

**SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY TO BE HELD ON JUNE 16**  
**Dump the Pump. Save Money. Ride Transit.**

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Nantucket, MA - With the return of high gas prices, the Nantucket Regional Transit Authority, (The WAVE) is joining with other public transportation systems nationwide to participate in the sixth annual National Dump the Pump Day on Thursday, June 16. The slogan of this year's National Dump the Pump Day is "*Dump the Pump. Save Money. Ride Transit.*"

Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) the 2011 National Dump the Pump Day is a day that encourages people to ride public transportation and save money, instead of driving a car. Started in June 2006, this national day emphasizes that public transportation is a great travel option that also helps people save money.

High gas prices and concern about the economy means that saving money is on everyone's minds and public transportation is the quickest way to beat high prices. According to the latest APTA Transit Savings Report (put in link), individuals in a two-person household can save an average of more than \$10,000 annually by downsizing to one car. Additionally, public awareness about saving energy is still a major issue. Even one person can make a difference by switching to public transit and reduce daily carbon emissions by 20 pounds, or more than 4,800 pounds in a year.

According to NRTA Chair Rick Atherton, "Public transportation provides personal mobility and freedom for people from every walk of life. The NRTA has recently made a number of improvements that make it so much easier and cost effective for everyone to Ride the WAVE."

In addition to the new name and image, the NRTA also added two hybrid buses to the fleet and new bus shelters have been constructed at two major bus stop. Additionally, for real time bus locations WAVE customers may now go to either the browser on their mobile phones and type in *live.nrtawave.com* or visit *www.nrtawave.com* to download the "Where's My Bus" application.

"Another way that people can save money is to take advantage of one of our FREE park and ride lots." stated NRTA Administrator Paula Leary. "By parking their cars and using the bus, people can avoid the stress of dealing with traffic congestion, parking and of course, parking tickets."

The park and ride lots are convenient to several bus routes at the following locations:

- "The Muse", 44 Surfside Road - Mid Island and Miacomet Loops
- The Chicken Box, 5 Dave Street - Mid Island Loop, Sconset Routes, Miacomet Loop and Airport Route.
- Fairgrounds Restaurant, 27 Fairgrounds Road - Miacomet Loop and Surfside Beach Route. (7 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
- Nantucket Elementary School, Surfside Road served by the Mid Island Loop (June 25-Sept 5)

The NRTA is offering half fares all day on June 16 and as an added incentive, riders can register to win one of two 26" bicycles. Vouchers may be obtained on the buses and should be turned into the driver, dropped off at the NRTA office at 3 Chestnut Street, or the Greenhound Building by noon Monday, June 20. Winners will be notified by Friday, June 24.

For more information about the Dump the Pump event, or to obtain additional information about The WAVE visit our website at [www.nrtawave.com](http://www.nrtawave.com) or call us at 508-325-9571.