

# Things to do in Orange County

Looking for some fun? Here's a preview of upcoming events taking place around Orange County this season. All of these events are just a comfortable train ride away with Metrolink. So give your car a rest and say "Good Bye!" to traffic and parking hassles with Metrolink.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1** **Caribbean Family Festival**  
Bowers Museum, Santa Ana  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
[www.bowers.org](http://www.bowers.org) or (714) 567-3677  
From Santa Ana Station, take OCTA bus 83 North
- 1** **The Orange International Street Fair**  
Old Towne Orange Plaza, Orange  
10 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
[www.orangestreetfair.org](http://www.orangestreetfair.org)  
Within walking distance of the Orange Station
- 1-15** **LEGO® Castle Adventure**  
Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana  
[www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org) or (714) 542-2823  
From Santa Ana Station, take OCTA 83 North
- 7-8** **Surf for the Sea/Oceanside Firefighters Surf Event**  
North Pier Beach, Oceanside  
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
[www.ci.oceanside.ca.us](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us)  
Within walking distance of the Oceanside Station
- 7-8** **The 4th OC Film Fiesta**  
Artist Village, Santa Ana  
11 a.m.  
[www.ocfilmfiesta.org](http://www.ocfilmfiesta.org)  
From Santa Ana Station, take OCTA bus 83 North
- 14-15** **Mexican Independence Day**  
Olvera St., Los Angeles  
10 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
[www.elpueblo.lacity.org](http://www.elpueblo.lacity.org)  
Within walking distance of the LA Union Station
- 15** **Sunday Afternoon Family Time**  
Bowers Museum, Santa Ana  
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
[www.bowers.org](http://www.bowers.org) or (714) 567-3677  
From Santa Ana Station, take OCTA bus 83 North
- 21** **San Juan Capistrano Greek Festival**  
St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, San Juan Capistrano  
11 a.m.  
[www.sjcgreekfest.org](http://www.sjcgreekfest.org)  
From San Juan Capistrano station, take the free shuttle



## OCTOBER

- 3-6** **Orange County International Auto Show**  
Anaheim Convention Center  
Thursday, 4 p.m., Friday, 12 noon  
Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.  
[www.motortrendautoshow.com/Orange\\_County](http://www.motortrendautoshow.com/Orange_County)  
From Anaheim Station, take ART shuttle
- 5-6** **Solar Decathlon & XPO**  
Orange County Great Park, Irvine  
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
[www.the-xpo.org](http://www.the-xpo.org)  
From Irvine Station, take Irvine Shuttle
- 12-13** **San Clemente Seafest**  
San Clemente Pier  
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
[www.scchamber.com/Seafest.asp](http://www.scchamber.com/Seafest.asp)  
Within walking distance of the San Clemente Pier Station
- 6** **Ciclvia**  
Olvera Street, Los Angeles  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
[www.ciclvia.org](http://www.ciclvia.org)  
Within walking distance of the LA Union Station
- 13** **National Chemistry Day**  
Santa Ana Zoo, Santa Ana  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
[www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org)  
From Santa Ana Station, take OCTA bus 59

## NOVEMBER

- 1-2** **Bike the Coast – Taste the Coast**  
Oceanside Pier Amphitheater  
7 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
[www.ci.oceanside.ca.us](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us)  
Within walking distance of the Oceanside Station
- 3** **Mexican Day of the Dead Family Festival**  
Bowers Museum, Santa Ana  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
[www.bowers.org](http://www.bowers.org) or (714) 567-3677  
From Santa Ana Station, take OCTA bus 83 North
- 16-17** **University of California Master Gardeners**  
Santa Ana Zoo, Santa Ana  
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
[www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org)  
From Santa Ana Station, take OCTA bus 59



## ANGELS GAMES

September	8	Angels vs. Rangers	
3	Angels vs. Rays	20	Angels vs. Mariners
4	Angels vs. Rays	21	Angels vs. Mariners
5	Angels vs. Rays	22	Angels vs. Mariners
6	Angels vs. Rangers	23	Angels vs. Athletics
7	Angels vs. Rangers	24	Angels vs. Athletics
		25	Angels vs. Athletics

Angel Stadium of Anaheim • [www.angelsbaseball.com](http://www.angelsbaseball.com)  
Games served start at 7:05 p.m.  
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station

## ANHEIM DUCKS Games

October	November		
10	Ducks vs. Rangers	6	Ducks vs. Coyotes
16	Ducks vs. Flames	8	Ducks vs. Sabres
18	Ducks vs. Coyotes	20	Ducks vs. Devils
		22	Ducks vs. Lightning

Honda Center of Anaheim • [www.ducks.nhl.com](http://www.ducks.nhl.com)  
All games begin at 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.  
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station

# Take the Angels Express and End the Season with a Bang!

Would you like to avoid the hassle of the Angel Stadium parking lot? Would you like to save time and money? Why not catch the last of this season's Angels home games by riding the Metrolink Angels Express! The Angels Express is in service for all Angels weekday home games that start at 7:05 p.m.

With such low prices, you can bring the whole family to the game! Round-trip tickets for the Metrolink Angels Express are only \$7, \$6 for senior/disabled, \$4 for youth (ages 6 – 18), and free for children 5 and under with a paying adult (up to 3 children). Tickets can be purchased at Metrolink ticket vending machines.



The train takes you directly to the stadium parking lot, so you're just a short walk away.

As an added bonus, you can even stay for the Big Bang Friday fireworks show after Friday games—Metrolink will hold Friday night trains for 45 minutes after the game.

For more information, visit [octa.net/angelsexpress](http://octa.net/angelsexpress).

### 50% Off Angel Game Tickets!

Ride the Angels Express and get 50% off select Angel game tickets. Visit [Angels.com/AngelsExpress](http://Angels.com/AngelsExpress) for game dates and to purchase game tickets.

# Skate Past Traffic to the Ducks Games!

Hey Ducks fans, why drive to the Ducks games when riding Metrolink is so much easier? Let someone else drive! Starting in October, you can skate past traffic to all weekday home games that start at 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Taking Metrolink is easy. Just go to the nearest Metrolink Station, buy your ticket at regular fare from the ticket vending machine and ride Metrolink to the Anaheim Train Station. The OCTA Ducks Express bus connection from the Anaheim Train Station to Honda Center

will be provided by the Anaheim Resort Transportation (ART), so catch ART Route 15 for a free and easy connection to Honda Center. For train fares and schedules, please visit [octa.net/metrolink](http://octa.net/metrolink). For ART schedules, visit [rideart.org](http://rideart.org).



# Metrolink Weekends

Ride Anywhere, Saturday or Sunday

ONLY \$10



GO PLACES

More information inside...





# Metrolink Weekends

## Enjoy Your Weekends for Only \$10

After a hectic work week, why not leave the driving to Metrolink? For only \$10 on Saturday or Sunday, you can leave your car at home and relax onboard a comfortable, air-conditioned Metrolink train. Let Metrolink take you wherever it is you want to go. You can ride to the beach, hit up a theme park, take in a ball game, or even head to downtown Los Angeles!

Did you know that Metrolink even has new cars specifically designed for bicycles? Dust off the bike and hit the trails. Metrolink will be happy to get you where you want to go! The \$10 Metrolink Weekend Day Passes are valid system-wide for unlimited rides on Saturday or Sunday and available for purchase at all Metrolink station ticket vending machines that have weekend service. Take your weekend back; ride Metrolink!



Disneyland® Resort



Los Angeles/Old Pasadena



San Clemente



San Juan Capistrano

## Getting Your Pass

Visit any ticket vending machine (TVM) at a Metrolink station with weekend service. The \$10 Weekend Day Pass can be purchased by selecting "Weekend Day Pass" on the home screen. Monthly pass holders ride free on weekends system-wide.

Check out the Things to Do in Orange County section in this Newslink edition for more places to go and things to do with Metrolink. For even more ideas on where to go and what to do, visit [octa.net/metrolinkweekends](http://octa.net/metrolinkweekends).



# OCTA Bikelink Program is Coming to Fullerton!



Want a fun and inexpensive way to travel around the city of Fullerton? Try BikeLink, OCTA's new bike share program. BikeLink will connect the Fullerton Metrolink station with downtown Fullerton, the college campuses and other key destinations.

Bike share systems are popping up across the United States, including New York, Chicago, and Washington D.C. The network of kiosks and shared public bikes provide a cost-effective and environmentally friendly transportation option that complements existing bus and rail service. BikeLink makes it easy for you to complete the first or last part of your trip, or as an alternative to driving.

## BikeLink Stations

Starting this fall, a network of kiosks and bikes will open throughout the city of Fullerton, giving you the ability to hop off the bus or train and enjoy the city of Fullerton by bike. BikeLink stations will be placed near where you live and close to where you want to go. This will include major transportation hubs, schools, housing complexes, and destination centers in the city of Fullerton. The kiosks will be solar powered and the bikes will have a front storage basket, self-generating LED lights, and reflective paint and tires for added safety if riding at night.

## How It Works

For a minimal fee, you can purchase a 1-day or 7-day access pass from any of the user-friendly kiosks in the system. These access passes provide you with unlimited 30 minute check-outs throughout the day. Trips lasting longer than 30 minutes will incur overtime fees. If you're a frequent user of BikeLink, an annual pass is the most cost-effective way to use the system.

## Find Out More

To learn more about the program, buy an annual membership, or to sign up for email alerts, go online to [octa.net/bikelink](http://octa.net/bikelink). Be on the look-out for more upcoming promotions and BikeLink membership discounts!

Sign up for an annual BikeLink membership by October 2013 and be entered into a raffle to win an Apple iPad Mini, a Giro Reverb Helmet and other great prizes! Sign up now by going to [octa.net/bikelink](http://octa.net/bikelink).



# Solar Decathlon 2013 and XPO Comes to Irvine!



For the first time since its debut in 2002, the exciting, award-winning Solar Decathlon and XPO is being held outside of Washington, D.C. at the Orange County Great Park in Irvine on October 3-6 & 10-13 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Solar Decathlon challenges college students from around the world to design, build and operate solar-powered homes. Come be inspired by the fresh ideas you can use in your own life!

- Tour more than 20 attractive solar homes that reflect cost and energy savings
- Find out how to save money with energy-saving innovations
- Fun, interactive exhibits for the whole family
- Enjoy delicious organic produce and food from gourmet trucks

Visit [the-xpo.org](http://the-xpo.org) to view displays and events.



## Go Green. Take Public Transit.

Show your commitment to saving energy by taking a convenient bus or train—while avoiding parking hassles and stress. You can even receive a prize! Each event day, the first 100 people who stop by OCTA's XPO booth and show a valid Metrolink ticket or bus coupon (available on board Route 686) will receive a free gift pack.

- **The Solar Decathlon Express Bus Route 686**  
Ride on Route 686 for only \$2 per ride (all OCTA bus passes accepted) between the University of California Irvine (UCI), the Irvine Spectrum and the main entrance to the Great Park on exhibit days, October 3-6 & 10-13. Route 686 connects with OCTA bus routes 59, 79, 86, 90, 175, 178, 213, and 473; UCI Anteater Express; and City of Irvine iShuttle routes C and D. Route 686 operates every 30 minutes from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This special bus service is made possible through a grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC).

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- **Get There on Metrolink**  
On the weekends, take Metrolink. Go to the nearest Metrolink Station, buy your roundtrip Metrolink Weekend Day Pass for only \$10 at the ticket vending machine located on the station platform and follow the signs to the tracks for your train. Exit at the Irvine Station. Next, board the free Irvine Station shuttle to the Solar Decathlon and XPO.

- **Irvine Station Shuttle**  
Catch the shuttle between Irvine Station and the main entrance to the Great Park on exhibit days, October 3-6 & 10-13 for \$1 a ride; FREE for Metrolink ticket holders. It operates every 30 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and every 15 minutes from 10:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Metrolink riders: From the northbound platform (Track 1), board the shuttle by going through the gate to the Great Park grounds. From the southbound platform, first cross over the bridge, then go through the gate to the grounds.

For more information, visit [octa.net/solardecathlon](http://octa.net/solardecathlon).



# Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station Improvements

Good news, Metrolink riders! OCTA is expanding parking capacity at the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink Station with the construction of a 176-space parking lot just south of the existing station parking lot. This will bring the total number of spaces at the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink station to 460.



The new parking lot is being built on OCTA-owned property and will be maintained by the cities of Laguna Niguel and Mission Viejo. The project is scheduled to be completed in October 2013.

In addition to the expanded parking lot, design plans have begun for adding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps that will replace the elevators at the existing pedestrian underpass. The project may also include a restroom and vending machine area that will occupy the existing elevator rooms. Construction on this phase of the project is expected to begin in early 2015 and be completed in fall of 2015. The underpass will remain open during construction.

# Ride Metrolink Free to the Greek Festival San Juan Capistrano!



Shout "Opa!" and put on your dancing shoes when you head to the first annual San Juan Capistrano Greek Festival on Saturday, September 21 starting at 11 a.m.! Sponsored by Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church, the free event will be held at the church at 27129 Calle Arroyo. Save room for delicious traditional Greek food and pastries as you celebrate in this beautiful historic town, an easy Metrolink ride away. Visit [sjcgreekfest.org](http://sjcgreekfest.org) to learn more.

At Irvine Station, join OCTA for a FREE pre-festival event at 9 a.m. on September 21 on your way to San Juan Capistrano. Come early—the first 50 people get a free Metrolink ticket. Enjoy free food sponsored by Nothing Bundt Cakes and hear live music by Headshine. Bring a non-perishable donation for Second Harvest Food Bank, and spin the wheel for free prizes. Then, board the 9:53 a.m. train to San Juan Capistrano; show your Metrolink ticket at the festival and get a free pastry!

Metrolink trains 660, 662, 857 and 859 will all allow you to ride in comfort to and from this historic mission town. Enjoy the free shuttle every 15 minutes between the San Juan Capistrano station and the festival.

For more information, visit [octa.net/sanjuancapistrano](http://octa.net/sanjuancapistrano).