

# Benzie Bus is celebrating Rural Transit Day

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Benzie Bus is celebrating Rural Transit Day, a day dedicated to recognizing the importance of rural transit and the people who make it possible.  
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Connecting people to essential services, jobs, education and community events, rural transit plays a vital role in maintaining the quality of life.

To highlight and honor this crucial service, Benzie Bus is celebrating Rural Transit Day, a day dedicated to recognizing the importance of rural transit and the people who make it possible, by hosting a free community event from 1-4 p.m. on July 16 at the Mills Community House.

“We’re thrilled to bring our community partners together in order to celebrate Rural Transit Day and share information about all of the resources available in our community,” Sophia Hogarth, mobility coordinator, said.

Organizations participating in the event include the Benzie County Sheriff’s Office, Benzie EMS, Girl Scouts, Michigan Legacy Art Park and Northwest Michigan Works. Fun activities for the kids are planned as well, such as yard games, feeding alpacas and face painting.

“As our communities change and grow, and costs increase, the need for affordable public transportation also continues to increase,” said Jessica Carland, executive director. “We deliver people to important locations such as work, medical appointments, shopping, entertainment and other destinations. It’s a lifeline for those who can’t or don’t drive.”

Organizations interested in participating in this event should contact Sophia Hogarth at [mobility@benziebus.com](mailto:mobility@benziebus.com)

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