



# MEMORANDUM

## *Senior Services & LINX Transit*

Date: April 1, 2025

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council

From: Kindra Oliver, Senior Center & LINX Transit Director

Subject: Monthly LINX Transit & Senior Center Report

### LINX Transit:

To date, LINX Transit has provided almost 55,000 rides and on track to provide up to 75,000 rides this fiscal year.

LINX Transit received six proposals for our scheduling and dispatching software system. We hope to complete the review and selection process in early April. The new software should prove to be helpful for gaining efficiencies, improving accuracy and streamlining communication.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced the FY 2025-27 discretionary grant award recipients for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. LINX Transit feels very fortunate to be receiving \$428,794 in funding for transit operations. LINX Transit also received match dollars for a replacement vehicle and expansion vehicle.

### Senior Center:

March 2025 brought a lot of college student participation in educational opportunities at the Lebanon Senior Center. Toward the end of their academic year, many college students look for opportunities to present information. We kicked off the month with a presentation from Willamette University Law Program students. Over 100 community members came to hear their presentation that we held on a Saturday morning. Access to generalized information for important life planning options has left many not knowing where to start. This presentation gave a great background of information on wills, trusts, powers of attorney and probate. It will hopefully be a great starting point for community members to pursue getting their matters in order to protect their assets and families.

COMP-NW medical students had several presentations and workshops in March. A group of students focusing on dermatology provided a workshop on preventative skin care and early recognition of common skin ailments. Seniors that attended walked away with important information, handouts and sunscreen samples. Another group of COMP-NW med-students

focusing on diet and nutrition provided their first cooking demo and nutrition talk. Food is always a great motivator and nothing lures folks into to learn about nutrition other than the smells of something good cooking wafting down our halls. We really appreciate the continued partnership with COMP-NW and all of the education opportunities around wellness that they bring to our community. It is also a great opportunity for the most life experienced in our community to help educate and provide real life training and experience to future medical professionals about the aging experience and diverse communication skills.

As spring plays peek-a-boo, gardening education opportunities have once again kicked off.

- All of the 20 Senior Center raised garden bed plots have been adopted.
- The Master Gardeners started their spring and summer community educational workshops and classes in March! They will be offering a six-week series of classes every Saturday, 10-12, through April 26<sup>th</sup>, as well as a handful of other Saturday workshops through the summer.
- The Lebanon Garden Club will be hosting several community workshops on floral arranging, April and May. C
- Senior Center staff also connected seniors to the Extension Services 10-Minute University garden education series that has been occurring Wednesdays at noon.
- Whether as a long-time hobby/interest or as a new means to try to cut food costs and stay healthy, gardening remains a popular topic in our community across generations. We are glad to be able to have this city facility as a place for all generations to gather on a Saturday to learn and grow.