your Vehicle:** Make sure your car is in good working condition. Check tires, brakes, lights, and fluids. Pack an emergency kit with essentials such as a flashlight, first aid supplies, water, and a phone charger. Taking these precautions can make a big difference if something unexpected happens.
- **Stay Focused:** Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel. Texting, scrolling, or checking your phone can wait. Phones and driving do not mix. Giving your full attention to the road can prevent accidents and keep everyone safe.
- **Plan Ahead:** Check the weather and traffic conditions before you leave. Map out your route and allow extra time for delays. Identify safe places to stop if needed. A little preparation can make your drive less stressful and more enjoyable.
- **Take Breaks:** If you are going on a long drive, plan regular rest stops to stretch, hydrate, and refresh. Share the driving whenever possible to reduce fatigue and stay alert for the entire journey.
- **Park Smart:** Choose well lit and busy areas when parking. Always lock your doors and take a moment to remember your parking location and surroundings. This simple step can save time and reduce stress when you return to your car.
- **Trust Your Instincts:** If something does not feel right, stay safe. Avoid approaching your car alone and seek help if needed. Your instincts are often your best guide in potentially unsafe situations.



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2026 RIDESHARE PROGRAM RENEWAL

It's almost time to renew your participation in the RideShare Program for the upcoming 2026 program year!

Here's what to expect:

- **Late November 2025:** The HR – Commuter Services Division will email all current RideShare participants the required renewal documents. Please keep an eye on your inbox for this important message.
- **Action Required:** Once you receive your renewal documents, please review, complete, and submit them no later than December 26, 2025, to continue your participation.
- **Why this matters:** Submitting your renewal on time ensures that your RideShare Program benefits continue uninterrupted into the 2026 program year.

Important renewal reminders:

- If you do not receive your renewal notification by early December or experience any issues accessing your renewal documents, please contact the HR – Commuter Services Division for assistance right away.
- Any renewal documents not returned by the December 26 deadline will result in automatic disenrollment. If you are disenrolled, you will be required to submit a new registration form to rejoin the RideShare Program.

Thank you for continuing to support sustainable commuting and helping us make a positive environmental impact!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MONTHLY RIDESHARE PRIZE WINNERS

Thank you for your continued participation in the RideShare Program and for being a part of our efforts toward a more sustainable Riverside County. By choosing to RideShare, you're helping to reduce emissions, ease traffic congestion, and promote a cleaner, greener environment.

Each winner will receive a gift of their choice from the Halo Gift Catalog as a token of our appreciation.

MONTHLY WINNERS

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| Alexandra Gandara (District Attorney) | Gabriela Espinoza (RUHS – MC) |
| Angela Gonzales (Human Resources) | Genevieve Angelo (RCIT) |
| Carlos Vazquez (Sheriff) | Jessie Powell (Waste Management) |
| Deanna Allen (TLMA) | Kathy Nhou (TLMA) |

STAY ON TRACK WITH METROLINK ALERTS

Metrolink riders can now receive real-time updates on delays, service interruptions, and schedule changes. With the new Metrolink Alerts tool, you can track your preferred routes, plan when to leave for the station, or quickly make alternate travel arrangements if your usual train isn't running. Sign up through the Metrolink app or [website](#) and enjoy a smoother, stress-free commute.

HOLIDAY MAGIC ON THE METROLINK!




Get ready to ring in the season, the Metrolink Holiday Express Train is returning next month, bringing holiday cheer to families across the Southern California region!

Step aboard a beautifully decorated train where you will meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their cheerful holiday helpers, including some fan-favorite characters. Before departure, each station will host a holiday celebration filled with themed activities, treats, music, and family-friendly entertainment for all ages.

“There’s something truly magical about Metrolink’s Holiday Express trains that capture what this time of year is all about,” shared Riverside County 2nd District Supervisor and Metrolink Board Member Karen Spiegel, who joined the festivities last year. “This heartwarming experience enriches our local communities and creates memories that last long after the season ends.”

Tickets are on sale now and must be purchased online in advance. Tickets will not be available at the event. To purchase tickets, event information, station stops, and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit: [Metrolink’s Holiday Express](#)

REMINDERS..

-  To qualify for RideShare Program incentives and benefits, employees must first complete the registration process with the HR – Commuter Services Division.
-  For more information on how to register, please contact our office for assistance at icommute@rivco.org.
-  Falsely reporting RideShare participation to receive incentives is a violation of County Policy. Employees who engage in this practice may be subject to disciplinary action, which could include warnings, suspension, or other penalties as outlined in County regulations.