

Planning for Driving Retirement



A Guide to Transportation Options for Older Adults



For drivers who are no longer able to navigate the road independently or are in need of private or public transportation.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Westchester County Bee-Line System – Senior and Disabled Services

The Bee-Line Bus System operates close to 60 bus routes providing service in and around



Westchester, to the Bronx, Manhattan and Putnam. Bee-Line buses are designed with safety features to accommodate seniors including "kneeling" buses, ramps or lifts for wheelchairs. Visit <http://transportation.westchestergov.com/senior-and-disabled-services> or call (914) 813-7777.



Senior Reduced Fare Program

Individuals at least 65 years of age, pay a

reduced fare on the Bee-Line fixed route service. For easier travel, individuals can apply for a Reduced Fare MetroCard that is personalized with their name and photograph. Visit <http://transportation.westchestergov.com/bee-line/fares-and-metrocard>

Westchester County Bee-Line Para Transit Service

Para Transit service provides transportation on an advanced reservation basis for people with disabilities who are not able to ride a regular fixed-route bus. Para Transit is a curb-to-curb, Origin to Destination Service. You must be certified to use all Para Transit service.

For information about Para Transit and the certification process call (914) 995-7272 or visit, <http://transportation.westchestergov.com/bee-line/paratransit>

COUNTYWIDE SAFETY PROGRAMS

Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety programs are sponsored by Westchester County and offered free of charge. To schedule a program visit: <http://keepingsafe.westchestergov.com/pedestrians>

NHTSA main page on pedestrians – a brochure "Everyone is a Pedestrian" w/tips for walkers and drivers, visit <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving-Safety/Pedestrians>

Senior - Be Educated About Transit (B.E.A.T) Program How to Ride Presentation

Senior - Be Educated About Transit Program is a transit orientation program that instructs Westchester seniors on how to safely and successfully use the Bee-Line System to promote greater travel independence. Seniors will learn about key bus safety and "how to ride" skills, the accessible features available on a Bee-Line bus and how to use the Reduced Fare Program. Call (914) 995-1621 or visit <http://transportation.westchestergov.com/transit-education/senior-b-e-a-t>

VISIONS Service for the Blind and Visually Impaired

When someone loses his/her vision there are many day-to-day activities that become challenging both in the home and in the community. These challenges require training and adaptations to improve someone's overall safety and independence. VISIONS has a team approach to help you and your family learn the techniques to live with vision loss and remain active at school, home, work and in the community. In addition to instruction in daily living skills at home, VISIONS provides older individuals with vision loss instruction in how to cross street safely and how to travel on public transportation. Call 1-888-245-8333 or visit <https://www.visionsvcb.org>

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS



RideConnect Volunteer Transportation Program and Information/Referral Service

RideConnect, a program of Family Services of Westchester, provides information, referral and volunteer transportation services to older adults (60+), in Westchester County. Rides can be scheduled for medical, shopping, or other errands. Services are free, and rides can be provided on weekends and evenings. RideConnect also offers a weekly shopping bus. Call 914-242-7433 or visit www.RideConnectWestchester.org

WestFair Rides

WestFair Rides (WFR) is a not for profit volunteer ride and information and referral service that manages ride choices for Westchester residents who are aged 60+ or 21+ with vision impairments. WFR works with other service organizations, hospitals, medical groups, town recreation departments and older adult programs to ensure that residents keep medical and healthcare appointments. WFR does not charge for its ride services, but does accept donations which it uses to recognize and reward its volunteer drivers who pay for their own gas and insurance. Call 914-764-3533 or visit www.westfairrides.org

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WJCS – Project Time-Out

Project Time-Out provides in-home respite and escort services to older adults over the age of 60. This offers their caregivers a much needed break. The service involves providing compassionate care and supervision to those who are too frail to be left alone, have dementia or to those who require assistance when going out. Companions will visit the home to offer companionship, socialization, help cook a meal, escort an older person on errands, medical appointment or on an outing usually by taxi, ParaTransit, or by a caregiver or friend driving them. Clients are responsible for providing the transportation and any costs involved in the outing. Call 914-761 0600 ext.310 or visit www.wjcs.com

American Cancer Society – Road to Recovery

Road to Recovery provides cancer patients with ground transportation to and from cancer-related medical appointments at no charge. Rides are dependent on volunteer driver availability. Patients must be able to walk unassisted to and from the vehicle, or have an accompanying caregiver to assist. Call 1-800 227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org/treatment/supportprogramsservices/road-to-recovery

PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

At Home On the Sound

Phone: 914-899-3150
www.athomeonthesound.org
Service Hours: 9 AM to 5 PM
Service Fee: Membership fee required
Transports Disabled: Yes
Requirements: Age 60 and above/Membership fee required

At Home in Somers

Phone: 914-719-2082
E-mail: athomeinsomers386@gmail.com

F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Helping)

Phone: 914-478-0688 www.hastingsgov.org
Service Hours: 9 AM to 5 AM
Service Fee: free
Transports Disabled: yes
Requirements: Must be a resident of Hastings. Provides rides to medical or dental appointments within Westchester County only. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers.

F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Helping)

Mt. Kisco & Bedford Hills
914-666-2255

It Takes a Village 10591 (ITAV)

Phone: 914-222-5116
www.itav10591.org
E-mail: info@itav10591.org
Service Hours: 9AM – 5PM, Mon- Fri (except holidays)
Service Fee: Free to members (annual specially-priced membership fee = \$25)
Mission: To provide support & services that help seniors in our community to remain independent in their homes.

New Rochelle Cares AIP

Phone: 914-563-8368
Service Hours: Dependent on need
Service Fee: Free to members
Transports Disabled: No
Requirements: Age 60 and above/must be resident of New Rochelle.

Ambulatory/Non-medically related appointments

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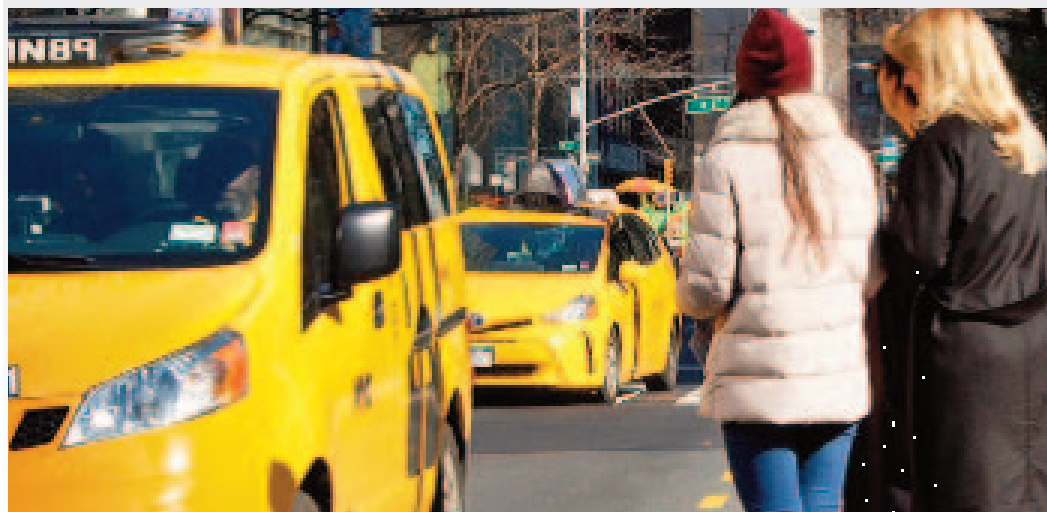
Phone: 914-481-5706
www.sprye.org
Service Hours: 9 AM to 5 PM
Service Fee: annual membership fee required
Transports Disabled: Yes, limited capabilities
Requirements: Age 60 and above must be a resident of Port Chester, Harrison, Rye, and Rye Brook

Cancer Support Team

Contact Persons: Mercedes Estabridis or Gini Ricca
Address: 2900 Westchester Ave Suite 103, Purchase NY 10577
Phone: 914-777-2777

Gramatan Village

Phone: 914-337-1338
Email: info@gramatanvillage.org
www.gramatanvillage.org
Gramatan Village engages community residents who want to remain in the home and neighborhood they love. We support aging-in-community with a network of volunteers, community partnerships and peer connections that enable members to stay independent and fully engaged in the community.
Service hours: 9AM – 5 PM, Mon – Fri
Service Fee:
Transportation provided to Members Only Annual Membership Fee Required
Transports Disabled:
No – will transport those using walkers
Must reside in following zip codes: 10707, 10708, 10709, 10583, 10552



ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Medicaid Transportation - For information on eligibility requirements for Medicaid transportation contact Medical Answering Services LLC at 800- 850-5340 or visit the website at www.medanswering.com.

Insurance Company - Check with your insurance carrier to see if they offer medical transportation or reimbursement for transportation to and from medical appointments.

Houses of Worship - Contact your local House of Worship to ask if they provide transportation services.

Local Taxi Service - Contact your local taxi company. Many taxi companies offer discounts or special services for local trips.

Community/Senior Center - Contact your local Parks and Recreation Department/ Senior Center to learn what transportation services are available to residents.
(See chart for details)

Local Park and Recreation Programs		
Ardasley	Ardasley Village Senior Center	(914) 636-1550
Bedford, Town of	Bedford Senior Citizens (Parks and Rec.)	(914) 666-7203
Briarcliff Manor Village of	Briarcliff Manor Senior Services	(914) 941-6129
Cortlandt, Town of	Cortlandt Office of the Aging	(914) 528-8377
Dobbs Ferry	Dobbs Ferry Senior Program	(914) 231-8529
Eastchester, Town of	Eastchester Senior Services	(914) 771-3340
Greenburgh, Town of	Greenburgh Senior Services	(914) 989-1807
Harrison, Town/Village of	Harrison Senior Rec. Center	(914) 670-3026
Hastings on Hudson	Hastings on Hudson Senior Outreach	(914) 478-2380
Irvington	Irvington Senior Programs	(914) 591-7786
Larchmont	Mamaroneck Senior Center	(914) 834-8840
Lewisboro, Town of	Lewisboro Senior Adults Parks and Rec.	(914) 232-6162
Mamaroneck Town/Village	Mamaroneck Senior Center	(914) 834-8840
Mt. Kisco	Fox Senior Center	(914) 666-8931
Mount Pleasant, Town of	Office of Elder Americans	(914) 592-6441
Mount Vernon, City of	Mount Vernon Department of Rec.	(914) 665-2420
New Castle, Town of	Town of New Castle Senior Services	(914) 238-8888
North Castle, Town of	North Castle Recreation & Parks Dept.	(914) 273-3325
North Salem, Town of	North Salem Senior Programs	(914) 669-5665
New Rochelle , City of	New Rochelle Office of the Aging	(914) 235-2363
Ossining, Town of	Ossining Senior Services	(914) 762-1350
Peekskill, City of	Peekskill Senior Center	(914) 734-4250
Pelham, Town of	Pelham Recreation	(914) 738-0153
Pleasantville	Clinton Street Center	(914) 769-2021
Port Chester	Port Chester Senior Community Center	(914) 939-4975
Pound Ridge, Town of	Neighbor to Neighbor	(914) 764-8201
Rye, Town of	Rye Recreation Department	(914) 967-2535
Rye Brook	Rye Brook Senior Center	(914) 939-7904
Sleepy Hollow	Sleepy Hollow Recreation & Parks	(914) 366-5109
Somers, Town of	Somers Senior Services	(914) 232-0807
Tarrytown	Tarrytown Recreation Department	(914) 631-8347
Tuckahoe Village of	Tuckahoe Senior Center	(914) 337-8487
White Plains, City of	White Plains Senior Center	(914) 422-1423
Yonkers, City of	Yonkers Office of Aging	(914) 963-4411
Yorktown, Town of	Yorktown Senior Services	(914) 962-7447