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National Dump the Pump Day is Thursday, June 18, 2015 Trade a gas receipt for a free ride on DART

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) will join with public transportation systems nationwide to participate in the tenth annual National Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

DART is offering free rides on Local, Express, Flex and On Call services in exchange for gas receipts. Riders can present one (1) gas receipt to the bus operator and receive one (1) free ride.

National Dump the Pump Day was started in 2006 by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) to encourage people to ride public transportation and take them where they need to go, instead of driving a car. The day emphasizes that public transportation is a convenient travel option that also helps people save money. According to the April APTA <u>Transit Savings Report</u>, individuals in a two-person household can save an average of more than \$9,394 annually by downsizing to one car.

Greater Des Moines area residents can figure out how much money they can save by switching to public transit with an online transit-savings calculator, available at <u>www.publictransportation.org/tools/fuelsavings</u>. More information on DART services is available online at ridedart.com or by calling 515-283-8100.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around the Greater Des Moines area easier and more convenient. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at <u>www.ridedart.com</u> or call 515-283-8100. The MyDART Tools, Trip Planner and RideTime Transit app are now available at <u>www.ridedart.com</u>.

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