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Intercity Transit's Village Vans Program We Drive Employment



Intercity Transit's Village Vans program is currently looking for volunteer drivers to provide transportation

for low-income job seekers in Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater. Village Vans is a **FREE** professional training program designed to help increase your chances of getting hired and building a career.

The Village Vans program recruits volunteer drivers to transport job seekers to various work-related activities in the community. As a volunteer, you will gain marketable skills for employment and have access to computers. This includes an Intercity Transit email account.

Many Village Van drivers have found employment while in our job-skills program. The program helps you build a career. The best part is, it costs you nothing but your time, 20-hours per week!

As a volunteer driver you will:

- Gain new skills and valuable work experience.
- Increase your professional connections.
- Receive assistance writing your cover letter and resume.
- Have computer access and email.

- Be eligible for Intercity Transit job opportunities.
- Gain confidence in a supportive work environment.

The non-paid drivers must meet driving record standards and pass a Washington State background check. For more information on how to become a volunteer driver, contact **Erin Pratt** at **360-705-5831** or villagevans@intercitytransit.com.

Work-Related Transportation



Village Vans also provides **FREE**, temporary work-related transportation for low-income job seekers in Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater. We can transport you to and from your workplace,

job search, interviews, day care, medical appointments, and other sites. To qualify for the program, you must have received state or federal assistance within the last three years.

To schedule a ride, call **360-705-5840** Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. You can also leave a message and we will return your call the following business day to confirm your ride.

Get on Your Bike and Ride! Winter Mini-Bicycle Commuter Challenge



Are you ready to kick the winter blues and try getting around by bike in anticipation of spring? Or are you a seasoned winter “practical cyclist” riding year-round already? Either way join the challenge!

Intercity Transit’s Winter Mini-Bicycle Commuter Challenge (BCC) celebrates Thurston County residents of all ages and abilities who use bicycling as a means of transportation year-round. The Winter Mini BCC runs for the whole month of February and includes celebration of **International Winter Bike to Work Day**, on Friday, February 10, 2017. Submit a photo of your commute that day and you could win a prize! Prizes include bike fenders, lights, and more.

Sign up online at thurstonbcc.blogspot.com anytime between now and the last week of February. There’s no need to track your miles. Just fill out the online form and tell us a little about your winter biking habits-so simple! The earlier you sign up, the more chances you have to win!

If you’re not quite ready for winter biking, stay tuned for our spring events starting in April!

Like us on Facebook at “Thurston County Bicycle Commuter Challenge,” follow us on Twitter, @ThurstonBCC or follow our blog, thurstonbcc.blogspot.com for up-to-date information about all our events and more!

Share Your Commute: Vanpool



Did you know there are 26 vanpools that commute from Thurston County to Joint Base Lewis-McChord every

day? These vans, along with an additional 150 vanpools traveling the Puget Sound Region, help remove 1,000 cars from our crowded roads each day and reduce air pollution!

A vanpool is an affordable, comfortable, and simple way to get to work. Vanpoolers share their commute with five or more people. Riders enjoy stress-free commuting, saving money, and more time in their day. Vanpooling also frees up your vehicle for other people in your household.

Vanpoolers pay a low monthly fare that covers operating costs including gas, maintenance, and insurance. Federal employees receive a transportation benefit that covers all or part of

the monthly fare. Vanpools follow a route and schedule set by the group. Riders volunteer to share the driving. Intercity Transit trains and approves volunteer drivers.

We add routes all the time and can help you find an existing vanpool or start a new one.

Get an additional benefit with our Vanpool rewards program!

- **Join** an existing vanpool and earn a \$50 gift card.
- Already vanpooling? **Refer** a new rider and earn \$50.
- Start a **new** vanpool and get your first month free **or** a \$100 gift card.

To get started, visit intercitytransit.com/vanpool/join for a list of vanpools with available seats. If you have questions contact our Vanpool staff for assistance, vans@intercitytransit.com or 360-786-8800.

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For questions, contact Intercity Transit’s Title VI Officer at 360-705-5885 or ephillips@intercitytransit.com.