

PeaceHealth Rides program to continue as Social Bicycles stops service

Social Bicycles, which operates PeaceHealth Rides, Eugene's bike share system, recently notified city of Eugene officials that it is getting out of the bike-share business and plans to cease PeaceHealth Rides operations on June 1.

"PeaceHealth Rides has become an integral part of Eugene's transportation infrastructure and culture, with more than 21,000 membership accounts created since its launch in April 2018.

"Although we are surprised and disappointed by this development, we remain committed to bike share and look forward to working with our community partners to identify an alternative bike share solution," said Mary Kingston, chief executive, PeaceHealth Oregon.

The bike share system's assets, including the bicycles, stations and membership records, are being transferred to the city of Eugene in accordance with the bike share system's operating agreement.

"We know our community values bike share," said Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis. "Our staff will continue to work with title sponsor PeaceHealth and other community partners to continue this popular transportation option, one that gives us an active, environmentally friendly transportation option to move through town."

The city of Eugene, PeaceHealth and other bike share partners are focused on making this operating transition as smooth as possible, but given the short notice provided by Social Bicycles, there may be a pause in service.

Updated public information will be provided as it becomes available.

PeaceHealth Rides launched on April 19, 2018, as a healthy, environmentally friendly transportation option.

It started with 35 stations clustered in Eugene's downtown core, the Whiteaker neighborhood and University of Oregon campus, and one station at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield.

It has grown to a network of 300 bikes and 41 stations in Eugene.

The bike share program was established through a partnership between the city of Eugene, title sponsor PeaceHealth, University of Oregon, Lane Transit District and Social Bicycles by JUMP Bikes (an Uber subsidiary).

United Way invests over \$300,000 in short-term COVID-19 response

Two months after launching its COVID-19 Community Response Fund, United Way of Lane County has now granted a total of \$309,040 to Lane nonprofits working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last week, United Way announced the recipients of its fourth and final round of "response" funding: 34 programs will receive a total of \$77,195 this week. Similar to previous rounds of funding, grant dollars will help meet the immediate, short-term needs of nonprofits and those whom they serve, providing food boxes, rental assistance, family supports, and more.

However, the short-term needs are not diminishing, and the need for longer-term solutions and systemic change is clear.

United Way of Lane County is expanding its current fund to become the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

Dollars raised moving forward will be invested in the community's most urgent and immediate needs, as well as efforts to address health, educational, and economic inequities.

These grants will be larger in scope than the original response fund grants, and will still be directed toward nonprofits serving the needs of those most impacted by the pandemic.

This new phase of funding is possible thanks to a partnership with the newly formed Lane Community Health Council—which not only contributed to the original response fund, but is also making a significant investment in the expanded response and recovery fund.

More details about this new fund and how nonprofits can apply will be released on June 16, when United Way kicks off LIVE UNITED Week, an online event featuring series of videos and stories about the strength and passion of our community.

Those interested in contributing to United Way's COVID-19 Response and Recover Fund can do so at www.unitedwaylane.org/covid-19-fund.

Pilot *from A6*

Her work can also be found in the Obsidians Lodge, the Mt. Pisgah offices and the Wild

Rose Medical Clinic in Eugene.

Up until her passing just weeks before her 94th birthday, Froyd's love of life was undiminished.

For her 88th and 89th birthdays, she managed to co-pilot Ron Englund's 1929 Fleet biplane at Jim Wright Field in Cottage Grove and continued her love

for hiking up until she was 90.

Health and memory issues finally prohibited her from these activities and she spent the last four months of her life at ElderHealth and Living Memory Village in Springfield where staff recalled her kindness and resilience even until her last days.

"She was a phenomenal mother and grandmother as well; we had a profoundly close and peaceful relationship," said Alan.

Froyd's outdoors legacy includes a substantial bequest to the charitable environmental organization The Nature

Conservancy, which will support regional land conservation efforts in years to come.

With her vast and diverse art supplies, the family intends on creating an art program in her name through community and/or schools and has begun preliminary discussions with community members.

As the family sifts through her belongings, Alan said there may also be aviation memorabilia to offer the Oregon Aviation Historical Society in Cottage Grove.

"She was a quiet but central presence in Cottage Grove for over 42 years, who seemed to

know and be loved by everyone here," said Alan. "She had a remarkable combination of toughness and sweetness; always openminded, curious and nonjudgmental."

Under the current public health circumstances, the family is not planning a celebration of life gathering in the near future.

Anyone who wishes to honor Froyd's love of local nature and community may make a tax-deductible donation to the nonprofit Cerro Gordo Land Conservancy at P.O. Box 192, Cottage Grove, OR, 97424.



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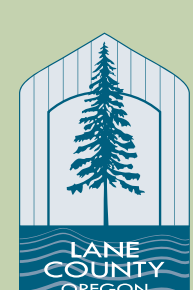
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