To the Kendall County community:

We at the Voluntary Action Center wish to say “thank you” to all who have supported Kendall Area Transit in 2013. Through the support of local municipalities, agencies, businesses, and individuals, KAT had an eventful and record-breaking year!

Here is a short list of what the community’s strong support has helped VAC accomplish in 2013:

- Addition and expansion of the Oswego Park and Ride service to KAT operations,
- Expansion of KAT service to the Waubonsee Community College Sugar Grove campus,
- The provision of the 50,000th KAT trip,
- 94 percent rise in KAT ridership totaling 34,500 trips, including over 16,500 trips to seniors and persons with disabilities.

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**KAT Calendar of Events**

- **Monday January 20th** In observance of MLK Day, KAT offices will be closed. Dial-a-ride will operate on a limited service schedule. Park and Ride will operate as normally scheduled.

- **Monday February 17th** In observance of President’s Day, KAT offices will be closed. Dial-a-ride will operate on a limited service schedule. Park and Ride will operate as normally scheduled.

- **Saturday March 8th** Social Services Fair, Oswego High School, 9:00 am - Noon.

- **Friday April 18th** In observance of Good Friday, KAT offices will be closed. Dial-a-ride will operate on limited service schedule. Park and Ride will operate as normally scheduled.

**Transit Speak: Local Matching Funds**

Local matching funds are funds that are set to be paid in a certain amount to funds available from other sources. Matching fund payments usually arise for charity or public good programs. Many projects in the community are partially funded with federal and state grants with a requirement for matching funds, and local governments and/or nonprofits are charged with providing matching funds. KAT is such a project. For example, KAT receives funding from the Federal Transit Administration and Illinois Department of Transportation. Sources for matching funds can come from local municipal contributions, service contracts with local social service agencies, and fundraising drives or individual/business donations.
**KAT Fleet Expands, Welcome Addition of a Minivan**

In 2012 Kendall County was awarded expansion vehicles for use in the Kendall Area Transit (KAT) program by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The County was awarded two 12-passenger buses and one 5-passenger minivan. On Friday October 18th, the minivan had arrived!

County Administrator Jeff Wilkins said IDOT advised that the process has been unusually long due to changes in state protocol, so the two 12-passenger buses are still in the process of being ordered, but he is excited that the minivan has arrived. “KAT has been a very popular program evident in its rapid growth.”

According to Paul LaLonde, Director of KAT with the Voluntary Action Center, the nonprofit transit operator of KAT services, the minivan will be used for medical trips, especially longer distance trips and some local medical runs. “There are times when we’re asked if KAT goes to Edwards Hospital in Naperville, Morris Hospital, or St. Joseph Provina in Joliet. Currently, these areas are outside our service zone, but the minivan will help us provide longer distance trips if the demand is there.”

As with the current KAT fleet, the minivan is handicapped accessible and has a capacity for up to five passengers and the use of the minivan will be predicated on space and availability. General trips can be reserved two (2) to six (6) business days in advance. Medical trips may be scheduled up to two (2) weeks in advance. Reservations made with 24 hour notice or less may be possible if there is availability but should not be expected. It is always best to call in advance to schedule a ride. When scheduling trips, priority will be given to senior citizens and those with disabilities. In order to maximize transportation resources, two or more people may be transported together if origin and/or destination locations are within reasonable times and distances, and a scheduled reservation may be adjusted by the office in order to maintain efficiency or accommodate priority passengers.

The KAT program is a community and public transportation service to all Kendall County residents but is particularly vital to seniors and individuals with disabilities. KAT is administered through the County with daily operations provided by VAC. Dial-a-ride services offer a flexible affordable alternative for many individuals seeking medical trips, employment or educational opportunities, necessary shopping trips, and much more. In January 2013, KAT services expanded to offer Park and Ride service by way of a private-public partnership with VAC, the County, and the Village of Oswego.

As the KAT program continues fulfilling the transit needs of residents, Kendall County and VAC look forward to meeting the challenges posed by rapidly expanding ridership. As KAT continues to grow and expand, the residents of Kendall County remain the chief benefactor of these services.
**VAC and PADS Agree to Transit for Homeless Guests**

The Voluntary Action Center (VAC) and Kendall County PADS are excited to announce a partnership to bring transportation to PADS’ homeless guests! VAC is the non-profit operator of Kendall Area Transit (KAT), the County’s community and public transit program.

Paul LaLonde, Director of KAT, said he’s glad the two sides have come together to assist the County’s homeless population. “PADS and VAC have been in discussions for a long time now, and we’re happy to finally have a partnership in place.” LaLonde continued, “This partnership is really a no-brainer. I think it took longer than normal to develop because both PADS and KAT began at the same time, and there was a lot of uncertainty about how each program would function. Both were new and entering uncharted waters, so to speak.” KAT and PADS became operational in 2010 and have experienced tremendous growth.

Public Action to Deliver Shelter, or PADS, is a countywide program launched with the idea that homeless need a place to stay overnight and receive meals, particularly during the colder fall, winter, and spring months. Similar programs have been ongoing in DuPage and Grundy Counties, and a PADS program through the Hesed House shelter in Aurora is recognized as one of the first such programs in the United States. In a PADS program, sites such as churches serve as overnight shelters, with a different site each night of the week, for a period of time. Some PADS programs are year-round, but many, such as the Kendall County program, are seasonal.


Anne Engelhardt, Executive Director of PADS, says that transportation has been a real challenge for PADS guests given the considerable distance between shelter sites and that many guests don’t have a personal vehicle. PADS guests go to the shelter site at 7:00 p.m. and leave at 7:00 a.m. PADS has worked with other area businesses and social service agencies to provide services to their homeless guests, many of whom use the shelters all season. “We have worked closely with the YMCA in Oswego where our guests can take a hot shower, the local libraries to provide opportunities to search for jobs, and local laundromats where they can do some laundry,” Engelhardt said.

The transportation agreement between VAC and PADS has KAT buses arriving at each shelter church site in the morning Monday through Friday. Any PADS guests needing to use the bus will then be taken to a designated drop off point where they can take a shower, to research for jobs, or stay warm. Many of these locations are designated Kendall County warming centers, or partner agencies. “We decided on locations that offered our guests opportunities to improve their situation, whether that’s through employment services, cleaning up, or just having a warm place to stay.” A bus will return each evening to a designated location and bring those needing a ride to the next shelter. KAT does not operate on the weekends, so Engelhardt mentioned PADS has been making other arrangements to cover Saturday and Sunday transport, including drivers.

In addition, VAC staff has offered to provide travel training assistance to PADS volunteers and guests. LaLonde said that travel training teaches people how to use the bus system. “It seems simple, and it is in many respects, but occasionally it can take time for new riders to catch onto the little nuances and rules about using KAT. We just want to do our part to help Kendall’s homeless population discover skills and advance towards a better situation.” The training will assist the homeless who are encouraged to use KAT for their personal business or to and from work.

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KAT Director Elected Vice President of the Kendall County Senior Providers

At the November meeting of the Kendall County Senior Providers (KCSP), the group elected Director of KAT, Paul LaLonde, as Vice President. The KCSP is dedicated to educate, interact, and support inter-generational opportunities within the County’s senior community. As Vice President, Paul is excited to bring forth new ideas to help serve the senior community and to continue being a strong advocate for community transportation, which it vital to many seniors throughout Kendall. For more information on the KCSP, member agencies and senior programs, please visit the website at [kcsp.org](http://kcsp.org).

KAT Notes (continued from page 1)

We would be doing a disservice if we tried to name every single supporter of KAT, but we do wish to give special recognition to the County of Kendall; the Cities and Villages of Joliet, Lisbon, Millbrook, Newark, Oswego, Plainfield, Plano, Plattville, Sandwich, and Yorkville; Rush Copley Medical Center; Valley West Community Hospital; Senior Service Associates; Open Door Rehabilitation Center; the Tillers Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; Home For Life Advantage, Inc.; Heritage Woods of Yorkville; the Kendall County Senior Providers; Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church; Kendall County PADS; and many, many, many other community businesses, organizations, and individuals!

We talk daily to local citizens who have expressed their genuine appreciation that Kendall has a county-wide transportation system. They tell us their family has been greatly served through KAT, whether the buses take their disabled siblings to work, their grandparents to the doctor, or their spouse to the Metra station!

With the continued support from the Kendall community, the VAC looks forward to building upon our mission to provide high quality transportation services to those in need.

Sincerely,

Paul LaLonde
Director of Kendall Area Transit
Voluntary Action Center

Thank You

KAT Ridership - FY2014 Q2 and 2013 Recap

Kendall Area Transit operates four 3-month quarters per fiscal year. Fiscal years last from July to June, and Quarter 2 is October-November-December. Here are KAT ridership numbers for FY14-Q2. KAT provided 8,379 trips this quarter, which is down 3 percent from the previous quarter. While dial-a-ride provided the same amount of rides, overall park and ride ridership was down - most likely due to the holiday season as commuters take extra time off work. On the whole, 2013 was a great year for KAT! The system provided 33,637 total rides and averaged 136 rides per day, which is an increase of 101% over 2012! The system keeps growing as more residents find out about the flexible, dependable service.

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**KAT Travel Training Program**

**What is Travel Training?**

Travel training is a self-paced process that teaches KAT riders how to safely and independently use the public bus. Travel destinations are the trainee’s choice and can include: work, school, medical appointments, and recreation sites.

**Who Should Participate?**

Any rider in need of assistance and those who wish to become more independent. Your residence and destination should be in the KAT designated service area.

**Costs:**

Travel training is provided free-of-charge except for your bus fare while training is taking place.

**Training Process:**

A mobility instructor will travel with you to your desired destination at times of your convenience. The instructor will stay with you, teaching you KAT procedures, skills, and techniques for safe travel. Training is conducted in a series of steps from initial one-on-one instruction to the gradual fading of trainer assistance leading to independent travel. A trainer will stay with you until you feel comfortable and confident riding the bus.

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Don’t wait. Your road to independence can start today!

1. **Call KAT** at (630) 882-6970 to learn more about our Travel Training Program.

2. **Schedule an appointment** with our Travel Trainer for a travel needs assessment.
VAC’s 2nd Annual “Toast to Transit” Fundraiser Big Success

KENDALL COUNTY, IL – On October 10, 2013, the VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER (VAC) held its annual Kendall County fundraiser, the “Toast to Transit” at Oswego’s Fox Valley Winery in support of the community transportation program KENDALL AREA TRANSIT (KAT).

The evening saluted the program’s growth and success of providing transportation services to Kendall County residents, especially senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. Paul LaLonde, Program Director of KAT, emphasized that “our mission is one of offering a freedom and peace of mind to those who otherwise may not have a ride to the doctor, work, or grocery store.”

Tom Zucker, Executive Director of VAC, delivered an important message: “There are many people in Kendall County that need the transportation services KAT provides, and I believe that is evident in how quickly the program has grown in the short time it’s been operating.” Mr. Zucker went on to emphasize that “it’s important to remember that KAT is an avenue for seniors, the disabled, and other residents without vehicle access to live an independent lifestyle. KAT helps people remain active members of the community.”

Sponsors of the “Toast to Transit” fundraiser were The Record Newspapers, Valley West Community Hospital, Kendall Printing of Yorkville, Hillside Helia of Yorkville, the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Kendall County Senior Providers, and the Office Works, Inc. of Plano. Through the support of the sponsors, silent auction donators, and the many attendees, the event was a wonderful success, and VAC looks forward to building upon that success for future events.

All proceeds from a “Toast to Transit” will be used to help VAC provide community transportation through the KAT program. Every $100 raised will help provide six (6) rides to community members in need. All donations stay in the community to support local services and will help improve the quality of life in Kendall County.

VAC was incorporated in 1974. The organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. VAC has transit and/or nutrition programs in DeKalb, LaSalle, and Kendall Counties. The KAT program is a general public transportation service for all Kendall County residents but is particularly vital to seniors and individuals with disabilities. Since the KAT program began operations in early 2010, VAC has provided almost 60,000 trips to community members wishing to live a more socially integrated and independent life. In January of 2013, KAT added Park and Ride services in Oswego.

The photo shows guests enjoying the event.

KAT Program Director Paul LaLonde (middle) speaks with Oswego Village Trustee Gail Johnson (left) and Executive Assistant Linda Ebinger (right) about the quick growth of the KAT system.
Young people driving less, embrace other transportation

Two new studies find that young Americans are changing the nation's transportation landscape. They drive less, want to stay connected as they travel, embrace car-sharing, bike-sharing, ride-sharing.

Young Americans, whose embrace of new technologies and social networking tools enable them to adopt new ways of getting around, are beginning to change the nation's transportation landscape.

They don't drive nearly as much as young people once did: While all Americans are driving less since the recession, the average person ages 16-34 drove 23% less in 2009 than in 2001, the sharpest reduction for any age group.

And some of the nation's youths — those known as Millennials, born between 1982 and 2003 — approach travel differently than their parents do. They are "multimodal," meaning they choose the best mode of transportation, such as driving, transit, biking or walking, based on the trip they are planning.

They consider public transportation the best option for digital socializing and one of the most likely ways to connect with the communities they live in. They also say that transit allows them to work while they travel.

These are among the findings of two new reports released Tuesday at the American Public Transportation Association's annual meeting in Chicago.

The first, from the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, found that online and mobile technology have fundamentally changed the way Americans live and work over the past 15 years; during the same period, growth in vehicle travel slowed and then stopped. U.S. PIRG suggests that these two developments are connected.

There has been "an extraordinary shift" in how people travel, said Phineas Baxandall, author of the PIRG report. "For eight years in a row, Americans have been driving less on a per-person basis than the year before," he said. At the same time, the PIRG report notes, there have been increases in the use of the Internet, cellphones and smartphones, with younger Americans more likely to own a smartphone.

Over the same period, participation in tele-work and e-commerce increased sharply.

The advances in Internet and mobile communications are fueling a wave of new transportation services enabled by technology, such as car-sharing, bike-sharing and ride-sharing, the PIRG report finds. Other researchers, including Robert Foss, director of the Center for the Study of Young Drivers at the University of North Carolina, argue that the drop in driving among young people is primarily a function of the economic downturn and is likely to rebound as the economy recovers.

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Kendall Board backs Metra study expansion

YORKVILLE — Kendall County will support an expansion of a Metra study to look at possible train station sites in Plano and even Sandwich.

Board members this week agreed to send a letter to Metra supporting expansion of the about $5 million federally funded study, which has been in the works since 2004.

The original study was to look at station sites in Oswego and Yorkville, but Kendall County Administrator Jeff Wilkins said this week Kendall has grown so much since 2004 that suburban rail might be warranted in Plano and beyond.

“It would be an injustice to people in the county not to look at the length of the county,” Wilkins said.

The push for the study has come largely from Plano Mayor Bob Hausler, but is supported by others in the county. Wilkins and other county officials recently met with Hausler, Sandwich officials and the Metra director to discuss looking further into Kendall County.

Oswego and Yorkville already have sent letters endorsing expanding the study.

Sending the letter is a first step, Wilkins said. Metra officials still have to get the idea through federal officials before they can officially expand the study’s scope.

Kendall County Board Chairman John Shaw said it might make sense to have a station in Oswego and possibly along Eldamain Road, where Yorkville and Plano meet.

“Traffic is getting worse and worse here all the time,” he said.

Board member Scott Gryder said the Metra study of adding Kendall County goes back to when he once served on the Oswego Plan Commission.

“It seems to make sense,” he said.

One thing that would have to be worked out is how Kendall would pay to bring Metra into the county.

It could be done if Kendall voters approved a referendum joining the Regional Transportation Authority, but that seems unlikely right now.

The county and cities in Kendall themselves could also possibly pay for Metra service.

This article and image originally appeared December 19, 2013, on the Aurora Beacon. It is authored by Steve Lord.
**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

**Name:** Ralph Goins

**Position:** Bus Operator  
**Joined VAC:** September 2011

**Before KAT:** I worked at Caterpillar for 36 years as a machinist making gears and other parts.

**Favorite Part of the Job:** Helping people. I like making sure our riders are getting where they need to go safely.

**Most Rewarding Experience Thus Far:** The entire job has been rewarding. I like answering questions, talking with the riders, getting them to their destinations.

**Hobbies:** Wood working. I’ve made cradles, toy boxes, shelves, sconces, and so many other things.

“Whether I was at CAT or KAT, I enjoy working with people. It doesn’t matter who it is. I like helping others.”

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**TRANSITIONS**

“TRANSITions” highlights staff members who have recently been hired or changed positions.

**Bernie Yocke, Bus Operator**

Bernie joined KAT in October. He is a retired dentist who traded in his scraping tools for a CDL. He enjoys driving and chatting with the riders.

**Laura Keyser, Dispatcher**

Laura started her career with KAT in April 2013 as a bus operator. In October she transitioned into the office to help out in the evening with dispatching.

**Susan Galles, Bus Operator**

Susan joins KAT with much driving experience from local school districts. She is excited to start helping people travel across the County.
**VAC’s 2013-2014 Membership Drive Underway**

The Voluntary Action Center’s 2013-2014 Membership Drive is underway! This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we need help to assure that there is a stable source of funding for the important services VAC provides in Kendall County.

The need for KAT continues to grow. Your generosity will enable us to meet the growing need for rides to and from medical appointments, employment, grocery stores, and meal sites.

Your membership contribution will help!

- You help provide vital services in the community,
- For every $100 donated, we can provide 6 rides to people in need,
- You will partner with VAC to improve the quality of life in Kendall County communities,
- All donations stay in the community to support local services,
- And you will help VAC counter the impact of unstable fuel costs.

May we count on you to help provide transportation to our neighbors, friends, and family in need? A heartfelt thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

Tom Zucker, Executive Director

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**VAC and KAT Set to Present at ILCMA Conference**

The Illinois City/County Management Association (ILCMA) will be hosting its Winter Conference in Springfield this upcoming February, and several VAC and KAT designees will be presenting! KAT Director Paul LaLonde will moderate a breakout session entitled “Mission Based Collaboration: Making the Most of Public-Private Partnerships with Community-Based Non-Profits.” The panel will include VAC Executive Director Tom Zucker, Kendall County Administrator Jeff Wilkins, Eileen Ruby Setti, a consultant with Ruby & Associates, and Alicia Schatteman an Assistant Professor at the Division of Public Administration & NGOLD and Northern Illinois University. The panel will present scenarios for how local municipalities and nonprofits can work together to address services in the community. KAT will be used as an example of how Kendall County and the VAC have partnered to operate a successful and growing community transportation system for County residents. The panel hopes to convey that local governments have good reasons for working with nonprofits because these organizations are strategically placed to be strong allies and advocates in accomplishing community goals.
**Young people driving less, embrace other transportation**  (Continued from page 7)

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This article, written by Larry Copeland, originally ran October 1, 2013 on USA TODAY online site.

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**Waubonsee Community College Dial-a-ride**

KAT is a community and public transportation dial-a-ride service that is available to all Kendall County residents. All riders must be registered to use the service. All rides must be scheduled in advance and times are based on availability. For information regarding registration, scheduling rides, and fares please call the KAT Office at (877) IGO-4KAT, (877) 446-4528.

- **Daily One-way Fare**: $5.00
- **10-Ride Pass**: $35.00 ($50 value)

**10-Ride Passes Available for $35**: Purchase at Waubonsee C.C. Bookstore, Kendall Area Transit office, or your friendly bus driver.

- **Daily Fare**: Purchase on the bus at time of the trip. *Exact Fare Required*. No change will be issued.

  *The schedules, fares, and other information listed are subject to change.*

**Pick up and drop off locations at Sugar Grove Campus** are at the Student Center & Science Building. Drop-offs and pickups at all other campuses will be at the respective Main Entrances. Campus & location must be given at time of reservation.

  *There is no Sugar Grove Campus 5:00 P.M. pickup on Fridays.*

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**Plano, Rush Copley, & Downtown Aurora:**

Schedules based on availability.
Public Transportation Makes for Healthier Communities

Public health researchers have found that public transportation helps build healthy communities by promoting physical activity, reducing air pollution and traffic accidents, and providing access to healthcare. If we want to improve America’s health, public transportation should be part of the solution.

Public Transit Users Are More Active
When you ride public transit, you walk and stand more. Instead of simply moving from an office chair to a driver's seat, public transit users walk to bus or rail stops and to their final destinations. One study found that transit riders were three times more active than people who don't use public transportation. Increased physical activity reduces the risk of developing many health problems, including diabetes, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and some forms of cancer.

Cleaner Air
Overall, buses and rail produce far less air pollution per passenger mile than cars. More than 35% of U.S. public transit buses use alternative fuels or hybrid technology—and that number continues to grow. Because air pollution contributes to respiratory illnesses and heart disease, it is estimated that air pollution causes as many deaths as traffic accidents. Increasing public transportation use—and limiting car use—can help communities improve air quality and overall health for everyone, regardless of whether they ride public transit personally.

Access to Healthcare
For many people—especially those who are unable to drive due to age, disability, or financial constraints—public transportation provides a vital link to health services. In some regions, such as greater Austin, Texas, healthcare organizations, community groups, and transit systems are working together to ensure that people can find ways to reach healthcare providers, including by public transportation.

Where Are We Headed?
While public transportation clearly contributes to public health, limited transportation options and service cuts have the opposite effect. For instance, a recent study by the Alameda County (CA) Public Health Department found that bus service cuts limited access to work, community activities, or healthcare for the majority of bus riders.

What does this all mean? Well, simply, public transportation makes America healthier. This fact should encourage policymakers to consider public health when weighing transportation funding issues. Do you agree? Let us know by sharing your thoughts on Facebook or on our community page.

This article and image originally appeared October 8, 2013, on the American Public Transportation Association website.
2013-2014 Membership Drive Donations: THANK YOU

Voluntary Action Center is a non-profit community transportation provider, who, in part, relies on the generosity of the community to do what we do best, provide rides to those who otherwise may not have one. As such, we feel compelled to give recognition to individuals, companies, or agencies that have given generously to the VAC mission, which is commitment to providing high quality services that address the basic transportation needs of the community. Thank you to our friends and supporters throughout the greater Kendall County area!

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

Claire Duy
Jeanine Ecklund
Delores Glynn
Jack & Jill Hauser
Martha Hettinger
Jean Ingemunson
Richard and Lori Jansen
Steve and Mary Kapernekas
Gordon Lehnert
Josephine Lorenz
Blanca Mustafa
Bette Schoenholtz
Thomas and Margaret Wagner
Richard & Eleanor Wenckus

ORGANIZATIONAL GIFTS

VAC and PADS Agree to Transit for Homeless Guests

Anne and Paul feel hopeful that the new arrangement will better the situation of the PADS guests, but both know there is more work to be done. “We are always looking for volunteers. We have had hundreds of volunteers that have made the PADS program a success, but it gets tough to donate one’s time given personal commitments.” She also mentioned that volunteers don’t do it for publicity or any thanks, even though all are certainly deserving. Information about PADS and volunteering can be found on the website www.kendallcares.org.

LaLonde said both VAC and PADS face the same challenge, that of limited resources, whether that’s financial and equipment. “There is never enough funding, never enough buses,” he said, “which is all the more reason our partnership makes sense. We’re stronger for having pooled scarce resources.”
About Kendall Area Transit

Kendall Area Transit, the community and public transportation program of Kendall County, is a transportation partnership between the Kendall County communities and the Voluntary Action Center.

KAT is a transit service that is intended to be safe, reliable, flexible, and financially sustainable, while satisfying the various mobility needs of seniors, individuals with disabilities, and the general public throughout Kendall County. KAT is made possible through various federal and state grants, in addition to contributions and donations from local municipalities, businesses, and residents.

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This newsletter is a quarterly publication. If anyone has information or ideas to contribute, please contact KAT staff.

Oswego Park and Ride Schedule

Please note: Park and Ride users will not be able to use a Metra Link-up Pass, Plus-Bus Stickers, or other PACE related passes to use the bus. PACE will also not honor KAT passes. Users will need to obtain separate passed if they utilize PACE or CTA services as part of their trip.

Fares can be purchased in one of three ways: (1) A monthly pass for $30, (2) a 10-ride pass for $17.50, or (3) daily one-way fare of $3.50. Monthly and 10-ride passes can be purchased at Oswego Village Hall, Montgomery Village Hall, Yorkville City Hall, Plano City Hall, and the Oswego Police Department. The daily fare is purchased on the bus at the time of boarding, and exact change is needed.

The schedules, fares, and other information in this timetable are subject to change. The Village of Oswego and Kendall Area Transit do not assume responsibility for damage resulting from delayed trains or buses or failure to make connections. Please Note: Bus schedules follow posted times, NOT specific Metra trains.

For more transit info, please call (630) 554-3618 or (877) IGO-4KAT.

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