It is my pleasure to bring to you our new Orange County Guide to Transit services. As Orange County Executive and Chairman of the County Transportation Council, I know how important transportation issues are to the lives of Orange County residents and those who work and visit here. This improved guide to transit services is also available on our county website at www.transitorange.info. I look forward to continued improvements and cooperation with our transit operators and federal, state and local agencies to provide you with affordable, reliable and efficient service today and into the future.

Edward A. Diana
Orange County Executive

The transit information in this Guide is effective as of May 2008 and is subject to change. Please call the transit operator for updated information before you travel.
Welcome to the Orange County Transit Guide

Did you know that thousands of people use transit in Orange County every day to get to work, the doctor, to go shopping, or just to get from here to there? There are many types of transit services in Orange County including commuter bus service, which leaves from the many Park & Ride lots throughout the county to New York City and the surrounding area. There is commuter train service to the New York City area via the Metro-North Port Jervis Line, which runs through the heart of the county. Both bus and ferry service are available from Newburgh to the Beacon Train Station on the Metro-North Hudson Line. In the City of Middletown, City of Newburgh and in the Village of Kiryas Joel we have local bus service with complementary Paratransit service and a number of municipalities offer Dial-A-Bus service.

Orange County sponsors 16 individual transit operators providing service in four general categories: Commuter Bus, Local Bus (Fixed Route), Dial-A-Bus, and Paratransit services. Orange County does not have a central countywide transit operator; however, through the work of the Orange County Planning Department, the services of the individual operators are coordinated. We now use the name “Transit Orange” to identify the individual and coordinated transit services in and around Orange County.
Commuter Bus Service

These services carry the majority of the county’s transit riders. Commuter Bus services typically provide service between Orange County and New York City. However, some relatively minor services to adjacent counties fall into this category. Coach USA/ShortLine, an intercity carrier, provides significant local service throughout the county, but not to all communities.

Regularly Scheduled Local Bus Service (Fixed Route)

Local bus services, larger buses that run regular schedules on set routes, are operated in and around the Cities of Middletown and Newburgh, as well as the Village of Kiryas Joel. In addition to the local area, this service can be used to make connections to other localities in and around Orange County and to commuter services.
PLAN YOUR TRIP BEFORE YOU RIDE THE BUS

You should know:

› Your starting address—where you can get on or board the bus.
› Your destination address—where you want to get off the bus.
› The time you want to leave and when you want to get to the place you want to go.
› The amount of the fare (exact change is required).

Dial-A-Bus Service

Dial-A-Bus is a service that is open-to-the-public where you are required to call ahead of time to reserve a ride on the bus. You must call at least 24 hours in advance but typically you need to call further ahead because the service is on a first-come, first-served basis and the schedule can fill up quickly. This is not a taxi service where you are picked up at your door at whatever time you arrange with the cab company. With Dial-A-Bus, the many requests for rides are accommodated as best as possible and riders are picked up and dropped off at the curb (curb-to-curb service). The schedule changes daily and specific pick up and drop off times cannot be guaranteed. You should allow extra travel time since other passengers will likely be picked up or dropped off during your trip.

Paratransit Service

Mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Paratransit services are provided in all areas with local bus services (fixed route) for people who can’t use the local bus system due to their disability. Similar to Dial-A-Bus in that you need to reserve a ride by calling at least a day in advance, Paratransit service will only be provided for those individuals whose trips begin and end within 3/4 of a mile of an existing local fixed route bus line. Paratransit vehicles are wheelchair lift-equipped and service is provided curb-to-curb. To qualify to use this service you must obtain a valid ADA Paratransit Identification Card issued by Orange County. Please note that service will only be provided within the 3/4 of a mile of an existing local fixed route bus line. As of January 1996 the local bus systems that qualify for Paratransit service are those operated by Middletown Transit Corp., Newburgh-Beacon Bus Corp., and the Village of Kiryas Joel. For more information and to receive an application, call the Orange County Department of Planning at 845-615-3850.
COMMUTER BUS SERVICES

COACH USA/SHORTLINE

The largest provider of bus service in the County is Coach USA, which operates local, intercity and commuter bus service. Coach USA provides major commuter service to the New York City area with over 100 trips per day to and from Orange County during the morning and evening peak hours. The commuter routes operate along the Route 17 and Route 32 corridors, with the commuter Park & Ride lots being the principal stops. There is also service provided to West Point. Coach USA provides service to the East Side of Manhattan via the George Washington Bridge and operates the Orange Westchester Link (OWL), which provides service to the White Plains area. Both of these services are provided via five daily weekday round trips.

800-631-8405  www.shortlinebus.com

MONROE BUS CORPORATION

Monroe Bus Corporation provides commuter and off-peak service to Manhattan and Brooklyn and from the Village of Kiryas Joel. The main pick up and drop off point in the Village is the shelter at Bais Medrash with service to Manhattan, Boro Park, Brooklyn and Williamsburg, Brooklyn. 845-783-8559

MONSEY TRAILS

Monsey Trails connects Kiryas Joel and Monsey in Rockland County with five daily round trips. This service is spread throughout the day but focuses on those commuting between Kiryas Joel and Monsey. 845-354-7026  www.monseybus.com

NJ TRANSIT

NJ Transit provides commuter and off-peak service to New York City and northern New Jersey from Greenwood Lake and Warwick. This bus service is provided along Route 210 and Route 17A and serves the Greenwood Lake and Warwick Park & Ride lots. 800-772-2222  www.njtransit.com

Orange County Goes Cleaner and Greener!

In 2007, Orange County was the first public transit operator in the country to get commuter buses from Motor Coach Industries that operate solely on ultra low sulfur fuel, meeting the latest U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards.
LOCAL BUS SERVICES (FIXED ROUTE)

THE MAIN LINE
Under contract with New York State Department of Transportation and Orange County, Coach USA/ShortLine operates “the Main Line” bus service, which harks back to the former Erie Railroad line, which served the villages along NYS Route 17. This service, which operates between Middletown and Harriman, is available seven days a week. 800-631-8405 www.shortlinebus.com

MIDDLETOWN TRANSIT CORPORATION
A local bus service (fixed route) in Middletown since 1935, Middletown Transit operates four routes, which connect at a central hub in downtown Middletown off of Railroad Avenue. Service now extends beyond the city limits east into the Town of Wallkill to the shopping-retail areas along Route 211. 845-343-4702 www.midcitytransit.com

NEWBURGH BEACON BUS CORPORATION
Operating since 1934, this service offers two local routes in the City of Newburgh that extend into the Towns of Newburgh and New Windsor. Some of the areas outside of the City of Newburgh served are the Newburgh Mall and Wal-Mart on Route 300, the Price Chopper on Route 32, and Vail’s Gate shopping areas. The Broadway corridor, which is the common spine for both routes, is provided with hourly service. The Newburgh Beacon Bus Corporation also operates the Newburgh Beacon Stewart Airport Shuttle which connects Stewart International Airport with downtown Newburgh and the Metro-North Railroad Beacon Station on the east side of the Hudson River. Beacon Station is on Metro-North’s Hudson Line, which provides hourly service to and from Grand Central Terminal in midtown Manhattan. 845-565-7900 www.leprechaunlines.com

VILLAGE OF KIRYAS JOEL
Four different local bus routes are available in the Village of Kiryas Joel and to destinations in Monroe and Woodbury. The Village of Kiryas Joel provides this service using seven buses and is the busiest local fixed route operator in the County. 845-783-8300

TOWN OF WARWICK INTER-MUNICIPAL BUS
Local bus service (fixed route) operates between Warwick, Goshen, and Wallkill, with a shuttle service from the Galleria to Orange Plaza and Dunning Farms Monday–Saturday. Fixed route service from Warwick to Monroe/Harriman is available on Friday. The Village of Warwick sponsors local bus service on weekends to locations in downtown Warwick. A fixed route service is available to Shoprite in Warwick Tuesday–Friday. 845-986-4174 www.warwicktransit.com
Tips for Riding a Local Bus

1. Be at the bus stop at least five to ten minutes ahead of the scheduled departure time.
2. Flag stops at intersections only; signal by raising your arm.
3. Please don’t rush to the curb as the bus is pulling over; wait until it has come to a full stop before walking towards the door.
4. Get on the bus through the front door and pay the fare. Exact change is required.
5. Ask the driver for a transfer, if needed, when you exit the bus.
6. If you’re not getting off at a regular stop, about one block from your stop pull the yellow cord along the side of the bus and this will alert the driver that you want to get off.

Tips for Riding a Dial-A-Bus and ADA Paratransit Bus

1. Book your trip well in advance.
2. Be ready at least 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled pick up time.
3. Don’t rush to the curb as the bus is pulling over; wait until it has come to a full stop before approaching the door.
4. Get on the bus and pay the fare to the driver.
5. Know the exact address of your scheduled destination to give to the driver.

On the bus:

- Service animals are allowed to ride with you.
- Please be considerate of other transit riders when using your cell phone, (no need for everyone on the bus to know your business!).
- When it comes to packages, only items you carry yourself are allowed. Please keep them within your seating area, not in the aisle. Remember to take them with you when you go.

Some municipalities in the county have special transportation programs directly targeted to the needs of senior citizens. These services are only available to senior citizens. Please contact your local municipality for more details.

TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- Town of Cornwall 845-534-3178
- Town of Newburgh 845-564-7815
- Towns of Montgomery-Crawford 845-457-2622
- City of Middletown 845-346-4070 or 845-346-4071

Check with your local operator for other transit tips.
OTHER REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICES

ADIRONDACK TRAILWAYS
Adirondack Trailways serves New York City, Poughkeepsie, and Kingston. Connections can be made to Albany, Oneonta and other destinations around New York State. This service is provided along the Route 9W corridor and crosses the Mid Hudson Bridge to reach Poughkeepsie.
800-776-7548 www.trailwaysny.com

ULSTER COUNTY AREA TRANSIT (UCAT)
UCAT provides five daily weekday round trips between Newburgh and New Paltz in Ulster County along the NYS Route 32 corridor. This service also has stops on Broadway in Newburgh, the Coach USA/ShortLine Bus Terminal on 17K and the Newburgh Mall.
845-340-3333 www.co.ulster.ny.us/ucat

DIAL-A-BUS SERVICE
Dial-A-Bus service is available in and around the communities listed below. This type of service is open-to-the-public and is curb-to-curb, meaning that passengers are picked up and dropped off at the curb (not taken door-to-door). Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance. When you make your reservation, specify where you would like to be picked up, your exact destination, and what time you would like to make the trip. The operator will accommodate you the best that they can. Buses are wheelchair lift-equipped. Some of these operators provide service solely within their town while others offer expanded service. Contact your local Dial-A-Bus operators for details about their service area.

TOWN OF BLOOMING GROVE
Service provided Tuesday thru Friday. Service to Wallkill on Monday's.
Hours of operation: 8:30am to 5:00pm.
Reservations accepted Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm.
Fares: 50¢ seniors and disabled • $1.00 all others • Children under 5 ride free
Passengers requesting an ADA accessible bus must call at least 24 hours prior to departure. 866-496-2877

TOWNS OF GOSHEN & CHESTER WITH SERVICE IN HAMPTONBURGH
Service provided Monday thru Saturday.
Hours of operation: 8:00am to 5:30pm.
Reservations accepted Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm.
Regular Fare: $1.00 one-way • Children under 6 ride free when accompanied by an adult • Senior/disabled citizens and Medicare card holders: 50¢ one-way. 845-294-8920
DIAL-A-BUS SERVICE CONTINUED

TOWN OF HIGHLANDS

Service provided Monday thru Saturday. Hours of operation: 8:00am to 4:00pm (Mon–Fri), 9:00am to 1:00pm Saturday trip to Vails Gate/Newburgh. Reservations accepted Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm. Regular Fare: $1.00 one-way • Children under 6 ride free when accompanied by an adult • Senior/disabled citizens and Medicare card holders: 50¢ one-way. 845-446-RIDE (7433)

TOWN OF MONROE

Service provided Monday thru Saturday. Hours of operation: 5:00am to 6:30pm (T, W, Th), 5:00am to 5:00pm (Mon & Fri), 8:00am to 1:00pm (Sat). Reservations accepted Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm. We do not accept reservations left on the answering machine. Regular Fare: $1.00 one-way • Children under 4 ride free • Senior/disabled citizens and Medicare cardholders: 50¢ one-way. Cancellations: Must give 24 hours notice to cancel or change a reservation. Passengers requesting an ADA accessible bus must call at least 24 hours prior to departure. 845-783-6222

TOWNS OF MONTGOMERY & CRAWFORD

Service provided Monday thru Friday. Hours of operation: 7:45am to 4:00pm. Reservations accepted Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm. Regular Fare: $1.00 one-way • Children under 10 ride free when accompanied by an adult • Senior/disabled citizens and Medicare cardholders: 50¢ one-way. 845-457-2622

TOWNS OF NEW WINDSOR & CORNWALL

Service provided Monday thru Friday. Hours of operation: 8:00am to 4:00pm. Reservations accepted Monday thru Friday 9:30am to 1:00pm. Regular Fare: $1.00 one-way • Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult • Children over 14 may ride without an adult • Senior/disabled citizens and Medicare card holders: 50¢ one-way. 845-563-4640 or 845-496-8505

TOWN OF NEWBURGH

Service provided Monday thru Saturday. Hours of operation: 8:00am to 4:00pm (Mon–Fri), Eves 5:30 to 10:00pm (Tue), 8:30am to 2:30pm (Sat). Reservations accepted Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm. Regular Fare: $1.00 one-way • Children under 6 ride free when accompanied by an adult • Senior/disabled citizens and Medicare card holders: 50¢ one-way. 845-564-6084
### CITY OF PORT JERVIS

Service provided daily in the City and three (3) miles beyond the City limits in the State of New York.  
Hours of operation: 6:00am to 5:00pm (Mon–Fri), 9:00am to 2:00pm (Sat).  
Reservations accepted Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm.  
Regular Fare: $1.00 one-way • Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult • Senior/disabled citizens, students and Medicare card holders: 50¢ one-way  
Cancellations: Please call at least three (3) hours before your scheduled time.  
**845-856-7999**

### TOWN OF WALLKILL

Service provided Monday thru Saturday. Hours of operation: 4:15am to 8:30pm (Mon–Fri), 8:00am to 3:00pm (Sat).  
Reservations for the following day accepted Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 12:30pm. Reservations for other days are accepted Monday thru Friday until 4:00pm.  
Regular Fare: $1.00 one-way • Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult, anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult • Senior/disabled citizens and Medicare card holders: 50¢ one-way.  
Cancellations: Please call at least two (2) hours prior to scheduled pick up time.  
**845-692-7852**  
*Call and ask about our new fixed route.*

### TOWN OF WARWICK

Service provided Monday thru Friday. Hours of operation: 8:30am to 5:30pm (Mon–Fri), 9:00am to 4:00pm (Sat.–Sun.)  
Reservations accepted Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm.  
Regular Fare: $1.00 one-way • Children under 5 ride free when accompanied by an adult • Senior/disabled citizens and Medicare cardholders: 50¢ one-way  
Passengers requesting an ADA accessible bus must call at least 24 hours prior to departure.  
**845-986-2877**

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*Each year public transportation use in the U.S. saves 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline, representing 4 million gallons of gasoline per day.*  

American Public Transportation Association
HOW TO READ A BUS SCHEDULE

Even though bus schedules may look different, the basics of reading a schedule and planning your trip are similar from one bus operator to another. As an example of how to read a schedule we’ll use the Coach USA/ShortLine Orange County–New York City timetable.

The schedule cover looks like this.
The information includes:

1. Route numbers,
2. Locations served,
3. Operator contact information,
4. And date the timetable becomes effective.

TABLE 2: ORANGE COUNTY & ROCKLAND COUNTY TO NEW YORK SERVICE

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Times shown for N/O/C/O service are connecting times. Shaded areas represent Park & Ride.

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When you open up the schedule this is what you’ll see (example below). The whole timetable is not shown here, just a small section is given as an example of how to read a schedule.

As example, traveling from the Newburgh Terminal to Woodbury Common (Bus Shelter) on a Monday, arriving at around noon, here is how you would read the schedule and plan your trip:

1. First make sure you are reading the correct schedule. On the top of the schedule the direction of travel and days of operation are listed. Make sure you are reading the “Orange County & Rockland County To New York Service” side of the schedule (Table 2).

2. Find “Newburgh (Terminal–Park & Ride, Rt. 17K)” and

3. Woodbury Common, NY (Bus Shelter) on the left side of the schedule.

4. Look across the Woodbury Common, NY row and find the time closest to the time you want to get to there (at 12 noon). The time listed in the schedule is 12:06 p.m.—that’s pretty close!

5. Now, read up this column until you find the Newburgh, NY row and you’ll see the time the bus leaves Newburgh to get to Woodbury Common. The time listed is 11:30 a.m.

6. Plan to be at this stop at least 5 to 10 minutes before the departure time listed on the timetable. You should be waiting at the bus stop at 11:20 a.m.

Plan your trip according to what time you want to leave and the time you need to get to your destination. Just make sure you’re reading the correct schedule, and you’ll be on your way!
Orange County is served by MTA Metro-North Railroad’s Port Jervis Line through a service contract with New Jersey Transit (NJT) and by the Metro-North Hudson Line on the east side of the river.

The Port Jervis Line service currently runs from seven stations in Orange County to Hoboken and the Secaucus Transfer Station (as well as other rail station stops in New Jersey). From the new station in Secaucus, passengers may connect with other New Jersey Transit service to NY Penn Station in midtown Manhattan (or to other NJT services, including a connection for Amtrak service at Newark Penn Station). Port Jervis Line passengers may also connect with the Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) service or NY Waterway ferry service in Hoboken for access to lower Manhattan.

The Pascack Valley Line on the west side of the Hudson River also provides service to Manhattan via Hoboken or Secaucus. Some Orange County residents access this service at the Spring Valley Station in Rockland County.

Metro-North’s Hudson Line service operates between Poughkeepsie and Grand Central Terminal on the east side of mid-town Manhattan. The principal Hudson Line station for most Orange County residents is in Beacon, directly across the Newburgh Beacon Bridge. The station is also easily accessible by ferry in the peak period from the Newburgh waterfront and by bus shuttle from the Park & Ride facility on Route 17K (parking is free in both locations). Hudson Line service is more frequent and more direct to mid-town as compared to the Port Jervis Line. [The Peekskill or Croton-Harmon stations can also be readily accessed via the Bear Mountain Bridge.]

Airport Shuttle: The Newburgh Beacon Shuttle currently also provides a direct transit link between the Hudson Line station at Beacon with the passenger terminal at Stewart International Airport.

WHICH RAIL LINE SHOULD I TAKE?

After reading about Metro-North’s Hudson Line service and the Port Jervis Line service you may be wondering which rail line to take to New York City. That may depend on where you plan on going in Manhattan. If you are going to Midtown or the East Side of Manhattan it may make sense to ride the Hudson Line. If you are going to the West Side, lower Manhattan or the financial district, it may make sense to use the Port Jervis Line.
**PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE CONTINUED**

**CAN I TAKE MY BICYCLE ON THE TRAIN?**
Yes, as long as you have a valid Bicycle Access Permit. Visit [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) or call **800-METRO-INFO (800-638-7646)** to get an application for a Bicycle Access Permit and for more information.

**WHERE CAN I PARK TO TAKE THE TRAIN?**
Daily parking is available at all Metro-North/New Jersey Rail Transit passenger rail stations on the Port Jervis Line. Each rail station in the county has parking available (for a fee on weekdays; free on holidays and weekends). Stations are located at: Harriman, Salisbury Mills/Cornwall, Campbell Hall, Middletown, Otisville, and Port Jervis. There is also extremely limited weekday daily parking at Beacon on the Hudson Line. Most of these stations have recently been expanded and improved through the efforts of MTA Metro-North. Some connecting transit services are available at these stations. For additional information, visit [www.mta.info/mnr](http://www.mta.info/mnr).

For more information: **800-METRO-INFO (800-638-7646)  www.mta.info**

Metro-North passenger rail information may be obtained en espanol at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).

The location of the stations is shown on the map enclosed within this guide.

**AMTRAK**

There is no direct Amtrak passenger service in Orange County. The closest Amtrak line runs along the east side of the Hudson River between New York City and Albany, and west to Buffalo or north to Montreal. Amtrak stops are located in Poughkeepsie and Croton-Harmon. Amtrak connections can also be made by taking the Port Jervis line to Newark Penn Station via a transfer at the Secaucus station. The high speed Amtrak Acela service stops at Newark Penn Station as well as the standard Amtrak Metroliner services.

**800-USA-RAIL (800-872-7245)  www.Amtrak.com**

**NEWBURGH-BEACON FERRY**

Ferry service between Newburgh and Beacon resumed in 2005, forty-two years after it stopped as a result of the opening of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. It is operated by NY Waterway under contract with Metro-North, using funds from NYSDOT.

In 2007 the ferry service averaged 330 riders a day.

Free parking is available in Newburgh for ferry commuters.

**800-METRO-INFO (800-638-7646)**

[www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) (enter “Newburgh Ferry” in search box)
OTHER SERVICES

STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Passenger air service is available in Orange County at Stewart International Airport, which as of 2007 is operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Stewart International Airport is located just southwest of the crossroads of Interstate 84 and Interstate 87 (NYS Thruway). Vehicles access the airport via NY Route 207 and the new direct access from Interstate 84 via exit 5A. An airport shuttle service connects with both the Metro-North passenger rail station in Beacon and the Newburgh Park & Ride facility. Detailed information may be obtained at www.panynj.gov or by calling 845-564-7200.

ORANGE COUNTY PARK & RIDE LOTS

At its most basic, a “Park & Ride lot” is a place where you can park a car in order to take another transportation trip. In Orange County there are two formal Park & Ride lot systems which are owned, maintained and promoted as locations to park cars in order to make connections to transit services. One is the Metro-North rail station system, mentioned previously. The other system is owned and maintained by the cooperative efforts of one or more public and private entities, including: New York State, Orange County, Coach USA/ ShortLine, and local municipalities. The principal connecting transit services at these Park & Ride lots are for commuter, regional, and local bus services. There are eleven lots in this system, ranging in size from over 500 parking spaces with shelters and other amenities to small parking lots with no amenities. The locations of these lots are shown on the map enclosed with this guide. All parking is free at these lots, with the exception of Greenwood Lake, Village of Monroe and Tuxedo Park & Ride lots. 845-291-3442 www.transitorange.info

Visiting Orange County?

For information on attractions and lodging visit www.orangetourism.org or call 845-615-3860.
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE
For Orange County Commuters

READY TO PLAN A TRIP? IT’S EASY AS TRIPS 123

Travelers in NY, NJ and CT now have access to a traveler information system providing them with transportation and trip planning assistance. The Trips 123 system currently offers two FREE services to provide traffic and transit information to the public—Traveler Information Center and TransitAdvisor.

www.trips123.com

NJ TRANSIT’S TRIP PLANNER
For travelers using the Port Jervis Line or Pascack Valley Line, NJ Transit’s Trip Planner is another very useful tool. Visit www.njtransit.com and click on the Trip Planner on the home page. Instructions are easy to follow and the Trip Planner will present an itinerary with up to three travel options.

www.njtransit.com

WWW.NYRIDES.COM
Information about Hudson Valley Mass Transit options can be found at a comprehensive portal—www.nyrides.com. This easy-to-navigate site provides links to bus, train, and ferry operators throughout the Hudson Valley, as well as information about Park & Ride lots, vanpooling and carpooling.

www.nyrides.com

Are you planning a shopping trip to Woodbury Common? Did you know that on Saturday and Sunday there is a trolley that will take you from the Harriman train station to Woodbury Common? There is one trip in the morning and one in the evening. For more details visit www.mta.info/mnr (enter One Day Getaways in search box).
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE CONTINUED
For Orange County Commuters and Employers

METROPOOL—A MISSION IN MOTION
For more than 25 years, MetroPool, a private, non-profit corporation, has been promoting alternatives to driving alone in the Hudson Valley. With the support of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), MetroPool works in Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties to provide a range of services and programs to commuters and employers.

Consider some of the outstanding options and benefits available to you through MetroPool...

EASY STREET® NY VANPOOL PROGRAM
Easy Street® NY is a not-for-profit program sponsored by NYSDOT and administered by MetroPool. For a fixed monthly fare, groups of six to fifteen riders share the ride to work from home or a centrally located Park & Ride lot. The monthly fare includes the van, insurance, fuel, maintenance, and 24-hour roadside assistance. MetroPool works with commuters to identify existing vanpools or form new ones. www.easystreetny.com

NURIDE
NuRide is the nation’s first incentive-based online ride-matching network. Through the NuRide Network® commuters arrange ridesharing trips and earn rewards for every confirmed trip. Signup is quick, easy and free. In the Hudson Valley Region, NuRide is sponsored by NYSDOT and administered by MetroPool. www.nuride.com

COMMUTER TAX BENEFIT
Federal tax law allows substantial tax savings for commuters who travel to work by bus, train, ferry, or vanpool. An employer sets up a program (MetroPool can help with this) that allows an employee to set aside up to $115* per month of his/her salary before taxes to pay for transit, ferry, or vanpool fares. An employee may also set aside up to $220* for qualified parking. Savings can be more than $425 a year—just for traveling to work.

*Tax-free amount as of January 2008, modified annually for cost of living adjustment.

For more information, call MetroPool at 800-FIND-RIDE or visit www.metropool.com.

In 2006, Americans took 10.1 billion trips on public transportation—the highest ridership level in 49 years.

American Public Transportation Association
All schedules for local, commuter, and regional transit services are available on the internet as noted in this guide. Transit operators will customarily have paper schedules for their services and some connecting services available at major station stops or terminal locations. In order to assist in making paper transit schedules more available to people, Orange County maintains displays of schedules of transit services within the county and of some services outside the county. These displays are located at the Orange County Government Center (Goshen), the Orange County Planning Department – 1887 Building (Goshen), and the three Orange County Department of Motor Vehicle offices in the Cities of Newburgh, Middletown and Port Jervis. Visit or call the Orange County Planning Department transit staff at 845-615-3850 for other locations of transit information, or visit the Transit Orange website at www.transitorange.info.
This guide, links to operators and schedules, and other transit information is available at the Transit Orange website: www.transitorange.info.

Se Habla Espanol? For a Spanish language edition of this guide please visit: www.transitorange.info.

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