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The 138th Bok Kai Festival, celebrating the Year of the Dog, will take place in downtown Marysville on Saturday and Sunday, March 17th and 18th. The Bok Kai Parade will be held on Saturday with Bomb Day on Sunday.

Yuba-Sutter Transit's local fixed route bus service will be detoured in downtown Marysville on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for the Bok Kai Parade. The regular downtown bus stops on B, D and F Streets will not be served as Routes 1 and 4 will be detoured away from downtown Marysville due to numerous street closures.

The nearest alternative downtown stops will be at Third & F Streets for both the eastbound Route 1 and counterclockwise Route 4B buses and at the Rideout Regional Medical Center stop on Third Street for both the westbound Route 1 and clockwise Route 4A buses.

Call (530) 742-2877 for more information.



#### **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

If you aren't already, would you like to receive this newsletter electronically? Never miss an issue, save the agency some money and save the environment as well! If you didn't receive this issue by e-mail, you are not on our list.

You can sign up for future newsletters (and other stuff) from the "Stay Informed" tab at www.yubasuttertransit.com (our website) or you can send your name and e-mail address to Isabelle Markoe at isabelle@yubasuttertransit.com and ask to be added to the newsletter distribution list.



The FREED Center for Independent Living has provided free transportation vouchers for qualified area seniors for use on Yuba-Sutter Transit's Dial-A-Ride service for a number of years. Valid program vouchers now have an expiration date of June 30, 2018. Vouchers with earlier expiration dates are not valid and 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 \$2.00 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 Angie Paras, FREED Senior Transportation Program Coordinator at (530) 742-4474 to sign up for the program and for instructions on how to use the vouchers. Call Yuba-Sutter Transit at (530) 742-2877 for Dial-A-Ride reservations or service information.



The annual March 31<sup>st</sup> State holiday to recognize Cesar Chavez's birthday falls on Saturday this year. For Saturday holidays, State employees receive credit for a floating holiday instead of a prescribed holiday. As a result, Yuba-Sutter Transit will operate all Sacramento service as scheduled on both Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

When this holiday does not fall on a Saturday, Yuba-Sutter Transit does not operate any Sacramento service on the observed date though all other services operate as scheduled.

Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

### SMOKING, CELL PHONES, SEAT HOGS, LOUD CONVERSATIONS & OTHER ANNOYING THINGS

In response to some recent complaints, here for a reminder is a short course in passenger etiquette that we run occasionally called Bus Riding 101:

- Smoking (of any sort) is not allowed inside or within 20 feet of any bus, bus stop, bus shelter or bus facility.
- Please keep cell phone use to a minimum and your voice low (even when not on the phone);
- Music devices should be off except when used with headphones or ear buds and even then the volume should be low;
- Each passenger is entitled to one seat only so please keep your feet, bags, backpacks, etc. on the floor in front of you or in your lap as appropriate;
- Speaking of seats, they are available on a first-come, first-served basis so please don't save them in an attempt to force others to search elsewhere;
- No loud, profane trash-talking with friends (or enemies);
- Secure all food and drink containers before you board so they don't end up on the floor or in the laps (or on the heads) of fellow passengers; and,
- In commuter buses, please be courteous and respect the rights of others in the use of reclining seats whether you are reclining or being reclined upon.

If everyone does their part by following these simple common courtesy tips, the ride will be more enjoyable for all.



## COMMUTER PUNCH CARDS AND DISCOUNT TICKET BOOKS WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2018

Yuba-Sutter Transit's \$80 Sacramento punch cards and \$10 discount ticket books have not been sold since May 31, 2017. If you are still in possession of any of these fare products, this is to remind you that while these same products are still being accepted for fare payment through June 30, 2018, they will expire and not be accepted after that date.

If you think that you will be unable to use, gift or sell all of your stock of these expiring fare products by June 30<sup>th</sup>, they may be eligible for exchange through that date in the Yuba-Sutter Transit office for available pass products on a Connect Card at the original purchase price.

Send an email to <a href="mailto:info@yubasuttertransit.com">info@yubasuttertransit.com</a> or call (530) 634-6880 if you have any questions.

# ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

Have you ever wondered about the history of Yuba-Sutter Transit; how it is organized and funded; what are the current issues that the organization is facing; or, what is planned for the future? These questions and many more are addressed in the Annual Report that is presented to the Board of Directors each year at their January meeting. We are happy to announce that the 2018 report is now posted with a home page link on our website at www.yubasuttertransit.com.

The annual report provides us with an opportunity to reflect back on where the agency has come from; where it is now; and, where it might possibly go in the future. While it is used primarily to brief both new and continuing Board members on current agency issues prior to the annual budget process, it also provides our passengers and other stakeholders with valuable organizational information and insights as well.

Please check it out today and give us a call or drop us a note at info@yubasuttertransit.com if you have any questions.

#### CONNECT CARD FARE OUTLETS

Connect Cards can be loaded at the following local sales outlets and on the Connect Card website with up to \$360 in cash value or up to three months of monthly passes. While \$10 ticket sheets are still available at all local sales outlets, paper monthly passes are available only from the Yuba-Sutter Transit office. Check with each location for current business hours as they may change without notice.

- Sutter County Library Yuba City (530) 822-7137 [Cash or Check Only]
- Yuba County Library Marysville (530) 749-7380 [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit fee applied for credit/debit]
- Yuba College Bookstore Linda (530) 741-6998 [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office Marysville [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Connect Card Website www.ConnectTransitCard.com [Credit, Debit or Electronic Fund Transfer/Auto-Load]

Discount photo ID Connect Cards are only available during normal business hours at the Yuba-Sutter Transit office in Marysville. Paper passes and ticket sheets are also available from the same office in person or by mail. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

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