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Welcome to the September 2014 Edition of "On the Move"

Paying for Metro with Your Smartphone – It May Be Closer Than You Think

Metro is planning a pilot program to assess new fare technology and gates that will enable people to pay in new ways, including smartphones, NFC-enabled watches, and contactless credit and debit cards.

Metro announced a pilot program to test the new technology at 10 Metrorail stations, six Metrobus routes and two parking facilities, beginning in January.



Installation of new fare gates, bus and parking payment will begin in October. Metro will begin recruiting customers to participate in the pilot in upcoming weeks.

Pending successful outcomes of the pilot, Metro intends to replace the old fare gates and vending machines at station entrances across the system, and add new payment targets onboard buses and at parking facilities, beginning in 2017. The replacement of currently used technology is expected to result in faster, more dependable fare payment for riders.

Design, development and deployment of this new system will take several years. During this deployment SmarTrip cards will continue to be accepted.

Information taken from:
http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=5778

Gas Prices May Rise in the Near Future

Gas prices in Virginia may increase come January -- possibly as much as six cents per gallon. This rise all depends on Congress approval of the "Marketplace Fairness Act", an internet sales tax bill.



The potential gas tax hike stems from the state's historic 2013 transportation funding bill. A relatively small portion of the transportation revenues from that law, relied on Congress passing "Marketplace Fairness."

If the internet tax legislation isn't approved by January 2015, state lawmakers will put in place a prompt that will raise the new wholesale gas tax rate from 3.5 percent to 5.1 percent to help offset revenues not collected through internet tax.

The increase at the pump may simply be a case of Virginians having to pay to modernize and keep viable Virginia's roads and transportation network.

To learn more about the "Marketplace Fairness Act", visit <http://www.marketplacefairness.org/>

Information taken from:
http://www.loudountimes.com/news/article/virginians_likely_to_pay_more_at_the_pump_come_january543

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Safe Driving in the Dark

Now that fall is here daylight hours are getting shorter and it is getting darker earlier. According to the National Safety Council, traffic death rates are three times greater at night than during the day.



Darkness plays a major role in this number. Ninety percent of a driver's reaction is dependent on vision, and vision is greatly limited at night. Depth perception, color recognition, and peripheral vision are compromised in darkness.

In addition, to darkness drivers fight fatigue. Sleepiness makes driving more difficult by dampening concentration and slowing reaction time.

According to Weather.com here are some tips that can make your night time driving safer:

- Prepare your car for driving at night. Keep headlights, tail lights, signal lights and windows (inside and out) clean.
- Reduce your speed and increase your following distance. It is increasingly difficult to judge other vehicle's speeds and distances in darkness.
- When following another vehicle, keep your headlights on low beams so you don't blind the driver ahead of you.
- If there is any doubt, turn on your headlights. Lights will make it easier for other drivers to see you. Being seen is as important as seeing.

Information Taken From:
<http://www.weather.com/activities/driving/drivingsafetytips/night.html>

Special Announcement!

After 5 Limousine Service

We would like you to know of a professional, dependable limousine service in our area.



After 5 Limousine is here for your transportation needs. They offer professional service for Proms, Wedding, Christmas Light Tours, Bachelor and Bachelorette Parties, Special Occasions, etc. Please contact Nelson at 804-279-0333 or visit their website at www.afterfive.biz to make reservations.

K&K Connection September Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone born in September a special HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

If we missed your birthday please let us know by emailing owilliams@ridek2k.com. Thank you!

Welcome To K&K Connections

We would like to say a BIG welcome to all of our new riders for the month of September. We are so very happy you have decided to join us!

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