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Everett Community Ice Rink and Community Transit Partner to Launch "Community Access Skate Night"

Monthly Free Skate Night Aims to Increase Recreation Access for All Ages

Everett, WA – The Everett Community Ice Rink, in partnership with Community Transit, is proud to announce the launch of Community Access Night. The free, monthly public ice skate night breaks down barriers to recreation and encourages active lifestyles for youth and families across Snohomish County.

This new initiative, presented by Community Transit, offers free admission to the public ice skate session held on the second Friday of each month at the Everett Community Ice Rink. Community Access Night ensures accessibility is front and center by combining a no-cost recreation opportunity with free regional transit for people 18 and younger.

"The Everett Community Ice Rink is more than just ice — it's a gathering place where memories are made in the heart of Everett. We're thrilled to open our rink to everyone through the Community Access Night," said Patrick Houlihan, Ice Rink Director. "It ensures that every member of our diverse community can step onto the ice, feel included, and share in the excitement of skating. These events are about creating a space where all of Everett can come together and thrive."

The program was developed as a model for equitable community engagement, focusing on youth development, physical activity, and community connection. With Community Transit's support, the vision became reality.

"Youth across the region ride for free on Community Transit and other transit systems, while adults pay \$2.50, making it easier than ever for young people and their families to get to the rink and enjoy a fun evening at Community Access Skate Night," said Ric Ilgenfritz, Community Transit CEO.

Public transportation to the Everett Community Ice Rink is available through several Community Transit routes, including Community Transit Routes 201, 202, ST 512, and the Swift Blue Line. To plan your trip, visit https://www.communitytransit.org/plan-my-trip.

The inaugural Community Access Night will take place on Friday, November 14 at 5:00 PM in the Everett Community Ice Rink on the corner of Hewitt Avenue and Broadway. Pre-registration is required and available online at www.angelofthewindsarena.com. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

About Community Transit

<u>Community Transit</u> provides bus and paratransit service, vanpool, and innovative transit options in Snohomish County, Wash. The agency is expanding the Swift bus rapid transit network to connect to light rail and provide fast, frequent service throughout the county.

About Everett Public Facilities District and Everett Community Ice Rink

Everett Community Ice Rink was developed and is owned by the Everett Public Facilities District, a municipal corporation managed by a five-member Board of Directors, providing oversight and direction to the provision of services in Angel Of The Winds Arena, Everett Community Ice Rink and the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center. Angel Of The Winds Arena is a three venue, state-of-the-art multi-purpose complex located in the heart of downtown Everett, WA and managed by Oak View Group. For more information, visit www.angelofthewindsarena.com.

About Oak View Group (OVG)

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