

Please park your car and ride public transportation today! Ride-All-Day-For-A-Dollar

Each year, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and the public transportation industry will come together to celebrate an Annual National Dump the Pump Day – a day dedicated to encouraging people to leave their cars at home and ride public transportation. This year's slogan is, *Dump the Pump, Save Money, Ride Transit.*

With gas prices at record highs across the United States, this year's Dump the Pump Day will take on even greater significance. Do your part and join the industry in promoting this important day. This event is sponsored by the Pubic Transportation plays of vital role for the community continuity for businesses, medical facilities and stores for county citizens. "Ride the Bus with Us" each year during the month of June. In these tough economic times with high gas prices, everyone is looking for a way to save money. **National Dump the Pump Day** encourages people to ride public transportation (instead of driving) and save money.

Riding public transit is the quickest way to beat high gas prices. The latest APTA Transit Savings Report shows that a two person household that downsizes to one car can save – on the average – more than \$10,000 a year. U.S. Public Transportation Systems help to create a healthier environment by reducing smog producing pollutants and green house gases. Public Transportation produces nearly 50 percent less carbon dioxide (CO2) and nitrogen oxide (NOx) per passenger mile.

Participation in **National Dump the Pump Day** is a way of reaching out to new riders and thanking our current riders, this special promotional service is for the public transportation riders of the St. Mary's Transit System (STS). In addition National Dump the Pump day emphasizes the environmental benefits of using public transportation. It is also a day for people across the country to make a difference as they conserve gasoline, save money and help our environment.

