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# Get Ready for Bike Month

The days are getting longer, the weather's getting warmer and we're packing the [Bike Month Calendar](#) full of upcoming events. To make sure you're ready, here are 5 tips on how to prepare:

1. Bicycle maintenance is key to ensuring a you get the most out of riding on two wheels. If you're not sure about tackling this entirely yourself, head on over to the [Bike Kitchen](#) for help getting a tune-up (visit their website for location and hours of operation) or check-in at one of our area's many [bike shops](#) for assistance.
2. Become familiar with the rules of the road if you aren't already. Our friends at the SLO County Bicycle Coalition have some excellent safety tutorials available [here](#) in addition to free [education workshops](#).
3. Learn how to put your [bike on the bus](#). Bear in mind that bus racks can fill up quickly, however, so be sure to have a lock with you in case space runs out.
4. Set up your [iRideshare](#) account so you can begin logging the trips you make by bike (or any other mode, for that matter). During May, individuals and workplaces compete using this online system. We'll have much more on this in the coming weeks, but for now, this will give you a jump start.
5. The goal of [Bike Month](#) is to get as many people as we can out from behind the steering wheel and onto a bike. Simple as that. So grab your friends, your co-workers, your family



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## Rideshare Bike Jerseys

**NOW AVAILABLE!**  
 Just in time for Bike Month 2013... Support Rideshare and your good riding style. Get one today!  
[I'm stylish.](#)



## iRideshare Winner

**Congratulations to Perry Richardson!** He is February's [iRideshare](#) draw winner. Perry will receive a

and have fun!

For more on how to get involved or become sponsor, contact Rideshare by [emailing us](#), or call (805) 781-1385.

## iRideshare VISA Rewards Are Here!

Back 'N' Forth Club members, you're now able to redeem your points for \$20 pre-paid Visa cards!

All of this comes as part of our [iRideshare Rewards Program](#), and the cards will arrive direct to your mailbox.



That means that 40 individual options are now gone, but the points you'll receive per trip remain the same and the Visa cards act just like cash - anywhere!

Redeem your points (40 minimum) by the 10th of each month to receive them by the end of that same month. (Ex. Redeem your points by April 10th to receive your Visa card by April 30th). The first round will begin shipping this April, using this time schedule.

Questions? Not yet a member of the Back 'N' Forth Club? Contact us [here](#).

## Emergency Ride Home

Did you know that Rideshare offers FREE insurance for commuters who use sustainable transportation? It's called Emergency Ride Home and it's available for registered users of [iRideshare](#), up to four times per year, for up to \$45 per ride.

Here's how it works - If you use sustainable transportation to get to work and you have an emergency (illness, crisis of immediate family member, carpool/vanpool ride unavailable, bicycle flat/theft, or unscheduled overtime), then you can use a taxi, Ride-On Transportation, or Enterprise Rent-a-Car to get home and be reimbursed for your ride by submitting a reimbursement request online. It's that easy!

[Learn more and read the program policy here.](#)

## RTA Wants Your

\$25 iTunes gift card, just for logging his commute!

*Note: You don't have to part of our rewards program to be eligible to win prizes in our monthly drawings. Anyone can participate. All you have to do is log your commute at [iRideshare.org](#) and feel a little lucky! Sign up is free and we'll never sell your email address. Happy Commuting!*

# Opinion



Attention North County Residents:  
RTA is looking for your ideas about  
new Express Trip times for Route #9.  
Please take 5 minutes and fill out

their survey using this link: [RTA Express Survey](#)

Your answers are confidential and participation is voluntary. AND A  
BIG THANKS from RTA. They look forward to your input!

## Volunteer Drivers Needed

Wilshire Community Services, a non-profit organization, needs a few Good Neighbors for its program, which offers many types of volunteer services to seniors and those in need. These include personal transportation by appointment, shopping and/or errands, meal preparation, nutritional counseling, light housekeeping, minor home repairs, yard work and friendly visits by Caring Callers. More information, including how to volunteer, is available through their website, [wilshirehcs.org](http://wilshirehcs.org).

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visit [rideshare.org](http://rideshare.org) or call 511.**



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