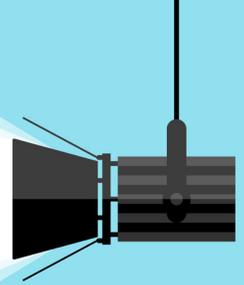


Commuter Spotlight

Catherine Diaz and Christine Wrazen – Carpool commuters



Believe it or not, sometimes carpooling is just part of who you are. Just ask Christine Wrazen and Catherine Diaz of Bloomington, sisters who ride together every chance they get.

With National Siblings Day on April 10, we're shining the Commuter Spotlight on this duo because they embrace the opportunity to carpool often – and not just for getting to work.

Carpooling is a way of life

Diaz and Wrazen both work at Willis Towers Watson in Bloomington and they live near one another, also in Bloomington. They have run errands together for years, so when their home neighborhood and work destination paired up, it only made sense for them to carpool to work.

They have been teleworking for the past year, but the sisters still plan their errands together and share their rides so they can save fuel and time. Both have a stash of wipes and sanitizing spray in their respective vehicles and often wipe down the interior to keep their vehicles clean during the pandemic.

Spending time together

Because they live close to each other, it's easy to take turns driving, too.

"Stone, Paper, Scissors used to be the decider of who drives but Christine loses that about 97 percent of the time, so now we take turns," Diaz said. "Plus, whoever drives is really in charge of the music so there is a plus side."

About the music: they really, really enjoy their music. Really.

"The rock star comes out in both of us," Wrazen said. "It's a battle for the radio station. If there is a tie breaker situation, the driver wins. It's a blast."

Sustainable commute(s)

They see many benefits to carpooling and encourage others to try riding to work with someone else.

"It's better for the environment. It's a fuel saver. We have time spent together laughing and chatting," Wrazen said.

Not only do they now telework and carpool when they can, they're also looking forward to walking to destinations.

"When the warmer weather starts, we will walk to places as well and get those steps in for the day," Diaz said.

As sisters – and sisters who work for the same organization, no less – they are around each other quite a bit. But they still enjoy starting and ending the workday together while carpooling.

"It's nothing but love. And more singing and more time together. It's a pretty darn good life," Diaz said.



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Commuter Services has free carpool and telework resources available to anyone interested in learning more. Commuter Services is happy to work with your company to promote carpooling, teleworking and any other sustainable commute initiatives. Contact Kate Meredith, Vice President, at kate@494corridor.org or 612-750-4494.

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