

Shuttle Tickets to Wistaria Available Online, Roundabout to Provide Free Shuttle From Gold Line

Tickets for the shuttle to the Wistaria Vine can now be purchased online at the Chamber's website, SierraMadreChamber.com. The Wistaria Festival is just days away, on March 30th, and now is the time to make sure you get tickets at the time that you want to view the vine. Cost of the tickets is \$10, and tickets are distributed based on one-hour time increments, to eliminate overcrowding at the Vine. Tickets are required to view the vine, and are free, but the shuttle up the somewhat daunting hill to the vine costs \$10. Shuttle tickets will get you in the vine, but walk-in tickets are required for those who don't take the shuttle.

It was also announced that the City's Gateway Coach will provide transportation free of charge for passenger's of the Gold Line, on a loop from the Sierra Madre Villa station to the City Hall parking lot, which is at the west end of the Festival, at Memorial Park where the food venues and children's attractions will be located. The loop will repeat every twenty minutes.

The Wistaria Vine has more than 1.5 million luxuriant lavender blossoms and is estimated to weigh in excess of 250 tons. It is more than one acre in size. It has been named by the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest blossoming plant in the world. It is also known as one of the seven horticultural wonders of the world, which also include the redwood forest in Sequoia National Park, Brazil's tropical jungle in the Amazon Valley, India's gardens of the Taj Mahal, and the gardens of Buckingham Palace.

In addition to providing the opportunity to view the vine, the Chamber of Commerce puts on a festival downtown, which will feature in excess of 170 craft and food vendors. More than a dozen bands will be performing in several different outdoor venues. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.SierraMadreChamber.com or contact the Chamber at (626) 355-5111.