



City of Yakima

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Yakima Transit Providing Free Shuttle Bus Service to Luminaria

Yakima Transit will be providing free shuttle bus service to the Yakima Area Arboretum's 2016 Luminaria Candle-Lit Walk event on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th.

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 9th and 10th. 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. Everyone attending the Luminaria Walk event will need to park in the old K-Mart lot and either walk across the highway to the Arboretum or take one of Yakima Transit's convenient shuttles, said Maxey.

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 wintery landscape guided by the light of 1000 candles. The Arboretum's Carillon Bells will accompany walkers as they stroll through the grounds.

Inside the Jewett Interpretive Center, steaming Starbucks coffee, hot 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.

To learn more about the 2016 Yakima Area Arboretum's Candle-Lit Walk, visit the Arboretum's website by clicking on the following link - <http://conta.cc/2f7GgLr>