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Service changes

Services changes are coming to transit agencies across the region this September! Everett Transit's schedule change took effect Sunday, Sept. 8 with minor changes. Be sure to pick up a schedule book near the front of the bus or learn more at everetttransit.org.

Community Transit has major changes coming to their service on Sept. 14 including stop changes, route eliminations, schedule changes and new routes being added. Preview their new schedules and note any changes that affect you at communitytransit.org.

Sound Transit riders can also expect major changes to service on light rail, express routes and the Sounder train starting Sept. 14. Most routes traveling to Everett will be adjusted to connect at Lynnwood Station, instead of Northgate Station. Learn more about how these changes affect you at soundtransit.org.

Life starts all over when it gets crisp in the fall



Another beautiful summer has passed us by and thus presents us all with an opportunity to reset our lifestyles to new schedules, weather and goals. While the sunshine will be missed, the fall offers a fresh start. Don't wait until the new year to create new habits like everyone else — get going now! Dare I suggest giving transit a try? With so many service changes coming up, it might just be the perfect time to find a route near you.

This issue covers the need-to-know transit updates coming to our local agencies — starring the arrival of the Link light rail extension to Snohomish County! With so many ways that transit benefits our communities, it gets even better knowing that youth ride for free throughout the state and that Android users can now tap their ORCA card from their phone. Read on for more information and tools to influence smarter commuting habits.

If there is anything you would like to see in the next edition of this newsletter, please share your thoughts by emailing Alessandra at agonzalez@everettwa.gov or by calling 425.257.7782 with any suggestions.



Changes to Sound Transit

As transportation expands throughout the Puget Sound, you may have started noticing some changes to Sound Transit on a few fronts:

First, an adult one-way trip on Link light rail will be \$3 no matter how far you travel. Hence, you only need to tap the yellow card reader **once** before you start your trip.

Second, University Street Station has been renamed to Symphony Station. The new name celebrates the nearby Seattle Symphony and reduces confusion with University of Washington and U District Station.

Third, the unique Link station pictograms will be replaced with three-digit station codes. The new three-digit station codes ensure improved assistance for Limited English Proficiency populations and visitors by offering clearer wayfinding for those who may struggle with language barriers.

Learn more about these changes at [soundtransit.org](https://www.soundtransit.org).



ORCA Google Pay

Hello to Android users and Android users only! You can now use Google Pay to tap and ride around Puget Sound with ORCA. If you're looking to add a new digital card, you can

add a "transit pass" to your Google Wallet app. If you already have a physical ORCA card, you can follow a similar process on the Google Wallet app and select "transfer card" to enter your card digits and security code. Follow the user guide on [myORCA.com](https://www.myORCA.com) and tap in today!

Youth Ride Free

School is back in session! That means more miles driven by parents dropping off their kids at school before work as well as new teen drivers driving a car to school for the first time. Instead of paying more in gas and lengthening your commute, consider showing your kiddos how to ride transit so they can take themselves to school and even better, to sports practices and hangouts with friends. Save your wallet and ditch the cycle of picking up and dropping off different kids at different locations!



The best part of taking transit — all youth 18 and under [ride transit for free](#) in the state of Washington (WA)! To ride, tap a youth ORCA card or show your student ID to the driver. Get your free Youth ORCA card at Everett Station or by visiting [myORCA.com](https://www.myORCA.com).

But wait, there's more! The state of WA also offers [free Amtrak Cascades travel](#) for youth 18 years of age and younger. Family trips just got cheaper with all children aged 15 and under traveling with an adult being eligible for the free fare. Or send your teenager on their own — all youth aged 16, 17 and 18 traveling alone (or with an adult) are eligible for the free fare. If your travel takes you beyond WA, you can still take advantage of the free youth fare for the WA portion of your trip. Call 1-800-USA-RAIL to speak with customer service or visit [Amtrak.com](https://www.Amtrak.com).

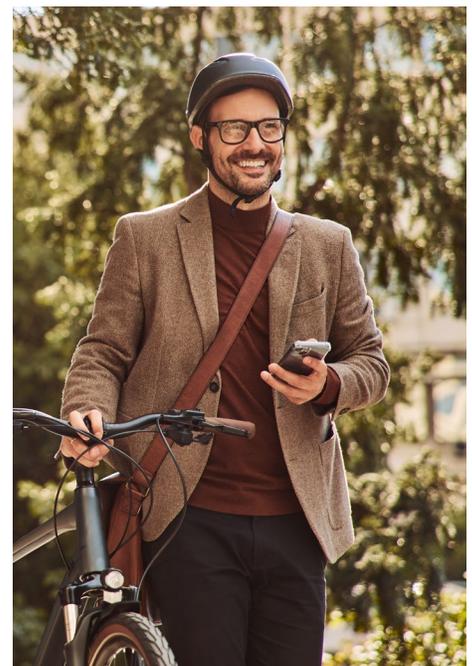
Show youth how traveling by bus, train or ferry can save money, reduce stress, ease traffic congestion and minimize their environmental impact.

The Youth Ride Free program is supported with funding from Washington's Climate Commitment Act (CCA). The CCA supports Washington's climate action efforts by putting cap-and-invest dollars to work reducing climate pollution, creating jobs, and improving public health. Information about the CCA is available at [climate.wa.gov](https://www.climate.wa.gov).

Week Without Driving Challenge

Have you ever thought about how our community would look without cars? Or imagined how people without a car get around your community? Join the #WeekWithoutDriving challenge, Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, by getting around without driving a car. This applies to all your activities — not just your work commute.

You can ask friends for rides but note how much you may owe them for their time, gas and friendship. Some may find it easier to give up their keys if they can afford to live in a walkable area well served by transit or can outsource driving and other transport and delivery needs to other people. Some may have to drive during the challenge which brings about the most important reflections. How would someone without a car have coped in your situation? What choices might they have made?



Light rail reaches Lynnwood

On Aug. 30, we welcomed light rail into Snohomish County! [Snotrac](#), [Lynnwood Chamber](#), and [Sound Transit](#) held a big evening community event at the Lynnwood City Center Light Rail Station with music, dance, food trucks, an arts & craft market, a family fun zone, and more. Everett Transit received an Award of Excellence on Friday for its bus electrification efforts. The Everett Transit fleet will have 33 electric buses in 2025!



From left to right, Everett Transit Director Tom Hingson, Mechanic Paul Wagar, Grants Manager Amanda Koerber, City of Everett Youth Advisory Board Member Eva Wagner, and Snotrac's Brock Howell.

ETC of the Quarter



In honor of a fresh newsletter layout, I'm excited to launch a new designated space to recognize Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETCs) every quarter. It's a tough job to keep up with ETC duties at the same time as fulfilling other responsibilities at your respective worksites. Of all the hats you must wear, I appreciate you for your efforts and dedication to reducing commute trips in Everett.

In only one year in this role, this ETC has kept bulletin boards current with transportation resources, installed a second bike repair station on campus and will be attending his second Washington State Rideshare Organization (WSRO) conference in October. Drum roll please...

Congratulations Patrick Snowden at Everett Community College!

FEATURED COMMUTE MODE:

Light rail



[Link light rail](#) is the best way to avoid traffic! Hop on the 1 Line, 2 Line, or T line to get around. Boarding is easy, just tap your [ORCA card](#) on the yellow card reader before you board — the single beep will let you know your card has been accepted. You can also purchase Link tickets from the station ticket machine or use the [Transit GO Ticket](#) app to buy tickets in advance.

Remember to pay attention for your next stop — trains will display visual and auditory announcements about upcoming stops and stations. And remember to be respectful to accompanying passengers — there is designated priority seating for riders with disabilities and seniors on all vehicles, whether a disability is readily visible or not.

Enjoy the ride!

Upcoming Events



Everett Farmer's Market

May 12 – Oct. 27, 2024

Continue enjoying fresh food and cool finds from a variety of vendors in the heart of Downtown Everett (2930 Wetmore Ave) every Sunday until Oct. 27. Learn more at everettfarmersmarket.com.



Everett Art Walk

Sept. 19, 2024

Visit art exhibits in the heart of downtown every third Thursday all year long between 5 – 9pm. Learn more on [Everett Art Walk's Facebook page](#).



Imagine Children's Museum Presents:

Community Access Night

Sept. 20, 2024

Discover one-of-a-kind interactive exhibits to promote playful learning! All families with children ages 12 and under are invited and can bring the whole family. To learn more visit imaginecm.org.



WSRO 2024 Conference

Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2024

Join regional transportation professionals in Spokane, WA to learn about news within the TDM/CTR world, network and exchange ideas with peers and celebrate the idea that we can help improve transportation and the environment and truly see "How a Great City Moves!" Learn more at wsro.net.



Week Without Driving

Sept. 30 – Oct. 6, 2024

Join the #WeekWithoutDriving challenge to experience the barriers and challenges that nondrivers face firsthand and work with nondrivers to create more accessible communities for all. Learn more at weekwithoutdriving.org.

If you have a commute-related event (virtual or otherwise) open to the public that you'd like to see on this list, please send us your event. The next newsletter will be published in January.

Need anything?

If you need trip-planning or transit assistance, please contact Everett Transit Customer Service by phone at 425.257.7777 or by email at ETmail@everettwa.gov. If you need assistance as an ETC, please contact Alessandra Gonzalez, agonzalez@everettwa.gov, 425.257.7782.



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