

MAY NEWSLETTER



May is
MENTAL HEALTH
Awareness Month

PNWTS MAY UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE UPDATE OPERATIONS MOVE TO THE MAIN FLOOR

Offices @ main floor:
Dispatch, Dan, Mark, Saoirse
Offices @ top floor:

Dave, Courtney, Isabella,
Monty, Sabrina & Boardroom

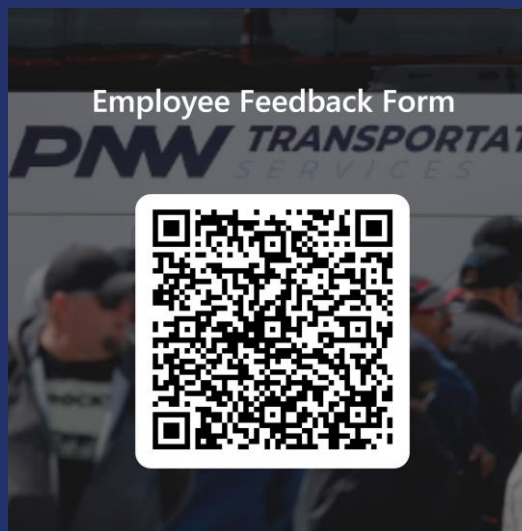
PNWTS DAY OF GIVING JOIN US FOR BEACH CLEANUPS

We are donating our bus service to Surfrider Foundation for beach clean up. You're welcome to join us (will be paid volunteer hours- more detail will be follow up)
June 2 & August 11: 11:00-13:00

R50 RENEWABLE DIESEL

STARTING MAY 1ST, R50
HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED
ACROSS ALL PNWTS
BUSES.

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FEEDBACK FORM

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US

Our employee feedback system has been established. You are welcome to share ideas with the management team.

Use QR code (on the left) or the below link to access to the Employee Feedback Form and submit your feedback/suggestions/comments.

<https://forms.office.com/r/dseiygXkgk>

Say Hello!

Our business is busses but the rubber on the road, our foundation, is our people. This month we would like to thank our drivers for implementing the First Nations acknowledgment and a little of our big news in sustainability when they greet their guests. Here is the greeting - which we would love to share with all of you - because it's important and we care!

On behalf of all of us at Pacific Northwest Transportation Services, we welcome you today to Victoria, which is the original territory of the Lekwungen People of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

We want you to enjoy your ride on our buses which are modified to reach our emission reduction goals. Our company is carbon neutral and is the first ground transportation company in North America to be B Corp certified - meaning that we meet the toughest environmental and social criteria and have a mindset that in all we do, we do right.

Again, welcome. We invite you sit back and relax and enjoy your time in Victoria.

Thanks drivers!

Dates To Note:

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May 12
International Mother's Day

May 16
Global Accessibility Awareness Day

May 20
Victoria Day

May 20
World Bee Day

May 26 to June 1
National Accessibility Week

Start Your Engines!

This month every PNWTS bus is starting their engines fueled by R50 diesel. This means cleaner burning engines and lower particulate matter (PM), nitrous oxide (NO₂) and carbon dioxide (CO₂) coming out of the pipe. It is an immediate step in a multi pronged approach to reach our sustainable goals.

Our next commitment is to be using R100 diesel, the ultimate in current day fuels, by the peak of season. R100 is a non-petroleum fuel that is fully biodegradable as it is made from natural sources, such as vegetable or plant oils. We have been careful to identify those sources that do not deplete our planet, such as palm oil from plantations and to find delivery agents with a smaller footprint.

This clean fuel is great for engines and will again cut our carbon contribution and pave the way for the road ahead - which is hydrogen powered units.

We have a team, lead by David Roberts, researching the potential of hydrogen power for our fleet. We are looking at all that is possible in this area as it leads to a zero-emission achievement. It's not an easy road and the first step will be in measuring the efficiency of the buses with a "black box" (just like the ones on a plane) that records the optics. That will give us the baseline we need to move forward. This should be completed by the end of the season and give way to a full stream of research and potential retrofitting on pilot buses for 2025.

Bee Friendly

We love our bees. Every time we eat a food plant or have a treat sweetened with honey, there was a community of bees working behind the scenes. Bees are central to the global pollinating team, which includes butterflies and hummingbirds, that pollinate two-thirds of the food production plants we consume and over 90% of the flowers we enjoy.

And if you think we are truly “busy as a bee” during cruise season, consider that honey bees spend their lifetime (which is 30 to 60 days) to each produce just one twelfth of a teaspoon of honey. To yield one pound of honey, 556 bees will fly up to 80,000 km and visit over 2 million blooms in the process. Now that is intense!

As Victoria is a city of gardens, our bees are welcome neighbors and central to a thriving ecosystem. The United Nations has declared May 20th as World Bee Day. To honor these remarkable producers who feed and beautify our world, we will spread a little sweetness at PNWTS by providing honey sticks during the week of May 20 at the office (both operation floor and top floor).

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