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Valentine's Day -- Find Your Commuting Match



Valentine's Day - the time when thoughts turn to finding or celebrating a love connection. CommuteInfo suggests finding a great "commuting" connection as well. Sharing the ride can save commuters money by sharing the cost of the commute, and there are no extras like flowers or chocolate.

Here's how these people found their commuting match:

Less than four years ago, Ellen and Rhonda were strangers. One night while out to eat with her family, Ellen recognized Rhonda as someone that she had seen outside of her office building around lunchtime and asked, "Didn't I see you in Oakland earlier today?" When Rhonda said, "Yes," they quickly discovered that not only did they live near each other, but they both worked for the University of Pittsburgh, in the same building and work schedules – a carpool was born!

On Lisa's first day at the University of Pittsburgh, during new employee orientation, she learned about vanpooling. The next day, she started riding with the vanpool group that travelled from near her home in Vandergrift to Oakland. Lisa and her commuting match are still going strong 17 years later!

CommuteInfo can help regional commuters find their commuting matches this Valentine's Day (any day, actually). Help us get the word out -- let your co-workers, employees, family, and friends know they can request their free personalized commute options report and find their commuting match by visiting www.commuteinfo.org or calling toll free 1-888-819-6110.

Healthy Ride Offers Employer Memberships

Special thanks to Healthy Ride for the photo.

Want to make your employees happier and healthier in 2017? Encourage them to try riding a bicycle to get to work or make trips during the workday! Studies indicate that biking to work increases productivity and leads to a more fulfilled and energized workplace. Learn more about how biking can work as a commuting choice: http://commuteinfo.org/comm_options_bike.shtml. You can also check out safety tips for biking: <http://www.commuteinfo.org/pdf/BikeCard.pdf>.

And if your business is located in Pittsburgh, you have another option to help your employees to get biking. Healthy Ride, the Pittsburgh bike share program, provides bikes for short term rental for your employees to get to meetings, grab lunch, commute, and recharge during the workday. Healthy Ride reaches over 12 unique Pittsburgh neighborhoods and will continue to expand the system to reach new neighborhoods in the coming years.

Until recently, Healthy Ride rentals were only available to individual members. Now Healthy Ride offers employer memberships. Learn more about the Healthy Ride employer memberships and how you can help your employees get riding today: https://healthyridepgh.com/group_membership.

Healthy Ride also offers station sponsorship programs where businesses can invest in a station at or near their location. Learn more by emailing Healthy Ride: partnerships@pghbikeshare.org.



Outreach & Events

Interested in having CommuteInfo at your community/employee event or meeting, or if you would like additional information, please contact us at commuteinfo@spcregion.org.



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Operating a customer-focused full service commuting options resource center, running the region's vanpool and carpool programs, and facilitating the forum for coordinating regional ridesharing efforts--SPC's CommuteInfo Program is the regional one stop shop for ridesharing services.



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