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State of the City 2024

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[Tickets are available here.](#)

The event will also be livestreamed on the City of Everett [Facebook](#) and [YouTube channel](#). A recording and transcript will be available after the event on our [website](#).



Test your climate IQ

How much do you know about Climate Change?

[Take this quiz](#) to test your knowledge and learn more about greenhouse gases, the global impact of emissions, and what you can do to help fight climate change!



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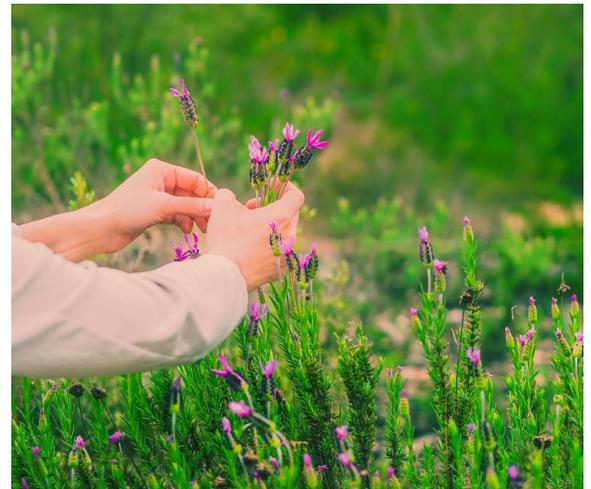
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“Despite the forecast, live like it’s spring.”

The year is already off to a great start and we have almost reached the end of the winter! Brighter skies and longer days are a few more reasons to try a new commute method to work.

In this informative issue, check out exciting details on a new bus rapid transit line in the area, bicycle club schedules, and the Fifth National Climate Assessment. Then, learn more about how renewable energy can transform our environment and how Everett Transit is already doing it. Make sure to peek at the side columns for more events and opportunities.

Read on for information you’ll want to know as an employee transportation coordinator or commuting employee.



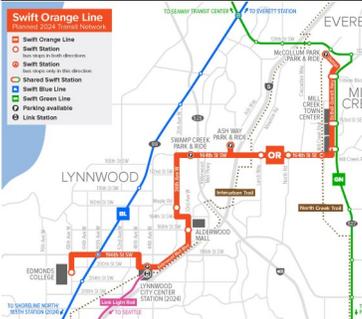
If there is anything you would like to see in the next edition of this newsletter, please share your thoughts by emailing agonzalez@everettwa.gov or by calling 425.257.7782 with any suggestions.



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Swift Orange Line

Community Transit (CT) is opening their third bus rapid transit (BRT) line on **March 30, 2024**. The Swift Orange Line will provide fast, frequent service linking Edmonds College, Lynnwood City Center, Alderwood Mall and Mill Creek Town Center. As an 11-mile BRT line, it will allow for easy connections to the Swift Blue and Green lines as well as other CT transit routes. In fall 2024, it will also be able to connect to the Link light rail in Lynnwood. CT will also be updating McCollum Park & Ride and Edmonds College Transit Center. Visit communitytransit.org for more information.



Cascade Bicycle Club season schedule

Cascade Bicycle Club, the nation's largest statewide bicycling nonprofit, serves bike riders in Washington by sharing in the joy of bicycling through world-class rides and events. Their 2024 season schedule features some great events including Chilly Hilly on Feb. 25, Seattle Bike-n-Brews on May 5, Ride from Seattle to Vancouver & Party on Aug. 24-25 and more! Their Cascade Training Series is a great opportunity to exercise and make new friends while biking. Bike recreationally or bike to work—the road is your oyster!

Read the [full season schedule](#) or subscribe to their [monthly](#)



The Fifth National Climate Assessment

The National Climate Assessment is a scientific report that communicates the impacts, risks, and vulnerabilities associated with a changing global climate in the United States. It serves to inform leaders and decision-makers at every level with literature, expert and local knowledge, and climate data. The [Fifth National Climate Assessment](#) (NCA5), published in November 2023, presents the major findings across each of the 10 NCA5 regions and focuses on people disproportionately affected by climate change.

In the [Northwest](#), climate change has already started taking its toll and communities are organizing strategies in order to adapt and prepare, but the key is to ensure we are prioritizing social equity. Frontline communities, such as low-income urban communities of color; rural and natural-resource dependent communities; and Tribes and Indigenous communities are disproportionately affected by climate hazards. One of these vulnerable groups would be the Quinault Indian Nation located

at the confluence of the Quinault River and the Pacific Ocean. The effects of climate change have resulted in an accelerated loss of land due to [sea level rise, flooding, and erosion](#). As a result, they have had to relocate from their traditional village site to a location at a higher elevation. Indigenous communities are also forced to deal directly with [declining access to seafood](#), a cultural tradition in the Northwest.

As we face warmer seasons in Western Washington, it's important for everyone to do their part to mitigate climate change in order to care for our communities.





Renewable energy in public transportation

The transportation sector accounts for the largest portion of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, making up 29% of the pie. Regional transit agencies are making significant efforts to electrify fleets, including Everett Transit (ET). Nearly half of ET's fixed-route fleet consists of battery electric buses (BEBs). With 19 BEBs, 10 hybrid-electric buses, and 14 more BEBs arriving in 2025, ET is doing its best to minimize both air and noise pollution. ET's fleet uses clean, renewable power from Snohomish PUD. About 98% of this power is emissions-free with the majority sourced from hydroelectric, nuclear, solar and wind energy. Go green!



Renewable energy for a sustainable future

Renewable energy sources are available to us by the sun, wind, water, waste and heat from the Earth. Natural processes replenish the sources back into the Earth and emit little to no greenhouse gases into the air. In addition, they are the cheapest power option. Cheap electricity from renewable sources could decarbonize 90% of the power sector by 2050. The transition to renewables would also result in an estimated 14 million new jobs in clean energy.

On the other hand, burning fossil fuels accounts for over 75% of global greenhouse gases and nearly 90% of all carbon dioxide emissions. Fossil fuels account for over 80% of global energy production, making billions of people dependent on one resource and powerless against price increases. In 2022, \$7 trillion in subsidies, tax breaks and damages was spent on subsidizing the fossil fuel industry.

By diversifying power supply options with renewable energy sources, we can empower communities with an array of opportunities from cleaner air to more jobs.

Featured commute mode: Carpool

You've got room for one more.

Tired of being stuck in traffic and wishing you could just jump in the carpool lane? Tired of filling up your tank every week and not being able to split gas costs with anyone? Hate driving and wish you could experience the luxurious life of a passenger?

Carpooling gives you the benefits of HOV, splitting the bill, and an easy drive.

Create your profile on [RideshareOnline.com](https://rideshareonline.com) to find a commuter with a similar route. Use an approximate location nearby your home address or desired starting point.

Contact your worksite's Employee Transportation Coordinator to see if they have a list of carpools interested in taking a similar route to work.



Carpool tips

Establish a set of expectations with your carpool buddy about driving duties, car cleanliness, and expected etiquette.

Develop a schedule everyone can stick to and plan to rotate driving duties on a regular basis.

Set up a chain of communication and keep each other updated on schedule changes.

Reduce your environmental impact, rethink your ride!





Need anything?

If you need trip-planning or transit assistance, do not hesitate to contact Everett Transit Customer Service by phone at 425.257.7777 or by email at ETmail@everettwa.gov.

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Upcoming events

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- **Earth Day | Monday, April 22, 2024**
Earth Day 2024 is focused on demanding a 60% reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040. [Learn more about Planet vs. Plastics.](#)
- **Snohomish PUD Energy Block Party | Saturday, April 27, 2024 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
Join Snohomish PUD's Earth Day event and enjoy the Truckstravaganza, electric vehicle car show, energy-savings giveaways and more! [Learn more on their website.](#)
- **National Bike Month | May 2024**
Celebrate National Bike Month with your friends and family in May by biking to work, or recreationally! [Get rewarded on RideshareOnline.com.](#)
- **Bike Everywhere Day | Friday, May 17, 2024 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
Join Everett Transit at Everett Station to celebrate biking in Everett and beyond with games, prizes and other giveaways while learning about new bike network developments, safe riding tips and more! [Learn more on our website.](#)

If you have a commute-related event (virtual or otherwise) open to the public that you'd like to see on this list, please [send us your event](#). The next newsletter will be published in June.

Commuter resources

[Everett Transit's CTR website](#)

Find past newsletters, trainings, RCWs and more!

[Trip planner](#)

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