

# LINN COUNTY

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## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### Transportation Services for Linn County Residents

November 30, 2020

#### Applications for Linn County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Funds are Due by 5:00pm Monday December 14, 2020

Funding is available from ODOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Fund program to improve or expand public transportation services.

The Legislative Assembly, with the passage of HB 2017 (the 2017 comprehensive transportation funding bill) established a one-tenth of 1% employee payroll tax dedicated to public transportation. 90% of the revenue is allocated, by formula, to counties, transit districts and Native American tribes for allocation to public transportation service providers. 5% is allocated to a statewide competitive discretionary grant program. 4% is allocated to a statewide competitive grant program for intercommunity transportation services. 1% is allocated to ODOT for administration and for technical assistance to rural communities.

The published estimated formula fund allocation to Linn County for the 2021-2023 is approximately \$3.5 million. No local match is required for formula funds; but a local match is required for statewide competitive grants.

“Public transportation service providers” (a city, county, special district, Native American tribe, intergovernmental entity or any other political subdivision or municipal or public corporation that provides public transportation services) are eligible to apply for/receive STIF funds. Nonprofit and for-profit transit providers are not eligible. However, eligible applicants may contract with a non-profit or for-profit entity to provide transportation services under an approved grant.

Eligible projects funded through Linn County STIF formula funds will expand or improve public transit services within one or between communities inside and adjacent to Linn County.

HB 2017 and Oregon Administrative Rules place a high priority on transportation projects which serve areas with a high concentration of low-income households. Low-income households are those with an annual income of 200% or less of the current federal poverty limit. The statewide average of low-income households is 34%. 38% of Linn County households are reported by the U.S. Census Bureau to have an annual income of 200% or less of the current federal poverty level.

Other HB 2017 and OAR priorities include improving the frequency and reliability of service connections between communities, fostering coordination to reduce fragmentation of transportation services and projects that expand transit services for students in grades 9 through 12.

The Linn County Board of Commissioners will allocate and help ODOT administer STIF funds with the assistance and recommendations of the Linn County Transportation Advisory Committee (the long-standing TAC meets the OAR requirements of the STIF Advisory Committee).

**Applicants for Linn County STIF formula funds must complete an application form and submit it to the Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator by 5:00 Monday, December 14, 2020.** Applicants will be requested to make a presentation to the Linn County TAC on December 29 at 1:30pm. The Committee will evaluate eligible projects and make allocation recommendations to the Linn County Board of Commissioners for its consideration on its regularly scheduled meeting of January 12. Linn County will then develop a potential STIF Plan (application). The STIF Plan will be reviewed by the Linn County TAC which will forward a recommendation regarding the STIF Plan to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will thereafter forward the Linn County STIF Plan to the Oregon Department of Transportation for review by ODOT staff and the ODOT Public Transit Advisory Committee before it is submitted for action by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Copies of the project application packet, and questions about the packet or process may be addressed to Mark Volmert, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator, [mvolmert@co.linn.or.us](mailto:mvolmert@co.linn.or.us), 541-231-8903.

STIF information is also available at ODOT's website

<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx>

**Linn County  
Seal**

**Applications Available  
For Linn County  
Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund  
2021-2023**

Funding from the Oregon Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Fund Program is available for the planning, development, operation and administration of public transportation programs. In this funding cycle the money is primarily intended to expand or improve public transportation services; as well as maintain services expanded in the 2018-2021 STIF cycle. The program is funded through a one-tenth of 1% employee payroll tax. Funding is generally limited to public transportation service providers.

STIF project applications must be received by the Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator by 5:00 pm on Monday, December 14, 2020. For additional information contact Mark Volmert, Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator, at (541) 231-8903 or e-mail [mvolmert@co.linn.or.us](mailto:mvolmert@co.linn.or.us).

Applications will be reviewed by the Linn County Transportation Advisory Committee at 1:30 pm on Tuesday December 29, 2020. The Linn County Board of Commissioners will make final decisions regarding prioritization and funding of project applications at 9:35 am on Tuesday January 5 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Linn County Courthouse.

Need display ad for Linn County

Contact person:

Mark Volmert, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator  
[mvolmert@co.linn.or.us](mailto:mvolmert@co.linn.or.us)  
(541) 231-8903

Need to run ad once in the Democrat Herald, on a weekday between December 7-11.

2.0 columns wide and about 5 inches tall

Bill to:

Linn County Board of Commissioners (STF Program)

# Woman arrested for alleged stabbing

JESSE SOWA  
jesse.sowa@times.net

A Corvallis woman was arrested on two felony counts Saturday night after she allegedly stabbed a man at the Corvallis skate park.

Mandy Mae Switzer, 43, was arrested on suspicion of first-degree assault and unlawful use of a weapon and lodged at Benton County Jail.

According to Corvallis police, Switzer stabbed James Cleveland, 42, with a 12-inch knife after Cleveland approached another man's tent to ask for a cigarette.



Switzer

Switzer was at the other man's tent.

Police received a 911 call from a witness at about 9:47 p.m. Officers found Switzer in the area, reportedly smelling strongly of alcohol.

Cleveland was found in the skate park bleeding substantially from the abdomen. He was in shock and wasn't able to give officers a statement before being

taken to the hospital, police said.

Cleveland remained in Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in stable condition Monday.

Officers searched the area and found a large kitchen knife matching the witness's description about 15 feet from where the stabbing was said to have occurred. The knife appeared to have blood and long hair on the blade, police said.

Switzer was arraigned on Monday in Benton County Circuit Court and remained in jail late Monday

on \$50,000 bail.

First-degree assault is a class A felony and a Measure 11 crime in Oregon with a minimum sentence of seven years, six months. Those convicted of Measure 11 crimes serve every day of their sentence.

Unlawful use of a weapon is a class C felony.

Switzer also appeared Monday in Benton County on two separate cases that includes charges for felony theft and misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence and failure to appear.

## MID-VALLEY MEDIA

### CORVALLIS POLICE

**Traffic accident** — Saturday, 10:00 block of Northwest Circle Boulevard. Officers responded to a rollover crash in which the driver named the driver of an SUV crashed into a parked car after leaving the roadway. He then drove back onto the road, overtook and hit the curb, causing the vehicle to roll onto its top. Juan Lopez-Ramirez, 35, of Corvallis, was cited for reckless driving and driving with a revoked license. He was not injured.

### Arrest

— 1 p.m., Sunday, 2000 block of Southwest Circle Boulevard. Police responded to a report of a man threatening people in a parking lot. Officers determined the man, 35, was having mental health issues. The unnamed 35-year-old man, who had just been released from the hospital, was telling people he was going to stab them. Police were able to de-escalate the situation, and the man was cited for violent conduct and released. The man refused further mental health assistance.

### Theft

— 3:18 p.m., Sunday, 100 block of Southwest Circle Boulevard. A caller reported a woman in her 40s entered a store and concealed several jewelry items and left the store without paying for them. The suspect was not found.

### RECKLESS BURNING

— About 12 p.m., Sunday, deputies were called to a fire in the 2000 block of Tamarack in Sweet Home. Appears to have been a warming fire that escaped into downed

This is a community calendar. To accommodate demand for the print edition, we ask that items be brief and include time, date, place, address, admission cost and a contact number for publication. Inclusion of items is at the discretion of the newspaper. Further information is available at 541-812-6070 or jessie.sowa@times.net.

### WEDNESDAY

**Emergency food boxes**, by appointment, North Corvallis Ministry Center, 5060 NE Elton Circle. Appointments: 541-220-3040.

**Emergency food distribution applications accepted**, 9 to 10:30 a.m., Sweet Home Emergency Ministries, 1115 Long St.

**Greater Albany Public Schools offers free grab-and-go sack lunches for all children ages 1 to 18:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Albany Boys & Girls Club, Lafayette Elementary School, Longview Park, Woodridge Elementary School, Memorial Middle School (drive-through available), 201 W. Williams Street, Y.M.C.A., Newport Terrace bus stop, 204 E. Elementary School, Perkinsville Elementary School, South Albany High School (drive-through available), South Shore Elementary School, Starline Elementary School, Lakana Elementary School, Tangent Elementary School, Wainwright Elementary School.

**Corvallis Men's Shelter**, 211 SE Chapman Place. Hot meal served 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; showers and laundry available from 1 to 2 p.m.; overnight shelter not available.

**Corvallis School District free grab-and-go breakfast and lunch for all children ages 1 to 18:** Open 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Adams Elementary School, 1415 SW 10th St.; Tangent Elementary School, 825 NW 27th St.; Lincoln Elementary School, 110 SE Boardwalk, 7 p.m., Fire Station, 32053 Blvd. Drive.

**American Red Cross mobile blood drive**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Northwest Community Church, 3300 NW Walnut Blvd., Corvallis.

**Benton Health Center**, 1 to 7 p.m., 530 NW 27th St., Corvallis. Family medicine for infants, children and adults. Insurance, Medicare. Medical accepted. Information: 541-766-6835.

**Lincoln Health Center**, 1 to 7 p.m., 121 SE Viewmont Ave., Corvallis. Insurance, Medicare.

**Monday's drawings**  
LUCKY LINES  
2-8-10-15-17-23-27-29

**MEGABOOKS**  
5-10-17-39-47-48

**PICK 4**  
1 p.m.: 8-5-4-5  
4 p.m.: 7-2-8-4  
7 p.m.: 0-7-2-6  
10 p.m.: 6-5-7-8

**WIN FOR LIFE**  
10-30-55-71

proceeds help support the pantry. Information: 541-766-4183.

**Food distribution**, 4 to 6 p.m., Village Christian Church, 7234 NE Arnold Ave., Ada. Village New Food pantry serves daily. Village and Corvallis north of Walnut Boulevard. Information: foodshare@villagecc.org.

**Free meal**, 5 to 6 p.m., Soup Kitchen, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 815 Breaklinton St., SW Albany.

**"Let's Eat!"** 5 to 7 p.m., Corvallis Evangelical Church, 1525 NW Kings Blvd. Grab-and-go sack lunches for all.

**Manna**, 5 p.m., United Methodist Church, 625 South Ave., Sweet Home. Free meal; everyone welcome.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Gentle yoga, 10 a.m., SunaLife for all bodies. By donation. Go to www.knowthis.com for details on how to join online.

**WEDNESDAY**  
CANCELED: Albany Revitalization Agency.  
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Benton County Board of Commissioners advisory applicant interviews, 9 a.m., 1-877-220-3311. access code 957-637-5253; crh@globalgointeracting.com/95753725.

Benton County Board of Commissioners meeting with fair manager and fair board chair, 1:30 p.m., 1-877-220-3311. access code 422-630-9014; crh@globalgointeracting.com/4226309014.

**Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board**, 9:30 a.m., 1-869-960-6833, 6200 SW 20th St. or https://pols.org. zoom.us/83367547814.

**Tangent Rural Fire District Board**, 7 p.m., Fire Station, 32053 Blvd. Drive.

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American Red Cross mobile blood drive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Northwest Community Church, 3300 NW Walnut Blvd., Corvallis.

**Medicaid accepted**, information: 541-766-3546.

**Monroe Health Center**, 1 to 5 p.m., 410 Oregon Drive, Monroe. Insurance, Medicare. Medical accepted. Information: 541-847-5453.

**Rapid HIV testing**, 2 to 4:30 p.m., First Christian Church, 170 E. Gates St., Lebanon. Appointments: 541-340-0420.

**Free medical clinic**, 6 p.m., Community Outreach, 856 NW Herman Ave., Corvallis. Provides care to low-income people whose health insurance provides primary medical care and referrals to those needing further medical attention or services offered by other agencies.

The Housing, Opportunity, Planning and Equity Advisory Board is seeking community members to

provide input via a survey. Visit <https://www.bentonco.gov/HEAV> page. Web community engagement to access the survey. Responses are due by Dec. 31.

### WEDNESDAY

**Alcoholics Anonymous during the COVID-19 pandemic** local hotline, 541-967-4252, answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by members of the local AA community. Many local and global AA groups are hosting meetings virtually. You can attend virtually on your computer, smartphone or by dialing. Attendees will remain anonymous and need only introduce themselves by first name. To access both local and global meetings, taking place online 24 hours a day, visit <https://aa.org/en-us>.

**Albany Helping Hands Christmas trees**, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Albany Woodlot, 5169 SE Santiam Highway, Mid-Willamette Family YMCA, 3201 Pacific Blvd. SW; North Albany Road and Hickory Street, North Albany; the Party Store, 1230 Pacific Blvd. SE. Malls, social distancing and hand sanitizer are required at tree lots. AHS also offers delivery for seniors and immune-compromised people for a \$15 fee. AHS will deliver within Albany city limits and North Albany. To purchase a freshly cut local tree or Douglas fir tree and arrange for delivery to your front door, call 541-926-4036 or go to [www.albanyhelpinghands.com](http://www.albanyhelpinghands.com). Trees will be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on your selected delivery date of Tuesday, Friday, or Dec. 17 or 18.

**Corvallis Community Band First Virtual Holiday Concert**, online. Today the band will post a winter concert of previous holiday performances and small-group renditions of holiday songs. It features versions of "Angels We Have Heard on High" by band members, recorded at socially acceptable distances and joyfully compiled in the most sanitary and responsible manner possible. Visit [www.ccband.org](http://www.ccband.org) for links.

**Advent recital**, noon, 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m., Facebook Live, Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis. Continues its recital series with "The Magic of Christmas: Handbells, Harps and Flute."

**Weekdays at the Whitesides**: "Ellie," 7 p.m., Whiteside Theatre, 2359 SW Kings Blvd., Corvallis. State guidelines of social distancing, disinfection and personal protective equipment are followed. Masks are required. Tickets must be purchased at <https://bit.ly/29a8R4A> prior to the event.

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To see a full-length list of Holiday Happenings, go to <https://timesonline.com/democrat/albany/>.

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