

IMPORTANT

NEWS

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Take the Bus to the Fair

Community Transit serves a special stop near the west entrance of the Evergreen State Fair Aug. 25-Sept. 5. Routes 270, 271 and 275 provide service between Everett and Monroe every 30 to 60 minutes from before the fair opens until after 10 p.m. weekdays. On Saturdays, the last trip westbound to Everett leaves at 7:43 p.m. and the last trip to Monroe and Gold Bar leaves at 9:22 p.m. Free parking is available at Everett Station and the Snohomish and Gold Bar park & rides. Community Transit does not operate on Sundays or Labor Day.

No Service on Labor Day

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, is one of six major holidays on which Community Transit does not operate. There will be no bus or paratransit service that day, and the RideStore and Customer Service will be closed as well.

Sound Transit and Everett Transit will operate on Sunday schedules on Sept. 5.

Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival

Providence Harbour Pointe Clinic and Community Transit are teaming up to give you and your family a free ride to the 2011 Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival on Friday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Sept. 10.

Starting Aug. 22, you can pick up your free bus tickets for the festival at Providence Physician Group Harbour Pointe Clinic, 4112 Harbour Pointe Blvd. SW, Suite 100, Mukilteo, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Providence is covering the cost of bus rides on Community Transit. Free ride tickets are limited and subject to availability.

2012 System Changes

The Community Transit Board of Directors received more than 1,800 comments on the three system change alternatives proposed for February 2012. The board was scheduled to discuss all alternatives at its

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August meeting. If no decision was made there, the board is expected to decide the matter at its September meeting, giving staff and the public time to prepare for the 20 percent service cut.

For updates on the process and proposals, visit www.communitytransit.org/2012changes.

Are You in the Hot Seat?

We always have a few hot days each summer when air conditioning is useful even in the mild Northwest. Some of our local buses have climate control, while others are cooled with the old-fashioned open-the-window approach. All Community Transit commuter buses now have automated climate control, although different buses have different climate control systems.

In some cases the coach operator can adjust the temperature within a range, in some cases they cannot. In all cases, if a bus temperature is uncomfortably hot or cold, please let the operator know. We will do what we can to address the issue, whether on the road or back in the maintenance yard.

Pay Your Fare Share

Fares help pay for the transit service you enjoy. While fares only cover a portion of the cost of operating Community Transit service, they are an important part of the revenue that keeps buses on the road.

People who don't pay their fares are being unfair to their fellow bus riders and to the taxpayers who support transit.

Community Transit has been cracking down on this petty crime. Snohomish County Sheriffs Officers who work for Community Transit ride buses in uniform and in plain-clothes.

Swift buses were the first target of our fare enforcement campaign. Two hundred tickets were issued in March alone. People who fail to pay their tickets can be prohibited from riding Community Transit buses and are subject to a charge of criminal theft.

