

Trolley Service Connects Region

"I went out to lose a jolly hour on the trolley and I lost my heart instead."

Anyone of a certain age remembers Judy Garland's song about finding romance on a trolley ride. The new Beach Trolley service launched on Memorial Day weekend can't promise you'll find romance. But you might very well lose your heart to the ride, the view, the convenience and the price of its hour-long trip (two hours round trip)!

The Beach Trolley Association is a privately funded non-profit enterprise designed to provide a convenient and enjoyable way for tourists and residents alike to make the rounds of beach attractions from Chesapeake Beach through North Beach, Herrington Harbor, and Deale, all the way to Skippers Pier.

In this era of \$4 gas, a quarter to get to your favorite restaurant or shop is a real find. Boaters docking in one spot will now find themselves free to explore as well. The trolley, operated by Virginia Regional Transit, is fully accessible, and persons with disabilities who are ADA certified can be picked up and dropped off at curbside on the route if they cannot get to a designated trolley stop.



Stewart Cumbo, Lisa Baden



Beach Trolley Board cuts ribbon before "all aboard".

The service had a festive kick-off on May 23, with balloons, beads, bands and Baden. That's Lisa Baden, WTOP traffic reporter and resident of Friendship, who emceed the opening event and noted that "Isn't it great to live in the Beaches. We all know that the place to be is here, and not on the Bay Bridge!"

The opening crowd included moms and youngsters eager to ride the trolley, as well as local dignitaries. Delegate Sue Kullen, Commissioner Barbara Stinnett, Mayor Donovan and Mayor Bojokles, and Councilman Pat Mahoney were all on hand.

Town Councilman Stewart Cumbo is serving as chairman/president of the Association. Other officers and Board members from the Town are 1st vice president Marilyn Van Wagner, secretary Norma Robertson, treasurer Robert Carpenter, and Board members Pat Carpenter, Judith Cumbo, Robert Munro, and Eleanor Nelson.

The trolley will run Fridays 3 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., and holiday Mondays (including Labor Day, the last day of operation) 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Further information is available at www.beachtrolleyassociation.org.

Webmaster's Note:

Other Beach Trolley Association Board members not mentioned in this article include:

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Edmund M. Conaway
Gregory Dotson
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James Andre
Judy Harger

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