



Battle Creek Rotary Club RotoScoop May 22, 2023

Mallory Avis
Battle Creek Transit Director



Left to Right: President Ed Guzzo, Mallory Avis, BC Transit Director,
and Chuck Asher, Program Chair.

Mallory Avis, Director of Battle Transit Director, wants you to think of more than buses and boxy vans when you think of the BC Transit Department. The Department strives to consider the accessibility of the door-to-door trip for each unique individual. Everyone faces different challenges. Providing the needed mobility services to enable people to shop, work and go to medical appointments reduces social isolation and improves health. The department thinks the ability to move around one's community in order to meet basic needs is a fundamental right. It also turns out the investing in mobility strategies has a good return on investment, both for individuals and for communities.

The department considers visible barriers to mobility, such as curb cuts, stairs, the existence and condition of sidewalks, as well as invisible barriers. Invisible barrier examples include suburban sprawl, planning and traveling time, road and building codes, and funding.

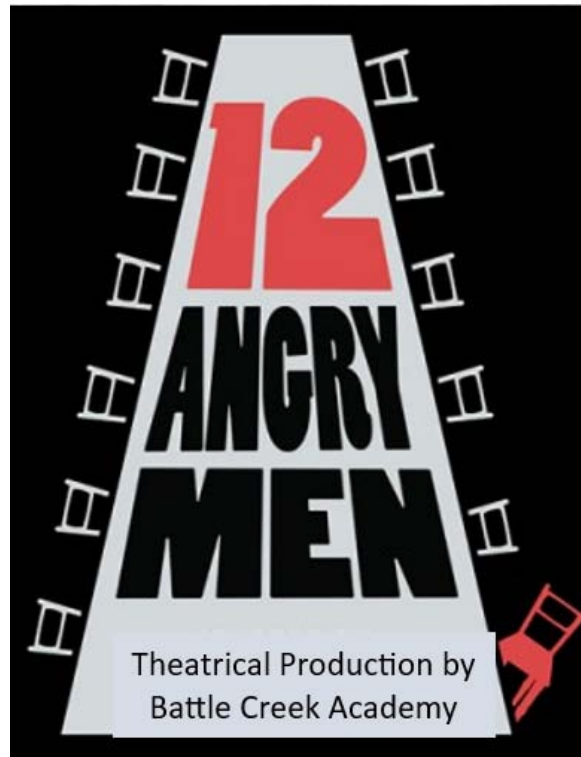
The Department also considers transit needs county-wide. Providers of transit services in the county are siloed. There are a few for profit services but they are very expensive. Nonprofit providers do not coordinate with each other, have limited hours and routes, and often serve only very specific populations.

To coordinate services across the county, there are discussions about establishing a Transit Authority for Calhoun County and a millage to pay for it. The City is also into year three of a pilot program that has two cars that provide individualized door-to-door service county-wide. The program is proving successful but a fleet of

cars will be needed to meet the need for rides. In the first 26 months of the program, it has provided 16,250 trips but during the same time they received 78,000 requests for rides.

OTHER NEWS...

Dinner is
Canceled
but the
Play is on!



50/50 Raffle!



The 12 Angry Men theatrical production by the Battle Creek Academy

is on for May 25, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

First Congregational Church Community Center

Play starts at 7:00 pm. There is no cost. Dessert will be served after the show.

The Red Rose Dinner itself was canceled due to poor tickets sales. All tickets for the dinner will be refunded. The 50/50 raffle will go on as planned. Look for further news on how we will celebrate our Red Rose honorees. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Revised Bylaws Vote has been pushed back several weeks to allow time for the Board to review all the comments we felt merited further edits. Thank you for your input! Watch your inbox for another version once the Board has time to complete two readings of proposed changes.

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) is accepting applications through May 31, 2023. Held over the summer it is a great opportunity for high school students. Contact [Cathy LaValley](#) for more information.

Member Orientation scheduled Monday, June 5, 2023, 11:00 a.m. right before the regular meeting at the Kool Center. Led by Kathy Gallagher and Greg Dunn, you will have the opportunity to learn about the Rotary at its various levels, International, District, and Club. Get all your Rotary questions answered.

Upcoming Speakers and Events

05 29 2023 Memorial Day
 No Meeting!!
06 05 2023 Kathy Szenda-Wilson
 Pulse
06 12 2023 Lt. Chris Young
 Calhoun Co. Crisis Management

Contact [Chuck Asher](#), [Talia Champlin](#), or [Chad Kryger](#) if you have any ideas for programming.

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