

BROOKLINE TRANSPORTATION

Resources for Elders and Caregivers

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Listed below are transportation resources available in the town of Brookline. If you would like additional information about town services or about elder services in general, please call 617-926-4100 and ask for the Information & Referral Department, or e-mail us at inforef@springwell.com.

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| Busy Bee Transportation (funded by Springwell) | <i>Medical, Adult Day Health</i> Busy Bee provides medical and day care transportation from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (doctors' appointments should be scheduled no earlier than 10:00 a.m. and no later than 2:00 p.m. to ensure a ride each way). Transportation is available to hospitals and doctors' offices in all Springwell towns except Brookline, as well as to the major hospitals in Boston. A reservation must be made at least 2 business days in advance. A donation of \$4.00 each way is requested. Busy Bee can only be used until The RIDE application is approved (see below for more information on The RIDE). Private pay arrangements can also be made for transportation to Adult Day Health centers. | 800-427-0230 |
| Brookline Elder Taxi Service Program (BETS) | <i>Medical, Non Medical</i> The Brookline Elder Taxi Service, sponsored by Brookline Council on Aging, CDBG, and all licensed Brookline cab companies, is a coupon discount program that allows eligible elders to buy coupon books worth \$10 for \$5. An individual must be 60 or older and show proof of Brookline residency. Income cannot exceed \$45,100 for an individual or \$51,550 for a couple. Applications are accepted and tickets can be purchased at the BETS office of the COA at 93 Winchester Street (Mon – Wed noon to 4pm) or by mail. | 617-730-2740 |
| Home Escort and Linkage Program (HELP) | <i>Medical, Non Medical</i> Depending on worker availability, this program can provide limited transportation. Most workers charge \$13-\$14 per hour and must be retained for a minimum of two hours. For more information call the Brookline COA HELP Program. This program requires advance registration. | 617-730-2752 |

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| The RIDE | <p><i>Medical, Non Medical, Adult Day Health</i></p> <p>The RIDE is operated by the MBTA and it is handicapped accessible. The RIDE provides medical and non-medical transportation on a space available basis to many destinations, including adult day health centers. The program requires an application, which must be approved by a physician, nurse, or licensed social worker. When approved, an identification number is assigned to the client. The client maintains a balance of funds with the RIDE by using one of the following: credit card, debit card, check or money order; \$2.00 flat fee is deducted for each ride regardless of area traveled.</p> | <p>For application 617-222-5123</p> |
| Senior Medical Escort Program - Springwell | <p><i>Medical</i></p> <p>This program matches frail seniors with volunteers to drive and/or accompany them to medical appointments between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Boston and in the Springwell area. To be eligible, an individual needs to be age 60 or older, unable to get to medical appointments independently, and able to get in and out of the car with minimal assistance. An individual is responsible for tolls and parking fees. The requested donation is \$4.00 each way. Call Springwell at least one week before the appointment.</p> | <p>To set up a ride 877-765-7433</p> <p>617-926-4100</p> |
| Brookline Elder Bus | <p><i>Medical, Non Medical, Senior Center, Community Dining Site, Food Shopping</i></p> <p>The Elder Bus operates on a fixed route, Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (3:30 is drop-off only). The bus makes five runs daily that include the Brookline Senior Center, elderly housing sites, shopping areas and the Longwood Medical Area. Please call the C.O.A. to request a schedule. Suggested donation is \$.50 each way. Please call Elderbus Hotline to confirm that the bus is running on a given day.</p> | <p>617-730-2778 hotline</p> <p>617-730-2777 general info</p> |
| Brookline Senior Center VAN | <p><i>Senior Center, Community Dining Site</i></p> <p>The Van provides door to door transportation (within the Brookline area) to the Senior Center for educational and social programs and activities. The van's hours of operation are Monday - Wednesday, from 9am to 4pm and Thursday, from 10 am to 4 pm. Suggested donation is \$1.00 each way. For more information or to schedule a ride, please call the Senior Center.</p> | <p>617-730-2750 (call by 3p.m. the day before)</p> |

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