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DRIVE-THROUGH BOK KAI PARADE SET FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

Due to local COVID-19 restrictions, the 141st Bok Kai Parade will be a drive-through event for the Year of the Ox. This unique event is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. on C Street between First and Third Streets in downtown Marysville on Saturday March 13th.

Because of the compressed format of this drive-through event, only a minor disruption to Yuba-Sutter Transit's local fixed routes in downtown Marysville is expected this year. As a result, passengers will still be able to ride Routes 1 and 4 to and from the regular downtown stop at D and Second Street in front of the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, but during the event, Route 4A will not be able to serve the stop on the northwest corner of B and Third Street.

Please call (530) 603-1880 or email bokkaiparade@gmail.com for more parade information. Please call (530) 742-2877 for bus route and schedule information.



CESAR CHAVEZ DAY HOLIDAY SERVICE NOTICE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not operate any Sacramento service on Cesar Chavez Day, which this year will be observed on Wednesday, March 31st. All other services will operate as scheduled that day.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.



DEEPLY DISCOUNTED MONTHLY PASSES AVAILABLE FOR ALL LOCAL & RURAL ROUTE PASSENGERS

Since July 2020, basic general-public monthly bus passes for use on Yuba-Sutter Transit's local and rural routes have been discounted from their regular price of \$30 to just \$10 each month. The \$20 subsidy on the cost of each pass is being funded through the State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) under a three-year demonstration program. These monthly passes are also valid on Yuba-Sutter Transit's three rural routes.

Because of this program, full fare general-public monthly bus passes are now more equitably priced with the discount monthly pass for youth (ages 5 through 18), seniors (ages 65 and over) and eligible persons with disabilities. Under that program, the regularly priced \$15 discount passes are available for just \$5 for unlimited use each month on any of Yuba-Sutter Transit's local or rural fixed route service. The \$10 subsidy for the discount program has long been funded by the Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) whose support will continue at least through March 2022.

At these deeply discounted prices, the best value by far for most passengers is to purchase a full fare or discount monthly pass as applicable. No matter the fare category, a monthly pass will more than pay for itself in just a few days of travel compared to paying in cash.

Monthly passes are available only with a Connect Card electronic fare card. General public Connect Cards are available free of charge from any Connect Card sales outlet or at www.ConnectTransitCard.com. Discount photo I.D. Connect Cards for any available discount fares or passes for seniors, youth or persons with disabilities are only available with eligibility verification at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office in Marysville.

Up to three monthly passes can be loaded at any one time on a Connect Card along with up to \$360 in cash value if so desired. You can even set up your Connect Card account to auto-load your monthly pass or cash value each month.

For more information on the discounted bus pass program or on how to get your discount photo Connect Card identification card, which is required for all discount pass fare categories, please contact the Administrative Office by email at info@yubasuttertransit.com or by phone at (530) 634-6880.



SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY REQUIRES DISPLAY OF VALID DOG LICENSE

In an effort to address health and safety concerns by passengers and bus operators regarding the transportation of suspected unlicensed and unvaccinated dogs, Yuba-Sutter Transit adopted a policy in 2013 that all dogs must be vaccinated, licensed and wearing proper tags pursuant to State Law and local ordinances. This provision of Yuba-Sutter Transit's Service Animal and Pet Policy applies whether the animal is a service dog or not.

California law and local ordinances require that <u>all</u> dogs by the age of four months be vaccinated for rabies. Local ordinances further require that by the same age they be licensed and at all times wear the proper identification tags as proof of licensing. Depending on the jurisdiction, violation of these provisions is an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per animal, per incident.

Even properly licensed animals are still prohibited from Yuba-Sutter Transit with two exceptions: 1) It is a guide, service, or signal dog that has been specially trained to assist persons with disabilities and is on a leash or under the control of the person transporting it; or, 2) It is in a completely enclosed and secured cage or carrying case and small enough to fit on the person's lap. In either case, it must not misbehave, endanger or otherwise annoy other passengers.

As a reminder, service dogs are specifically trained to work or perform tasks for persons with disabilities including guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair or fetching dropped items. Federal Department of Transportation regulations do not recognize companion, therapy or comfort animals as service animals. If unsure that a dog performs a service function, the operator may ask the passenger what tasks the animal has been trained to perform. Service dogs are not required to have a special certificate or license nor wear any special identifying vest or tag other than what is required for any dog while in public.

Service dogs must be under the constant supervision and control of its owner. If it misbehaves, the passenger will be asked to remove his or her dog from the bus. If there are multiple occurrences of misbehavior, the dog's boarding privileges may be revoked. Examples of misbehavior include soiling the bus or growling at or harassing passengers, drivers or other service dogs.

Yuba-Sutter Transit's service animal policy is included as part of our Passenger Policies & Procedures that are available in both English and Spanish translations from the Customer Services tab on our website at www.yubasuttertransit.com.

Call (530) 742-2877 for more information.

FREED SENIOR DIAL-A-RIDE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The FREED Center for Independent Living has for many years provided free transportation vouchers for qualified area seniors for use on Yuba-Sutter Transit's Dial-A-Ride service. Valid program vouchers now have an expiration date of June 30, 2021. Vouchers with earlier expiration dates will not be accepted.

The FREED program provides Senior Transportation Vouchers that can be redeemed on any Dial-A-Ride bus for up to the \$3.00 face value. The vouchers can be used for trips to health care appointments, shopping, or other essential services. The vouchers are funded through the Area Agency on Aging and are subject to all Dial-A-Ride age limits and service policies.

Please contact FREED at (530) 742-4474 to sign up for the program or for instructions on how to use the vouchers.



CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS

Connect Cards can be loaded on-line on the Connect Card website or at the following local sales outlets. <u>Due to COVID-19 restrictions</u>, both the Sutter and Yuba County Libraries remain closed to the <u>public</u>. Check with each location for current business hours as they may change without notice. Cards can hold up to \$360 in cash value and/or up to three months of passes.

- Yuba College Bookstore Linda (530) 741-6998
 CURRENTLY OPEN WEEKDAYS FROM 10:00 AM 2:00 PM [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Yuba-Sutter Transit Office Marysville (530) 634-6880
 [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Connect Card Website www.ConnectTransitCard.com [Credit or Debit / Auto-Load]

New full fare Connect Cards are available from any sales outlet, but new and replacement discount photo ID Connect Cards are only available during normal weekday business hours at the Yuba-Sutter Transit office in Marysville.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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