

"A Customer First Company" November 2011

Welcome to the November 2011 Edition of "On the Move"

Happy Thanksgiving from K&K

We know many of you will be traveling to visit family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday.



We would like to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels as we think and reflect on all we have to be thankful for in 2011. At K&K we are thankful for all of you that make our commutes safe and reliable each and every day.

Check Out the ARTisan Café!

We would like to encourage you to support a fellow vanpooler's (Melody Short) venture with The ARTisan Café. This is an indoor lifestyle shopping affair featuring up to 25 handpicked artisans. The one-day event comprises a selection of local chefs offering organic gourmet healthy-bites for patrons to sample, try, and purchase. Everything from handcrafted jewelry and unique home furnishings to original paintings clothing and artwork will be available for sale. Live musicians complete the creative ambience, allowing shoppers to listen to beauty as they survey it.

Come visit the Café of Saturday, December 3rd from 6-10PM at Artspace Gallery (in Plant Zero Art Center) - 31 East 3rd Street in Richmond. For more information contact them at: Phone: 212-518-4776 Email: info@artisancafeva.com www.artisancafeva.com

Tis the Season – RSVP Today for Van #15's 2011 Christmas Party!

Come join van #15 for food, fun and prizes

Christmas Party 2011 Saturday, Dec 10, 2011 12:00 noon - until

Olive Garden Italian Restaurant (White Oak Plaza) 4467 South Laburnum Avenue Richmond, VA 23231

RSVP to Cynthia Alsop at Cynthia.Alsop@ed.gov or call her at (540) 760-0456 or (202) 377-3597

Deadline: Nov 30, 2011

New Maximum Benefit for the Transportation Incentive Program

The \$230 maximum benefit established by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and extended under the Tax Relief Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 is set to expire on December 31, 2011. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) plans to publish an inflation adjustment to the original mass transit benefit amount in their November 7, 2011, IRS Bulletin. The inflation-adjusted, new maximum benefit for the Transportation Incentive Program will be \$125 per month. This adjusted amount will take effect on January 1, 2012.

There is always the potential that Congress may take additional action to change the maximum benefit amount. Any congressional action will take effect at the next regularly scheduled distribution destinations.

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Thanksgiving Holiday Driving Safety Tips

The National Safety Council just released some sobering holiday travel numbers. The 2011 Thanksgiving Day holiday period begins at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23, and ends at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 27. They estimate traffic fatalities for this 4.25-day holiday period will be about 434 deaths. In addition, they are estimating that injuries requiring medical attention will be in the range of 36,800 to 50,900.



Here are a couple of tips to help make your travels this Thanksgiving safer:

- Wear your seatbelt. Studies have shown that safety belts, when used, are 45% effective in preventing fatalities among front-seat passenger car occupants.
- Don't speed. Speeding is the leading reason for traffic crashes.
- Avoid traveling on Wednesday and Sunday. If you can arrange your holiday schedule, try to leave your home on Tuesday and return either on Saturday or Monday when traffic is lighter and safer.
- To remain alert and awake, stop every 2 hours or about 100 miles.
- Eat very light to prevent drowsiness. Drivers who are drowsy after eating big meals of left-over turkey can find it hard to stay awake.

Information gathered from:

http://www.nsc.org/Pages/2011ThanksgivingHolidayTrafficFat alityEstimate.aspx

http://alerts.nationalsafetycommission.com/2009/11/thanksgiving-traffic-safety-2009.php

A "Red Light" For October Driver Complaints

Below is a complaint we received in October after we sent out the monthly newsletter. The appropriate van coordinator is always notified of complaints when we receive them. This listing is intended as an alert, not an accusation. However, we take all complaints seriously and ask that you as drivers keep in mind that you are responsible for safety.



Van #018 - Man called on October 26th stating that he was going south on I-95 and that one of our vans was speeding and cutting off other drivers. He believed it was van #018

K&K Connection November Birthdays

Happy Belated Birthday wishes are extended to to Arness Harris and Michael Juhasz, who celebrated their birthdays in the month of October!

We would like say "Happy Birthday" to the following K&K family members whose birthdays fall in the month of November:

Tina Berry Lisa Earman Alejandro Guzman Daniel Hand Joel Harrison Daniel Jenkins Thomas Murphy Cindy Norris Tyler Parker Chris Pierce Joyce Scott Jennifer Washington

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 November. We are so very happy you have decided to join us!