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Shuttle Route to Accommodate Harrison Street Festival

The regular route of the free Oak Park Shuttle will be modified slightly and hours extended to provide convenient transportation to the fifth annual *What's Blooming on Harrison* festival, scheduled for May 20 – 22.

Regularly, the shuttle stop nearest the festival is at Lombard Avenue and Harrison Street coming north from Garfield Street. But during the annual arts festival, the shuttle will add a stop at the PACE bus stop in front of the convenience store at the southeast corner of Ridgeland Avenue and Harrison, then turn east onto Harrison to make its regular stop at the southeast corner of Lombard Avenue after taking a jog to the south on Flournoy Street.

In addition to the extra Harrison Street stop, shuttle service hours will be extended until 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, May 20 and 21, with the last stop in the Harrison Street Arts District at 9:16 p.m. and the route ending as usual at the Oak Park Avenue Green Line station. Festival hours are 6 – 10 p.m., Friday, noon – 8 p.m. Saturday and noon – 5 p.m. Sunday. A special festival preview will be held from 6 – 9 p.m., Thurs., May 19.

The shuttle program, which marked its one-year anniversary in March, uses conversion vans equipped with wheelchair lifts leased from the PACE Suburban Bus System to link popular Village sites and many key mass transit routes. Operating on an hour-long loop from 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., seven days a week, except major holidays, the shuttle makes 21 stops at 30-minute intervals along an eight-mile course.

For more information on the shuttle program, call 358.5778 or email village@oak-park.us. For route and schedule information, call 615.1830. A route map and schedule is posted on the Village website, www.oak-park.us.

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