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To: Bus Riders

Hi Friends, Thanks for taking this bus riding adventure with me! It's really easy to ride the Lancaster Bus System (RRTA – Red Rose Transit Authority). And it's free when you get your Senior Pass, for those 65 or older. To get your pass before Friday, simply take your Senior application (available here - <http://charliegross.com/SeniorPassApp.pdf>), your driver's license, and a photocopy of your driver's license to 45 Erick Rd, Lancaster, between 8am and 5:30pm (it's only 3.6 miles away). Let me give you the details of our trip and then some extra tips.

Details: I will be riding with you on this Friday, March 1st. We will meet at the Mad Chef parking lot, down toward the traffic light on Friday morning by 9:50am. It's a little bit early, but that way we can safely get across the streets and wait at the corner (close to WaWa). The bus comes at about 10:06am or so.

If you will not have a Senior Pass for this trip, **please let me know ahead of time**. I will use ride tickets on my phone to help you board. When you buy them on the redrosetransit.com website they cost \$13.50 for 10. For those paying cash, a bus ride to your destination, even if you transfer busses costs \$1.80. Since we will have 21 folks, I prefer not to take the time to use cash.

We arrive at Queen Street Station before 10:45am (last Tues it was at 10:32am). At this point you will have about 30 - 45 minutes to look around the bus station and if you need to get a Senior Pass you could get it there. We will then walk a half a block down to Binn's Park. This is in front of the new Lancaster Public Library. You would have time to peruse the library and get your county wide library card.

We leave from Binn's park on Bus 13 at 11:10am. We arrive at Kitchen Kettle Village at 11:35am. Here is a link to the map of Kitchen Kettle Village:

<https://www.kitchenkettle.com/our-village/kitchen-kettle-map.asp>

Here are a few of the places to eat lunch:

<http://www.villageofintercourse.com/restaurants>

(Lapp Valley Farm and Smokehouse BBQ are **NOT** walking options, the others are.).

Oh, and I plan to buy some cupcakes at Sweet Shenanigans Cupcakery that are out of this world good! (celebrating my grandson's 6th birthday on March 1st in the evening)

If you enjoy American Muscle Cars, there is a unique museum across the street from Kitchen Kettle called, Barry's Car Barn. It costs \$13 to get in. There are cars from the 1950s to the 70s.

To return home:

We will catch bus 13 right in front of the Kitchen Kettle Village sign (across the street from the Corner Coffee Shop) at 1:50pm. Plan to be there 5 or 10 minutes before that time so we don't miss the bus. We will arrive at Binn's Park at 2:25pm, then walk the half block to the Queen Street Station (225 N. Queen St) and catch bus 19 at 2:40pm back to East Petersburg. We arrive at the Wawa at about 3:10pm.

Here's the list of travelers for March 1st:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1szjLdpbMMdARlwsWTZslgZgW5DZKFHa0RD8dd5mx0Jg/edit#gid=0>

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments about the trip or the day.

Here are the promised extra tips. I will have paper ride schedules for you down at Roxanne's desk. I have enough for "one per rider or couple." Another way to view the schedules are on your computer at redrosetransit.com We will travel on bus 19, the Manheim route to Lancaster and then bus 13, the White Horse route to Kitchen Kettle Village. You could also download the RRTA app for your phone. Another excellent app is the MyStop app. It gives you "realtime" updates on the bus travel. You just select the RRTA system and then select the routes you wish to view. You can also use it to see scheduled times for stops that are in between the major stops listed in the ride guides.

Finally, I'd be honored if you taught some others how to ride the bus and get around town or the county for free.

Your "bus crazy" neighbor!

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