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# Ventura County Farmer's Markets

## Channel Islands Farmer's Market

Sundays 10am - 2pm Harbor Blvd channelislandsharbor.org

## Simi Valley Farmer's Market

Fridays 11am - 3:30 2757 Tapo Canyon Rd

# Thousand Oaks Farmer's Market

Thursdays 12 - 5pm The Oaks Shopping Center

> Westlake Village Farmer's Market Sundays 10am - 2pm 2797 Agoura Rd

## **Switch Up Your Commute**



Driving alone in traffic can be an expensive and stressful way to get to work. If your commute is getting you down, maybe it's time to try switching it up. Driving solo to work isn't the only way to get there. Here are some alternative commute

methods that are less stressful and will save you money.

#### Give public transit a try

Public transit offers an affordable way to get around Ventura County. With routes connecting to Amtrak Pacific Surfliner and VCTC's Coastal Express bus, you can commute to Santa Barbara or Goleta from Ventura. If you're traveling to Thousand Oaks or Moorpark, try the East County bus line. Buy a monthly pass online for the best prices.

#### Consider a carpool

If your commute isn't public transit-friendly, try joining a carpool. Commuting with others can save money and be a fun, social way to start the day. Ride-share participants can receive tax incentives to offset commuting costs. Talk to your personal tax professional to hear more about IRS incentives.

#### Ditch the car for a bike

If your commute is several miles, riding a bike could be an excellent driving alternative. Beyond being highly cost-effective, biking offers health benefits. The cost of biking is a fraction of the cost of owning and maintaining a car. Many people report higher levels of satisfaction when they bike to work over driving.

#### Work remotely

The cheapest commute is obviously no commute at all. While this option isn't available to everyone, for some, working from home can greatly reduce commuting costs. Talk to your company to see if working remotely is an option for you. You may be able to negotiate weekly remote days, which will reduce your commute time and expenses for one day of the week.

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# <u>Welcome to</u> <u>Ventura Management!</u>

## Dennis & Vicki Murphy



- Need to buy or sell your home? Ask how we can save you thousands!
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Chris Marsh has been in the real estate business and serving the Ventura County area for over 25 years. He is well versed in all types of real estate matters



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#### Switch Up Your Commute (Cont.)

#### Mix and match transit modes

Even if you aren't able to ride the bus or bike every day, try committing to taking public transit one or two days a week. Or bike one day a week. If your commute is more complicated, consider mixing and matching modes. For example, you could carpool to a major transit station where you take the train. Or you could bike to a bus stop. Mixing different modes of transit can help optimize your commute and save money.

#### Park & Ride lots

Park & Ride lots provide a secure, convenient place to park your car so you can transfer to a carpool or vanpool or—depending on the Park & Ride lot—possibly catch a bus or train. There are Park & Ride lots conveniently located all over Ventura County.



# January Quote

"Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves!"
.... Robin Williams

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