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Yakima Transit Offers Free Luminaria Shuttle

Yakima Transit will provide free shuttle bus service to the Yakima Area Arboretum's 2021 Luminaria Candle-Lit Walk event on Friday, December 10th and Saturday, December 11th.

Shuttle buses will run continuously from the parking lot of the current U-Haul Neighborhood Dealer (formerly the K-Mart store parking lot), located south of Highway 24. The Arboretum is located north of Highway 24, just across the road from the U-Haul 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 10th and 11th. The Luminaria Walk event on those days will run from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Due to federal regulations, all passengers are required to wear masks or face coverings while on board the bus.

“No vehicle traffic will be allowed on the Arboretum’s grounds,” said Yakima Transit Manager Alvie Maxey. “By not allowing traffic on the grounds, congestion will be relieved and safety will be improved.”

Yakima Transit typically provides over 6,000 passenger trips during the 2-day event.

The Arboretum's annual Luminaria Walk has become a signature event for the organization. It features a loop trail through the Arboretum's landscape lit by the light of more than 1,000 candles. While walking the trail, visitors will enjoy multiple light displays.

Visit <https://www.ahntrees.org/> for more about the Yakima Area Arboretum and Luminaria, including parking and traffic restrictions during the two-night event.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Jewett Interpretive Center will be closed during the event. While there will be no live music or crafts, the Center’s courtyard will be open with fire pits to help guests stay warm. Doughnuts and warm drinks will be available for sale.

Call 509-575-6175 or visit <https://yakimatransit.org/> for more about Yakima Transit.