



COLT Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

METRA Holiday Schedule 2009-2010

May 31, 2010
Memorial Day
No Service

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Individual Excellence Award "Maurice Steward Day"



Mayor Jim Wetherington congratulating Maurice Steward

est form of recognition given an employee of the Columbus Consolidated Government. This award recognizes employees who make consistent contributions to the organization through outstanding job performance, as viewed by supervisors and managers; and who set an example of outstanding quality management, teamwork and/or customer ser-

vice. All citizens of Columbus and employees of the Columbus Consolidated Government are urged to recognize and appreciate the contribution made to the public good by this outstanding employee. Jim Wetherington, Mayor of Columbus, Georgia, did hereby proclaimed Tuesday, February 2, 2010 as "MAURICE STEWARD DAY".

Maurice Steward, bus operator with METRA Transit System, has been selected as the recipient for the fourth quarter of 2009 (October, November, & December). The employees of the Columbus Consolidated Government are its most valuable assets. It is important to recognize the various achievements of employees. The Individual Excellence Award is the high-



Loretta Stewart, Willie Frazier, William Jenkins, Maurice Steward, Sandra Hunter, and Rosa Cooper



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METRA Transit System's Freedom Express Bus Museum



Niesy's Kiddie Korner watching the Rosa Parks' Movement



Niesy's Kiddie Korner

Experience what it was like to be on a segregated bus in the 1950's in the south. In the 1950's, public transportation was the cheapest way to get around town. Black Americans rode the buses daily all across the City. The emotional price they had to pay was no small matter. In the fall of 1955, an everyday person just like you had seen and suffered as much humiliation as she was willing to take. Rosa Parks decided that something had to change.

Today, anyone may board a bus and sit in any seat they choose. Visitors bear witness as a life size statue of a bus driver shouts out orders to the seated statue of weary Rosa Parks, who refuses to take her "proper place" at the back of the **Freedom Express Bus**. Public transit over the years has played an important role in the quality of life of citizens. The **Freedom Express Bus Museum** was created to capture a defining moment in the history of our country. The events of December 1955, led to the constitutional desegregation of public transportation. The **Freedom Express Bus Museum** serves as a tribute to the historical milestone for those who want to understand the significance of the bus boycott in Montgomery. You will see, hear, and experience the past for just a moment and gain some insight into the future.

METRA Transit System Donates to the Ronald McDonald House



Patricia Mathews, Nathan Largent, and Susan Yaksh (Associate Director)

Nathan Largent, Correctional Officer of METRA Transit System, collected soda can tabs and donated them to the Ronald McDonald House on behalf of METRA. The House Recycling Program is very important. With all of the help from various organizations, businesses, and individuals, by pulling off soda can tabs, an average of \$24,000 per year is collected. The money raised from recycling is used to pay the yearly water, gas and electric bills for the Ronald McDonald House. They also recycle whole aluminum cans, used cell phones, and printer ink cartridges.

families coming to Columbus, Georgia for special medical care for their sick or injured children. Most of the families come from East Alabama and West Georgia and can stay there for as long as their child is in the hospital and the room fee is as low as \$3 per night.

METRA Transit System Mentoring Through Breakfast Buddy

Providing outstanding transportation service to the public is an important activity that is provided at METRA Transit System. METRA also extends their hearts to some wonderful students at the Downtown Elementary School through their mentoring program called "Breakfast Buddy". The students are mentored by a METRA staff person and are involved in learning activities throughout the year.



The METRA Transit Staff and their breakfast buddy during onsite visit at METRA Transit System.

METRA's New Hires...WELCOME ABOARD!



Robert Smith—Operations
 Linda Penn—Operations
 Israel Torres—Operations
 Rubye Davis—Operations
 Kervin Winder—Operations

METRA's Employees of the Month (Dial-A-Ride and Operations)

January

Herman Dawson
 Everett Tyler

February

Margaret Mathis
 David Fasick

March

Lyra Williams
 Darrin Thomas

To qualify, employees must have the following: no sleepouts, no call-ins, no tardiness, no accidents, no incidents, and no disciplines, for the month. The names of each employee meeting qualifications are put into a hat and two names are drawn. The two winners park in reserved spaces and receive an incentive for the month.

METRA Fares & Swipe Cards

FARE CATEGORY

Adult	\$1.30
Adult (Ft. Benning)	\$1.90
*Senior Citizen & Diable	\$0.65
* Senior Citizen & Disable (Ft. Benning)	\$0.95
Child (smaller than farebox in arms) <i>Only one child can be held</i>	FREE
Child (taller than farebox)	\$1.30
Child (smaller than farebox)	\$1.00
*Student	\$1.00
Uptown Express	\$0.55
*Dial-A-Ride	\$2.50

Swipe Cards:

DAYS	REGULAR (Unlimited Rides)	*DISABLE/SENIOR (Unlimited Rides)	*STUDENT (Unlimited Rides)
7	\$15.50	\$ 7.75	N/A
14	\$28.00	\$14.00	N/A
31	\$53.00	\$26.50	\$23.00

DIAL-A-RIDE

\$12.50 Stored Value	\$2.50 One Way 5 Rides Per Swipe Card
\$22.50 Stored Value	\$2.50 One Way 9 Rides Per Swipe Card

*(I.D. Required)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL (706) 225-4673

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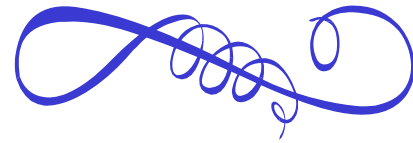
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Fax: 706-653-4420



METRA's Tidbits

Leon Morris, Bus Operator, is the proud father of Leighann Taraji Morris. Leighann was born on March 3, 2010. Congratulations!

On March 2, 2010, A Memorial Tribute was held at the Government Center for all active and retired City Employees who were deceased in 2009. **Lizzie Hardnett**, Retired Bus Operator, is no longer with us physically but in spirit.



METRA Information

Route Information.....	706-225-4673
Maintenance.....	706-225-4674
Dial-A-Ride.....	706-225-4596
RiverCenter Parking Garage.....	706-653-4647

Hours of Operation:

Administration Office: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Mon. - Fri.
Buses run from 4:30 AM to 8:30 PM, Mon. - Sat.
Parking Garages are open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Mon. - Fri.

- Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager
- Sandra Hunter, Director
- Thomas Taylor, Maintenance Manager
- Rosa Cooper, Transit Manager
- William Jenkins, ADA Coordinator
- Willie Holmes, Parking Manager



MISSION: To provide safe, reliable, dependable and cost-effective transit service with a team of professional employees, dedicated to our customers needs and committed to excellence!

Patricia Mathews, Editor