



MEMORANDUM

Senior Services & LINX Transit

Date: February 29, 2024
To: Mayor Jackola and City Council
From: Kindra Oliver, Senior Center & LINX Transit Director
Subject: Monthly Report

LINX Transit has provided 41,000 rides, as of yesterday. For the month of February, we averaged 261 rides during the weekdays and 129 rides on Saturdays. We will likely end the year with over 60,000.

LINX Transit is applying for a new bus through the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) 5339 Bus Discretionary Grant Program for 2024-2026. The federal grant provides funding for 85% of the cost of the vehicle. These applications are due to ODOT by March 12, 2024. LINX Transit will be applying for the 15% match through the 2025-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF) grant process. The STIF applications will be due in November or December of 2024. If awarded, the purchase is planned for the FY 2025-26 budget year.

LINX Transit had a successful recruitment for a part-time dispatcher. Our new part-time dispatcher will start the training process mid-March.

LINX Transit is currently recruiting for a part-time driver position to fill a vacant position.

The Lebanon Senior Center has been experiencing increased participation with programming and classes. Our evidence-based programs and social opportunities have encouraged many to come see what we have to offer and continue coming in to participate. Our counts for participation this fiscal year will surpass prior years, including pre-Covid years.

Sheryl Casteen, Certified Master Gardener, will be sharing her gardening knowledge with a 6-week food garden class. The class is great for beginning and experienced gardeners. The series starts on Saturday, March 30th, 10:00 to 12:00 and will run for six consecutive Saturdays, at the Senior Center.

We have another gardening volunteer that comes in once a month sharing inspirational gardening projects through Therapeutic Horticulture. This month we will learn about making nesting bundles for our feathered friends, Saturday, March 9th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

We have a new volunteer working with seniors to discover and create using the Procreate app on our Senior Center i-pads. The capabilities for creating different projects are vast. This class is scheduled each Wednesday in March, from 11:00 to 11:45 am.