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.

George Latimer, County Executive
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Department of Senior Programs and Services
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 half 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

Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety educational presentations are sponsored by Westchester County and offered free of charge. Upon completion of this class participants will be able to identify the most common situations that increase the chances of being hit by a car and learn the best ways to take control of potential dangers. Call (914) 995-2270 to schedule a presentation for your group.

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

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

TRA: How Mobility and Resources Empower Your Community

TRA, formerly WestFair Rides, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that manages mobility options for older adults and adults with low vision. With the help of a dedicated community of volunteers, TRA provides transportation to medical/dental appointments for Westchester residents age 60+ and for adults with low vision aged 21+. TRA’s Call Center provides extensive information, referral and scheduling services by phone at (914) 764-3533 and online on the TRA Resource Hub at https://my-TRA.org.
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Hastings F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Helping) provides rides to medical or dental appointments within Westchester County only. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers.

It Takes a Village 10591 (ITAV)
Phone: (914) 222-5116
www.itav10591.org
E-mail: info@itav10591.org
Service Hours: 9:15AM – 4:45PM, Mon– Fri (except holidays)
Service Fee: Yearly membership fee
Mission: To provide support & services that help seniors 55 + in our community to remain independent in their homes.

New Rochelle Cares AIP
Phone: (914) 563-8368
www.newrochelleanes.org
Transportation provided to Members Only Annual Membership Fee Required
Transports Disabled: No
Requirements: Age 60 and above/must be resident of New Rochelle.
Ambulatory/Non-medically related appointments.

Cancer Support Team
Phone: (914) 777-2777
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**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)

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