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New Sign Installed to Promote Lake Gregory Regional Park

June 28, 2011 —SAN BERNARDINO— On Tuesday, San Bernardino County installed a new sign along Highway 18 to promote activities and events at Lake Gregory Regional Park in Crestline.

“We want to help more mountain visitors discover the many wonderful events and activities at Lake Gregory Regional Park, so we replaced the 25-year-old, sun-baked sign with one that will catch motorists’ attention as they are headed into the mountains,” San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said.

Icons on the new sign, which cost \$3,013, display the main activities at the park: fishing, swimming, and non-motorized boating. In addition, the sign features removable banners that will be used to promote events at the park, such as the upcoming Independence Fireworks Show (July 2), Independence Day Boat Parade (July 3) and the Dragon Boat Races (Aug. 20-21).

The new sign also features a back panel thanking people for visiting Crestline and Lake Gregory. The previous Lake Gregory Regional Park sign was installed on County Flood Control property adjacent to Highway 18 in 1986. The new park sign was installed on the same metal frame as the old one.

The swim areas at Lake Gregory Regional Park are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. The entry cost is \$3 for people over four years old. The Lake Gregory beach area also features a waterslide that is available for an additional charge. Paddle boards, aqua cycles, and row boats are also available to rent. Personal kayaks and float tubes are allowed for a \$10 launch fee.

Lake Gregory Regional Park is located at 2471 Lake Drive in Crestline about 25 minutes from downtown San Bernardino. Call (909) 338- 2233 or visit www.sbcounty.gov/parks for more information about Lake Gregory Regional Park.

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County Redistricting workshop slated for Wednesday

The Board of Supervisors will conduct its third public meeting on the 2011 Redistricting of supervisorial districts on Wednesday, July 20, at 2 p.m. in the Covington Chambers of the County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.

Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, the board reviews, and if necessary, redraws the boundaries of the five supervisorial districts to ensure that each has approximately the same number of residents, and that they comply with other criteria.

The 2010 Census shows the county has 2,035,210 residents, therefore each district should ideally contain 407,042 residents. The current First District exceeds that ideal by 58,496 and the Second District exceeds it by 22,955. The current Fourth District is 40,556 below the ideal, while the Third and Fifth districts are respectively 22,535 and 18,360 below.

On Wednesday, the public will again have an opportunity to address the Board on how the districts should be redrawn, and the Board will have the opportunity to provide direction that will lead to the development of a proposed redistricting plan.

Members of the Board of Supervisors have encouraged the public to become involved in the process. The public is also encouraged to visit www.sbcounty.gov/redistrict for information about the process, data on the current districts and city populations, and examples of plans that meet redistricting criteria. The site also includes the one plan that has been submitted to the county for consideration, which was prepared by students at San Geronio High School in San Bernardino.

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The site includes a space for the public to make suggestions about redistricting, and a link to a special e-mail address to which the public can submit actual redistricting proposals. The public can also "subscribe" to the website and receive e-mail updates when new information is placed on the site.

The Board of Supervisors has adopted criteria that will guide the county through the redistricting process:

- Districts must be configured so that they are reasonably equal in total population based on data from the 2010 federal census, with deviations as close to zero as possible. In no event should the total deviation between the largest and the smallest district exceed three percent (3%).
- District borders shall be drawn in a manner that complies with Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.
- Each district shall consist of contiguous territory and be as compact as possible given the total criteria.
- Each district shall respect communities of interest to the degree possible given the total criteria.
- District borders shall follow visible natural and man-made geographical and topographical features to the degree possible given the total criteria.
- Each new district shall preserve the corresponding existing district's population and territory to the degree possible given the total criteria.
- It is understood that districts known to be areas of higher-than-average population growth in the years following redistricting may become under-populated over time.



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Students Get a Free Ride to College

Omnitrans' Pilot Program Approved by Board of Directors

San Bernardino, CA – Thousands of students enrolled at local colleges will get a break from the rising cost of higher education just by swiping their student IDs to ride free on Omnitrans' buses during the 2011-12 school year.

Students attending Chaffey College, Crafton Hills College, San Bernardino Valley College and California State University San Bernardino will be eligible for free rides when fall classes begin on August 15 for community colleges and September 22 for CSUSB.

The one-year pilot program is being funded by participating colleges and the 16 governments that Omnitrans serves: Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, County of San Bernardino, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland and Yucaipa. Cities and the County are utilizing monies they receive from the South Coast Air Quality Management District to fund projects that benefit air quality.

“We commend our city and county leaders for their vision and generosity in supporting the program,” said Omnitrans Director of Marketing Wendy Williams. “Based on calls and emails we have already gotten from students and parents, we expect many students to take advantage of the free ride opportunity.”

The Omnitrans program is modeled after successful programs implemented by Riverside Transit Agency. There, community college students overwhelmingly voted to approve student fees to continue the program after the free pilot phase. Omnitrans also will seek student support for fees through referendums on each campus next spring to maintain the program after the one-year pilot.

“We believe that this program will be immediately beneficial to our students, who will save money each time they leave the car at home and get on the bus,” said San Bernardino Community College District Board member John Longville. “And with more than 20,000 students attending our two colleges, this program, if it is embraced by students, will have a major impact on parking concerns at both colleges and on our local air quality.”

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For three years, 2008, 2009 and 2010, Omnitrans offered free rides to local college students during the first week of classes. On average, 9 percent of students rode during the promotion period, compared to less than 4 percent normally.

“The Omnitrans free ride pilot program supports our environmental goals,” said CSUSB Commuter Services Supervisor Kathy Marron. “We encourage our students, especially those living on campus or nearby, to get onboard.”

Students can use their student ID card to ride Omnitrans at anytime on any route, not just trips to and from campus. When cards are inserted in the fare box near the front door of the bus, their magnetic strip will be read by the Omnitrans system. This will allow the agency to capture usage data by school, by route and even individual ID. Results will be shared with the colleges and the Omnitrans Board of Directors.

“We know our students are looking for low-cost transportation solutions,” said Sherrie Guerrero, Ed.D., Chaffey College Vice President of Instruction and Student Service, “and with our new transit center in the heart of campus, Omnitrans offers a convenient alternative to driving and searching for a parking spot.”

Normally college students would have to pay \$1.50 per trip or \$4.00 for a one-day pass to ride the bus; student 7-day passes are \$11 and student 31-day passes are \$35. All participating campuses are served by multiple Omnitrans bus routes.

Campus	Omnitrans Routes
California State University San Bernardino	2, 5, 7, 11
Crafton Hills College	8, 9
Chaffey College – Chino Campus	83, 365
Chaffey College – Fontana Campus	19, 20, 61, 82
Chaffey College – Rancho Cucamonga Campus	68, 80, 81
Valley College	1, 15

Omnitrans offers personalized trip planning at 1-800-9-OMNIBUS or online at www.omnitrans.org.

Founded in 1976, Omnitrans is the public transit agency providing 50,000 passenger trips each weekday across the San Bernardino Valley. Omnitrans is governed by a 20-member board representing the 15 cities served by Omnitrans and San Bernardino County.



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Vision unveiled and scheduled for adoption

Following 18 community meetings, nearly 4,000 online surveys, two dozen expert roundtables and input from the county's 24 cities, the Countywide Vision will be considered for endorsement Thursday night.

The Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino Associated Governments board will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Maloof Foundation for Arts & Crafts in Rancho Cucamonga for a special joint public meeting to endorse the Vision, which can be viewed at www.sbcounty.gov/vision in an interactive format. The Maloof Foundation is located at 5131 Carnelian Street.

"The 'Vision' is designed by the people of San Bernardino County to project the fulfillment of their hopes and dreams for their communities," said Board of Supervisors Chair Josie Gonzales. "To ensure success the 'Vision' needs to be adopted and embraced."

The Vision includes the five-paragraph Vision statement, information on how the Vision was identified, detailed elements of the Vision, examples of local programs that can be replicated to help achieve the Vision, results of the online surveys, and a sample of the Letters from the Future written by county residents during the 18 community meetings conducted in January and February.

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Starting in November 2010, the Vision Project launched a series of more than two dozen roundtable discussions with experts in education, the economy, the environment, public safety, tourism, and community service to find out what they see as the county's strengths, weaknesses, and potential.

In January and early February, the project convened 18 community meetings throughout the county and asked hundreds of residents to paint a picture of what they want the county to become 20 years from now. Thousands of residents completed online surveys and said they are pleased with the county's recreational opportunities and affordable housing options, but concerned about the availability of good jobs and about improving the county's image. They want an honest and open government that will focus on creating jobs and enhancing public safety. The project also met with representatives of each of the 24 cities and towns, and digested each of their general plans.

The Vision Team spent many months crunching and analyzing the data from the meetings, plans, and surveys. What emerged is a Vision of a complete, sustainable community that creates and retains jobs by producing an educated workforce while making the county's communities safe and livable.

The Vision statement is as follows:

We envision a complete county that capitalizes on the diversity of its people, its geography, and its economy to create a broad range of choices for its residents in how they live, work, and play.

We envision a vibrant economy with a skilled workforce that attracts employers who seize the opportunities presented by the county's unique advantages and provide the jobs that create countywide prosperity.

We envision a sustainable system of high-quality education, community health, public safety, housing, retail, recreation, arts and culture, and infrastructure, in which development complements our natural resources and environment.

We envision a model community which is governed in an open and ethical manner, where great ideas are replicated and brought to scale, and all sectors work collaboratively to reach shared goals.

From our valleys, across our mountains, and into our deserts, we envision a county that is a destination for visitors and a home for anyone seeking a sense of community and the best life has to offer.



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Heat Safety Tips for Pet Owners

San Bernardino. Animal Care and Control would like to remind pet owners to be extra watchful of pets when temperatures rise this summer. Pets are vulnerable to high temperatures, especially during a heat wave, and are unable to cool down their bodies as humans can. Animals left outside in high heat temperatures can suffer from heat-related stress, burned paws, sunburn, and even death. Pet owners are advised to follow these simple hot weather tips to keep their pets healthy, safe, and alive.

- Make sure pets have plenty of fresh clean water every day, and that the water container is stable to avoid tipping over. If traveling or leaving the home with a pet, always carry sufficient drinking water for it.
- If possible, bring pets inside during the hot time of the day and let them rest in a cool part of the house. Make certain pets have plenty of shade if they are to be kept outside. Remember, the shade your pets have in the morning will either change or diminish as the sun moves throughout the day and may not protect them.
- Never leave pets in a parked vehicle, even in the shade with windows cracked, temperatures can reach a dangerous 120 degrees inside. The vehicle is quickly turned into a furnace and can kill any animal!
- Don't force animals to exercise when it is hot and humid. Exercise pets early in the morning or late in the evening.
- In extremely hot weather, do not let pets stand on sidewalks or hot asphalt to avoid burning their paws.

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Remember pets can suffer heat-related stress and danger just as humans can, so take extra precautions during this summer's rising temperatures and protect them. For additional information, please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control Program toll free at 1-800-472-5609, or visit their website at www.sbcounty.gov/acc.

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