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### **Play Tourist with Free Fares on Northern Virginia Transit Systems**

As part of a regional effort to stimulate the local economy after September's terrorist attacks, Northern Virginia transit providers will be offering free rides this weekend. Alexandria DASH, Arlington ART, city of Fairfax CUE and Fairfax Connector are kicking in to show that Northern Virginia is open for business. Citizens are encouraged to sightsee, shop, dine out and attend community events. These efforts will complement WMATA's free rides on Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess.

#### **Arlington ART**

All ART buses will offer free service Saturday, October 13. Locals wanting to make a day of it in Arlington at the Clarendon Day 2001 festival (12 noon to 6 p.m.) can ride Metro for free and park free in the Clarendon Garage at Wilson Blvd. and N. Highland St.

#### **City of Alexandria**

DASH buses and DOT Paratransit are free all day Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. DASH ABOUT weekend shuttle on King Street will be free as usual.

Beginning Saturday, October 13, and continuing through the end of October 2001, parking at Alexandria city parking meters, city garages and city parking lots will be free after 5 p.m. on weekdays and free all day on Saturdays and Sundays. The fees before 5 p.m. weekdays stay the same. These changes do not apply to private parking facilities or the city parking restrictions on un-metered public streets.

#### **City of Fairfax CUE**

The city of Fairfax will provide free CUE Bus service on Saturday, October 13 to encourage citizens to attend the 25th annual Fall Festival. The free bus service will be in effect on all bus routes throughout the entire day. The Fall Festival, to be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 13 in downtown Fairfax, will feature crafts, children's games and rides, music, food and a 2002 auto show.

#### **Fairfax Connector**

All Fairfax Connector routes will be free Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14. Fairfax Connector provides weekend bus service in many areas of the county, from Reston and Herndon in the Dulles Corridor, to Tysons Corner, Springfield, and the Richmond Highway Corridor.