



City of Yakima

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Subject: Free Shuttle Bus Service to the Arboretum Luminaria

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Yakima Transit Providing Free Shuttle Bus Service to Luminaria

Yakima Transit will provide free shuttle bus service to the Yakima Area Arboretum's 2017 Luminaria Candle-Lit Walk event on Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th.

Shuttle buses will run continuously from the parking lot of the former K-Mart store, located south of Highway 24. The Arboretum is located north of Highway 24, just across the road from the former K-Mart parking lot. Shuttle buses will load passengers in the parking lot and take them directly to the Arboretum's Jewett Interpretive Center.

Yakima Transit shuttles will run from 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm on both December 8th and 9th. The Luminaria Walk event on those days will run from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

"No vehicle traffic will be allowed on the Arboretum's grounds this year," said Yakima Transit Manager Alvie Maxey. "By not allowing traffic on the grounds, congestion will be relieved and safety will be improved."

The Arboretum's annual Luminaria Walk has become a signature event for the organization. People who attend will be able to walk through the Arboretum's landscape guided by the light of over 1,000 candles. The Arboretum's Carillon Bells will accompany walkers as they stroll through the grounds. Groves of trees will be strung with thousands of twinkling lights.

Inside the Jewett Interpretive Center, Starbuck's coffee, Tree Top apple cider, and tasty treats from the Zirkle Fruit kitchen will be served. Live music will be performed by a variety of local artists in the Center. Children will be invited to take part in various crafts activities in the Center and everyone can enjoy browsing the Arboretum's Tree House Gift Shop.

Click on the following link to learn more about the Luminaria event - <http://conta.cc/2yOpnLu>