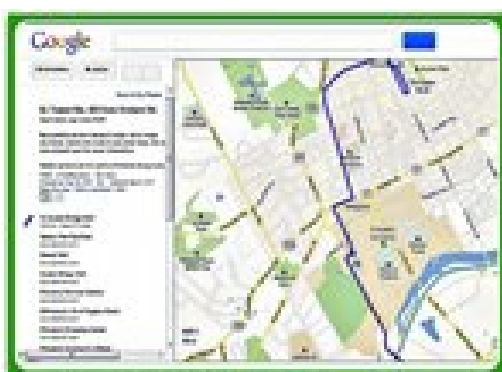




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NEW ONLINE - NJT Mercer County Local Bus Routes



Greater Mercer TMA has recently created Google Map versions of NJ Transit's Mercer County routes to display on its website. The routes come from NJ Transit's own turn-by-turn directions, affording the general public an opportunity to see exactly where the county's buses go. Also, each map contains places of interest along those routes, along with the location of time-point stops as identified by the transit provider's own timetables. Finding your way around the county is as easy as going to www.gmtma.org. The links can be found by going to the Commuters tab then clicking Buses and Trains. [Click here](#) for the list to view.

For more information about NJ Transit's bus service, visit their website at www.njtransit.com.

Princeton Jct. Rail Station Parking...

.... is available for carpool participants.

There is NO wait parking list for a Rideshare Parking Permit! The permit allows you to park in the Wallace Road daily parking lot on the New York bound side of the tracks; it is really close parking! Designated Rideshare spaces are reserved for the exclusive use of Rideshare permit holders from 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM on week days. After 10:00 AM unused Rideshare spaces are open to the public for daily parking. At least 2 people must be in the car every time you park using the rideshare permit. The [rideshare parking permit application](#) is available on the West Windsor Parking Authority [website](#).

Pre-Tax Benefit For Commuters Decreases

Along with new resolutions, the New Year brought a decrease in the pretax benefit for commuters who use public transit, buses and vanpools. As reported in last month's Econnections, it was necessary for Congress to pass the extension of the \$230 level for the monthly transit commuter benefit before the December 31, 2011 deadline. That didn't happen! The transit benefit has now dropped to \$125 per month per person while the parking benefit has increased to \$240 per month. All commuters who set aside more than \$125 per month for transit expenses will see an increase in their commute costs. There is some hope that this can still be changed in 2012 as there are efforts underway by some lawmakers to extend the savings for transit so they remain on par with the benefits given to drivers.

Let your legislators know what you think about the Commuter Tax Benefit by [clicking here](#).

Costs Go Up For Motorists

January 1st meant an increase in cost for motorists. Tolls have been increased by 53% on the New Jersey Turnpike and

50% increase on the Garden State Parkway.

Martin Luther King Holiday Service

On January 16th, area transportation service providers will be observing the holiday either by suspending service or providing limited service. Greater Mercer TMA has put together an area transportation service chart that shows the modified schedules. [Click here](#).

Note: On January 14th, NJTRANSIT's 605 Montgomery Twp. – Princeton – Quaker Bridge Mall bus route will have a slight schedule modification. The weekday trip from Montgomery Twp. will start at 7:27 AM, instead of 7:30 AM. The TMA has new timetables available for distribution, [click here](#) to request timetables.

Greater Mercer TMA Partnership Renewal Campaign

By now most of you should have received GMTMA's Partnership renewal package. If you have not received a renewal packet [click here](#). Once again we are asking our partners to renew their commitment to mobility by pledging their support of the TMA's programs and services.

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