

Lane Transit District makes minor schedule changes

■ **BUS SYSTEM:** LTD's route and schedule modifications reflect changes in ridership, student needs

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Lane Transit District made several bus route and schedule changes, effective Sunday, to improve bus service.

Every winter, LTD makes route and schedule modifications, which reflect customer and employee suggestions.

Angie Sifuentes, customer service center supervisor, said every year LTD makes one major bus schedule change in September and two minor adjustments in the winter and the summer.

In the summer schools are out or have reduced enrollments, she said, so a lot of the services aren't needed. In the winter, LTD makes minor adjustments because of changes

in school schedules and because it is a good time of year to make other modifications.

This winter's changes include:

• **12X** - This route has been eliminated because of low ridership.

• **12 Gateway** - Departures from Sony at 4:49 p.m. to Springfield Station and 4:50 p.m. to Eugene Station have been eliminated because of low ridership.

• **23 Fox Hollow** - The 7:35 a.m. departure from Donald at Fox Hollow has changed.

• **28 Hilyard** - A trip has been added to the morning to serve South Eugene High School and UO from E. Amazon Street and Snell Avenue. In addition, departure times for the bus serving South Eugene High School in the afternoon have changed.

• **67 Coburg Road/VRC** - The bus will now leave Valley River Center at 11 after the hour during weekday and Saturday evenings and all day Sunday. In addition, the bus will leave Valley River Center at 11 after and 41 after

the hour, starting at 10:11 a.m., during the day on Saturday.

• **77 UO/Bertelsen** - The 77 UO will leave two minutes earlier from Bertelsen Street and 13th Avenue in the morning.

Other routes, which affect local high schools, have also been changed.

Sifuentes said the buses need at least 22 rides per hour to maintain costs and efficiency.

"Some buses were not performing to expectation," she said. "They were below the standard."

For example, if buses are overcrowded, a second bus can be added to the route during peak hours by eliminating a low-ridership route, such as the 12X.

Bus service changes are in the Rider's Digest Update, which is available on all LTD buses, at the LTD Customer Service Center at 10th Avenue and Willamette Street and at all LTD sales outlets.

■ **Scrabble Lovers of Eugene** is changing its previous mid-week meeting night to Sundays at 6 p.m. The 50-minute, timed games start promptly at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Scrabble Lovers meets at Java Joe's, 2629 Willamette St. The fee for the evening is \$1, and players need to bring their own Scrabble set. For more information, call 343-4500.

■ **WISTEC** invites you to explore their new exhibit, "Electric Space: Exploring Our Plasma Universe," starting Feb. 7 and running until April 30. The exhibit explores phenomena such as solar flares, magnetic storms, electrical disturbances and the northern lights. For more information, call 687-3619.

COMMUNITY Calendar

■ **American Association of University Women** will host environmentalist Louise Bilheimer, the administrative director of Pacific Rivers Council of Eugene, at its Feb. 8 meeting at 7 p.m. at the Eugene Hotel, 222 E. Broadway. Bilheimer will discuss the management of water resources to prevent pollution in rivers and lakes, preserve fish habitats and supply safe drinking water. For more information, call 342-1110.

■ **The Historic Springfield Interpretive Center** is a new permanent exhibit illustrating life in Springfield around the turn of the century. The exhibit opens Friday at the Springfield Museum, located on Sixth and A streets. The exhibit will feature films, photographs, guest speakers and story-telling, as well as free admission, refreshments, music and balloons. For more information, call 726-3677.

■ **The Eugene Waldorf School**, 1350 McLean Blvd., will present the first of this year's "Open Houses" on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tours, exhibits, refreshments and a puppet show are scheduled, as well as an opportunity for prospective parents to have

questions answered by the Waldorf School. For more information, call 683-6951.

■ **The Pleasant Hill Foundation** will host its fourth annual Sweetheart Swing Dance on Saturday. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and all ticket proceeds will go to the school district's music departments. For more information, call 741-1400 or 746-9646.

■ **The ARC of Lane County** is hosting its 15th annual Valentine's Day Truffle Trot. There will be a two-mile and a four-mile race at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Both races start and finish at Alton Baker Park. All participants will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt, truffle and beverage. For more information, call 343-9223.

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