



# "A Customer First Company" May 2015

## Welcome to the May 2015 Edition of "On the Move"

### Special Thanks to One of Our Loyal Riders

Jairline Samuel has been a K&K rider since December 2007. As of June 2015 she will be retiring as a federal employee.



Ms. Samuel has always commuted to Washington, DC from bus to vanpools. She states that, "Vanpools are a little more convenient when it comes to your time and it's less expensive if you drive. You can save on gas and parking in the city. One of the reasons I stayed with K&K is because of the pick-up and drop off stop in the Ladysmith area. The Ladysmith stop was convenient and saved me from driving 20 to 30 minutes to a commuter lot in Fredericksburg. As I retire from the government, I will continue to recommend K&K vanpool services to others."

We would like to thank Ms. Samuel for being a loyal and faithful customer to K&K for so many years. We will miss her and hope she enjoys this next chapter of her life.

### Don't Top Off Your Gas Tank

During hot weather, remember to never top off your gas tank and overfill it. Topping off your tank is not only bad for the environment but can also cost you extra money.



Topping off the gas tank can result in you paying for gasoline that is fed back into the station's tanks. This happens because your gas tank is full. Gas nozzles are made to automatically turn off when your gas tank is full. Many pumps are made with vapor recovery systems that feed vapors back into their tanks to prevent vapors from escaping into the air and contributing to air pollution. Extra gas you pump into your tank may be drawn into the vapor line and fed back into the station's storage tanks after you have already paid for it.

In addition, gasoline vapors are harmful to breathe. These vapors add to bad ozone days and are a source of toxic air pollutants when spillage occurs. And again you pay for gas that evaporates or is spilled on the ground.

Also, extra space in your gas tank is necessary to allow the gasoline to expand. Topping off your tank may cause the extra gas to evaporate into your vehicle's vapor collection system. That system may stop working properly causing your vehicle to run poorly and have high gas emissions.

Not only can topping off harm your car's vapor collection system it may harm the station's vapor recovery system. This contributes to air pollution

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and may cause the gas pump to fail to work properly for the next customer.

Finally, remember to refuel your van in the early morning or in the evening when temperatures are cooler. A small fuel spill may not seem like much, but it can still contribute to air pollution, and recovery system malfunction.

Source: [www.epa.gov/donttopoff/](http://www.epa.gov/donttopoff/)

### Ways Going Green Can Save You Money

We all know that going green is good for our environment and our health but what about our wallets. Here is a list of ways that you can save money:

- Carpool (Estimated Savings: \$650 - \$1,000)
- Stop Eating Out (Estimated Savings: Hundreds of dollars) - If a family commits to eating at home they can save \$3,000 in one year and eat just as well.
- Rent, Borrow and Freecycle (Estimated Savings: Hundreds of dollars) - Freecycle is an online community that connects people getting rid of useable stuff to people who want those same items.
- Start a Vegetable Garden (Estimated Savings: \$25- \$2,000) – Save money by growing tomatoes, potatoes, salad greens, zucchini, and strawberries.
- Buy an Affordable Fuel-Efficient Car (Estimated Savings: Hundreds or thousands of dollars) - Cars that get over 30 mpg can reduce what you spend on gas.
- Do a Home Energy Audit (Estimated Savings: Up to \$570) - Caulk cracks, seal windows, and install a programmable thermostat.
- Adjust Water Heater Temperature Settings (Estimated Cost Savings: \$30-\$475) - Consider turning the temperature down, so the tap water isn't so hot, and wash your clothes in cold water.
- Make Your Own Green Cleaning Products (Estimated Savings: \$200) - Most products can be replaced with home-made remedies, using baking soda, vinegar and lemon juice.
- Use the Library (Estimated Savings: \$118)
- Switch to Energy-Efficient Lighting (Estimated Savings: \$112) - Energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs can save you up to 75 percent on your yearly lighting bill.
- Plug Electronics into Power Strips (Estimated Savings: \$100) - Plug everything into one power cord that you can switch off when you leave the house.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/green-15-ways-save-money/story?id=13377786&page=2>

### K&K Connection May Birthdays

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

Pamela Trent	William "KJ" Trent
George Abey	Teresa Barbour
Katrina Bennett	William Cooke, Jr.
Samuel Giles	Patricia Godette
Dominic Hardy	Judy Hash
Robert Hewitt	Carla Lawrence
Luis Martinez	Eric Morris
Timothy Niemczyk	Stacey Ogburn
Besetta Parker	Ravindra Reddy
Charlene Rhodes	Jairline Samuel
Tony Schlagell	Sharetta Vance
Nelson Washington	Terry Woods
LaTonya Wray	

If we missed your birthday please let us know by emailing [owilliams@ridek2k.com](mailto: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 May. We are so very happy you have decided to join us!