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**May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is 18th Annual Bike to Work Day;  
Napa Resident Named Napa Bike Commuter of the Year**

- May 10<sup>th</sup> marks the San Francisco Bay Area's **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike to Work Day** when nearly 150,000 commuters are expected to pedal to work or school as part of the National Bike Month. With global warming, rising obesity rates and the daily stress of sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic, more Bay Area residents are turning to bicycling for their daily commutes. "Bike to Work Day is the best day to try bicycle commuting for the first time!" says Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) program manager, Judy Leaks.
- Each year, one person is chosen from each of the nine Bay Area counties to receive a Metropolitan Transportation Commission award in recognition of their exemplary commitment to commuting by bicycle as the Bike Commuter of the Year. **Dolores Chriscos of Napa** has been selected as **Napa County's 2012 Bike Commuter of the Year**. Dolores, an employee at the Napa County Library, chooses to ride her bike from home to work and back, a 15 mile round trip. Even though at times she faces high winds, torrential rains, heat waves and distracted motorists, Dolores has made a long-term commitment to save energy and to "Go Green."
- The **Team Bike Challenge** encourages existing bicycle commuters to recruit their colleagues, friends and neighbors to ride their bicycles to work, school and other destinations during the month of May. Starting May 1st, participants will track their trips made by bicycle and compete against other teams to earn the most commute points and win great prizes! Go to the Team Bike Challenge page, under the Bike to Work selection on [www.commuterinfo.net](http://www.commuterinfo.net), to sign up.
- Napa Bike to Work Day 2012 is presented by 511.org and Kaiser Permanente, with promotions organized by SNCI, a program of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), Napa Bike, the Napa County Bicycle Coalition and the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition with funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and corporate sponsors. In-kind support is provided by local bike coalitions, companies, businesses, and local volunteers. For more information on **Bike to Work Day activities**, visit [www.commuterinfo.net](http://www.commuterinfo.net) or call 800-535-6883.
- Twelve (12) **Energizer Stations** providing snacks, encouragement and a free reusable tote bag to bicyclists can be found at the following Solano locations on the morning of May 10<sup>th</sup>:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Time</b>
Calistoga	Calistoga Elementary School	7:30am-9:00am
Calistoga	Calistoga Junior Senior High School	7:30am-9:00am
Calistoga	Calistoga City Hall - First & Washington	7:00am-9:00am
Napa	Dwight Murray Plaza	7:00am-8:30am/4:30pm-6:00pm
Napa	Oxbow Public Market	7:00am-10:00am
Napa	Napa High School – 2475 Jefferson	7:00am-8:30am
Napa	The Hub - 2500 Jefferson Street	7:00am-10:00am/4:00pm-6:00pm
Napa	Napa Valley College - Magnolia Drive entrance	8:00am-11:00am
Napa	Redwood Plaza - Solano Av & Redwood Rd	7:00am-9:00am
Napa	Blue Oak School (Lower & Middle Schools) Polk St & Hayes St	7:00am-8:30am
St. Helena	St Helena Cyclery - 1156 Main Street	7:00am-9:30am/4:00pm-6:00pm
Yountville	Napa Valley Bike Tours - Washington Sq - Washington & Madison	7:00am - 9:00am

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