

# VETERANS DAY SALUTE



## Honoring our veterans

This Veterans Day, Lane Transit District, along with other public transportation providers across the country, salute America’s veterans for their service. On Saturday, November 11, veterans ride free on all LTD buses. Veterans should simply tell the bus operator they are a veteran to receive a free LTD day pass.

Please take the time to thank any veteran you know for their service. We appreciate our veterans!

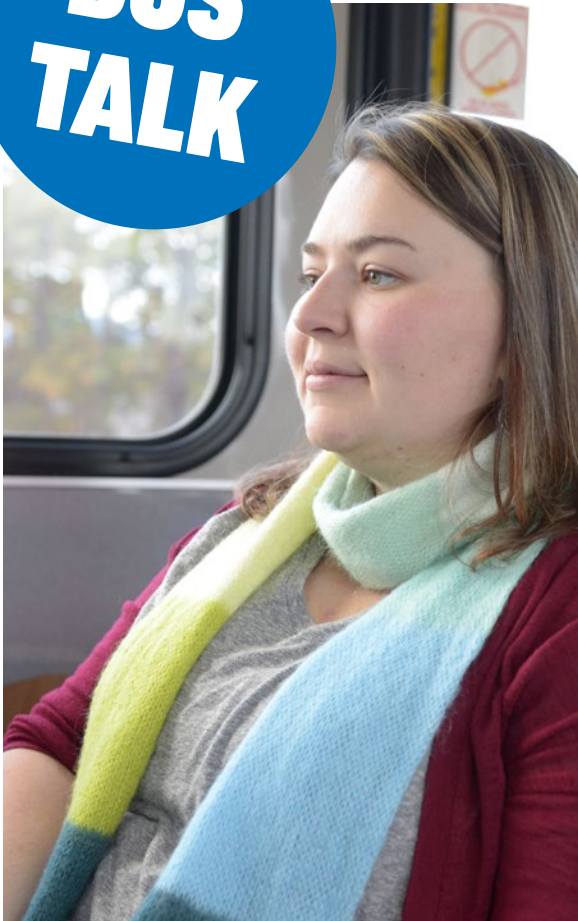
# JOIN SCHOOL POOL

## Share the walk, bike and carpool duties

How are your children getting to school this year? If your family would like to connect with other families in your school community that are interested in forming a carpool or a walking/ biking group, try SchoolPool, a free online tool that helps you discover safe, fun and planet-friendly ways to coordinate daily school trips.

If you’d like more information on how to sign up, visit [LTD.org/SchoolPool](http://LTD.org/SchoolPool) or contact Carolyn Chase at 541-912-9628 or [Carolyn.Chase@LTD.org](mailto:Carolyn.Chase@LTD.org)

**NOVEMBER**  
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**FALL BACK**  
Turn clocks back an hour on  
Sunday, November 5, 2017



**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
Thursday, November 23  
No service



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# EMX HONORED



## Oregon’s Project of the Year

LTD and its partners collaborated on a construction project ten years in the making to bring public transportation and corridor enhancements to west Eugene. The EmX West project recently received the top honor in the state of Oregon by the American Public Works Association in the large project category.

“Our partners were instrumental in getting this project finished on time and on budget,” said Joe McCormack, LTD’s Director of Facilities.

The project added nine miles of Bus Rapid Transit service (round trip), six miles of road improvements, five miles of new or rebuilt sidewalks, two bike-ped bridges, 187 ADA corners, 35 water filtration planters, two pedestrian crosswalks, public art and corridor beautification improvements, lighting and other safety features.

The project was evaluated on such criteria as whether the project meets the needs of the community, creative ways of overcoming economic challenges, construction that minimizes impacts to the community and environmental preservation strategies. The EmX West project will next be reviewed and compared to other substantial public works projects from across the country.

LTD recognizes and thanks its great project partners: the City of Eugene, EWEB, Lane County, the Federal Transit Administration and the ODOT.

# EMX IN WEST EUGENE

## Getting more people to more places

October 17 marked the one-month anniversary of the launch of the West Eugene EmX service. If you travel along the new EmX route, you’ll see many people at EmX stations and on EmX buses and more walkers and bicyclists in West Eugene.

Within the first month of operation, 80,000 rides have been taken on the new line, with an average of 3,000 boardings each weekday (less on the weekends). EmX West is the third line of the region’s award-winning Bus Rapid Transit system, which acts as the backbone to LTD’s system and connects people to services, employment and recreation.

“I am out riding the west side EmX. It’s an amazing system. It will now change the way I get around town. I live in west Eugene and it will make it way easier for shopping and other stuff.” LTD Rider

Visit [LTD.org/West-Eugene](http://LTD.org/West-Eugene) for more information on riding EmX and additional routes.



# STUFF THE BUS

## Help local families

A community tradition each November is upon us once again. For the 22nd year, the Stuff the Bus event is collecting donations of quality food and new, unwrapped toys for local families that are in need of assistance during this holiday season. You can drop off your donations at any of the following locations. A little or a lot – it all adds up to a better community.

- **Friday, November 3**  
6 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Walmart on Olympic St, Springfield  
3 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Walmart on Green Acres Rd, Eugene
- **Saturday, November 4**  
7 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Walmart on Gateway, Springfield  
3 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Walmart on West 11th Ave, Eugene

For more information on Stuff the Bus, visit [KDUK.com](http://KDUK.com)



# BE SAFER WITH FREE LIGHTS



## Free bike and walk lights for Cottage Grove and Oakridge

With shorter days upon us, more children and parents may find themselves traveling home in the dark or stormy weather. Point2point at Lane Transit District and Oregon Department of Transportation wants to help pedestrians and cyclists stay safe during the darker winter hours. Staff will be distributing free bike and walking lights in Oakridge and Cottage Grove during a “Be Seen, Be Safe Light Giveaway” events. Whether you walk, bike, or skate, you need to be seen to be safe. While supplies last.

**Oakridge**  
November 7, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Oakridge Westfir Family Resource Center  
76499 Rose St.

**Cottage Grove**  
November 15, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Bohemia Park  
S 10th St.

Provided by Point2point at Lane Transit District and Oregon Department of Transportation. For more information contact Cody Franz, Point2point at Lane Transit District, 541-682-6206.

# LOCAL COMMUTERS JOIN STATEWIDE EFFORT

## The results are in!

Point2point at LTD joined organizations across the state for the fifth annual Oregon Drive Less Challenge. In Lane County, 868 residents took the challenge and discovered that getting to work using a commute option doesn’t have to be hard.

- Lane County statistics:**
- 16,513 non drive-alone trips reported
  - 218,809 less vehicle miles traveled
  - 7,980 gallons of gasoline saved, retaining \$21,945 in our local economy
  - 157,181 pounds of CO2 eliminated

- Oregon statistics:**
- 81,012 non drive-alone trips reported
  - 876,477 less vehicle miles traveled
  - 30,999 gallons of gasoline saved
  - 602,112 pounds of CO2 eliminated

Thanks to everyone who participated! With more than 1,500 active Lane County commuters, it is easier than ever to find a rideshare match at [DriveLessConnect.com](http://DriveLessConnect.com)

The Drive Less Connect rideshare matching database is a service of ODOT and managed locally in Lane County by Point2point at LTD.



# NOVEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Festival of Trees

November 22 – November 26  
Valley River Inn, Eugene  
For five days during Thanksgiving week, the Festival of Trees transforms Eugene’s Valley River Inn into a winter wonderland for families to enjoy with more than 50 decorated trees, wreaths, a candy cane forest, a Dickens Village and much more. For more than 20 years, the Festival has brought joy and tradition to our community, while raising funds for local health organizations. Sponsored by the Cascade Health Foundation.

- 2017 Festival Schedule**
- Wednesday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Thursday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Friday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - Saturday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Sunday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Admission: Adults \$7, Seniors \$5 (60 and older), Children \$5 (under 12) and Children in Strollers \$3. For more information visit [CascadeHealth.org/Foundation](http://CascadeHealth.org/Foundation)

**Take Route 66/67 to the festival.**

## Small Business Saturday

November 25  
Skip the madness of Black Friday shopping and support your local businesses and community on Saturday, November 25. Small businesses here and across the country are opening their doors and offering holiday discounts on Small Business Saturday. The Eugene-Springfield community is fortunate to have a wide variety of businesses, with fun and unique local products and services that would make wonderful holiday gifts. [#shopsasmall](https://twitter.com/shopsasmall)