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# **RIDER NEWS**

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### Earn-A-Bike Classes Going Strong

Earn-A-Bike classes are part of our Youth Education program, Walk N Roll. The Walk N Roll program works to build the next generation of safe and healthy bikers, walkers, and bus riders.

During the after-school Earn-A-Bike program, donated refurbished bikes are used by middle school students. Students learn basic bike mechanics including how to change a flat tire, fix shifting problems, adjust brakes, and ride safely in their neighborhood as well as obey traffic laws. After successful completion of the class, Earn-A-Bike participants earn a bike along with a helmet, lock, bike map, and more.

In 2015, 63 Earn-A-Bike participants graduated from the program. All of the students who graduated received eight hours of bike instruction and maintenance.

The Earn-A-Bike program relies on bike shop volunteers to help refurbish donated bikes. Come visit our bike shop and learn more about the Earn-A-Bike program at our Bike Shop Open House (more information below).

## **Check Out Our Bike Shop!**

You're invited to our **Bike Shop Open House**:

Saturday, January 16, 1 - 4 p.m. 209 Thurston Ave NE, Olympia (Inside D.G. Parrott & Son Machinist Shop)

Interested in volunteering? There are multiple ways to get involved! You can volunteer as a bike shop mechanic or with middle school youth in our Earn-A-Bike program.

Get details at our open house!

For more information about our Walk N Roll, Youth Education Program, Earn-A-Bike Classes, or Bike Shop, call **360.705.5855** or email walknroll@intercitytransit.com.

#### Helpful Volunteer Skills

- Enjoy working with middle school youth.
- Experience commuting by bike.
- Like working as a team.
- Willingness to learn.
- Bicycle mechanic experience (not required).

**Reminder:** Dash, the free downtown Olympia shuttle, currently operates on Legislative Session schedule. You can also park at the **Olympia Farmers Market lot** for \$1.50/hour, now through March. For more information, visit our website or contact Customer Service.

# Youth Education staff, David Coppley

teaching students in a fall 2015 Earn-A-Bike class.



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# **New Year's Resolution: Drive Less!**

Why not make a new year's resolution to travel by bus, carpool, vanpool, bike, or walk - more than you already do? Consider riding the bus to a

destination you haven't been to before, combining bike and bus, or carpooling with a friend to an event. Your options are endless!

For more information about travel options, visit our website or contact Customer Service at **360.786.1881** or **customerservice@intercitytransit.com**.

#### **Bus Passes Save Money**

If you're a frequent rider, buy a monthly pass and your "savings" will be even greater! You'll not only save money - you'll save time!

**<u>\$15 Youth Pass</u>** If you're looking for a way to transport your kids to their after-school jobs, the mall, skatepark, or to a friend's house - we can help! For only \$15, youth (ages 6-18) get unlimited rides for an entire month!

**<u>\$36 Adult Pass</u>** Make it easy to get to work, appointments and recreational activities.

<u>Commuter and Student Passes</u> State workers, county employees and students at TESC and SPSCC have pass programs that allow them to ride free!

### Thank You!

Thank you for participating in our recent surveys! We appreciate your feedback.

# **New Website Coming Soon!**

We are re-launching our new website next month after experiencing a temporary setback. We're looking forward to sharing it with you!

Here's what you can expect:

- Better navigation and a friendly, inviting look and feel
- Mobile-friendly design and function
- Trip planner & rider alert access on every page
- Easy-to-read timetables

### **Free Travel Training**

Do you know someone who is unsure about riding the bus? We offer free, self-paced travel training to anyone who wants to become familiar with using our local bus service.

Travel Training is personalized for each rider and includes learning how to read and understand bus schedules, paying fares, how to get to specific locations - and even riding the bus with one of our trainers!

Travel Training is perfect for anyone who wants to feel more comfortable using transit including commuters, seniors, and students.



For more information on our Travel Training Program, email **traveltraining@intercitytransit.com** or call **360.705.5879**.

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