WELCOME SMARTTRIPS

Now that you're all settled, take some time to get to know Portland!

February 2011

Happy New Year from the SmartTrips staff

We hope 2011 already has you taking advantage of the recent dry pavement and stunning views of Mt. Hood.

To help start your year off right, we want to give you a little more insight into your new neighborhood and home. Check out our newsletters for interesting facts, fun events, places to see, and maybe even a contest or two.

Enjoy, and keep moving in 2011!

Portland's Aerial Tram leaving Marquam Hill

Ready to get involved in your neighborhood?

SE Uplift assists the citizens and neighborhood associations of SE Portland, creating communities that are livable, socially diverse, safe and vital. Find out about YOUR neighborhood association, and see what upcoming events or exciting new things are headed your way:

http://www.southeastuplift.org/

Contest! : Where is this SE sharrow found, and why is the yellow heart included? Take a guess.

Email your answer to: smarttrips@portlandoregon.gov by Feb. 28th for a chance to win prizes!

February happenings

Send some **Love by Bike**, just in time for Valentine's Day: http://lovebybike.com/

Be sure to check back with TriMet to see who wins their Valentine's "Did you meet your sweet on TriMet?" contest:

http://pdx.be/TriMetcontest

Spice up your commute… with fun?

A San Francisco BART rider takes a turn on the swing.

Photo by neiltron from Flickr set BART Swings 2009

Nobody ever seems to talk about how *fun* commuting is, or what a great time they had taking the stairs today. That's all about to change.

We've found evidence that spicing up the way you get around only takes a little creativity, and maybe the skills to fashion a very large piano. Smiling may even be involved.

Take a look at this inspiring video helping people to skip the escalator from http://www.thefuntheory.com/ :

http://pdx.be/Pianosteps

Then see some more fun photos from the BART Swing installation thanks to http://www.treehugger.com/ :

http://pdx.be/BARTphotos

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