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Rover to hold free day July 19

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -- Murfreesboro's public transportation system ROVER will offer the public free bus fares and refreshments July 19 at the service's transfer center on the northeast corner of Walnut and Burton streets.

"We recently took delivery of our new 23-Passenger Low Floor transit buses and thought these additions would be a great time to show our appreciation and celebrate our sixth year of service," Nellie Patton, Assistant Transportation Director, said.

The buses also feature front-loaded wheelchair access and a kneeling ability where the driver can "kneel" the passenger side entrance to allow a much lower step-in, said Ed Etzkin, Rover operations manager.

"In case rain on the 19th," she added, "the event will be rescheduled for the following Friday, the 26th," said Patton.

A free lunch, including hot dogs, sodas, pastries, and chips will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Patton said. Funding comes from ROVER's Public Transit marketing allocation. Patton says the event is part of the department's contribution to Murfreesboro's continued citywide focus on customer service excellence and is a celebration of the purchase of its new buses.

"We realize that ROVER customers have patiently waited for the upgrade of the buses," she said. "The old buses that have reached their minimum useful life were purchased during the inception of ROVER in 2007.

"The public transit portion of the City of Murfreesboro's transportation department has been fortunate enough to complete this bus upgrade and wants to show its appreciation to the citizens of Murfreesboro for their patronage," she added.

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