

# NEEDHAM TRANSPORTATION

## Resources for Elders and Caregivers

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Listed below are transportation resources available in the town of Needham. 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](mailto:inforef@springwell.com).

<b>Needham Council On Aging</b>	<i>Non Medical, Senior Center, Community Dining Site, Food Shopping</i> The Needham COA will provide elders in Needham with transportation to and from the senior center via their handicapped accessible van. Advance reservations are requested. They provide rides to the Senior Center 5 days a week. The van also provides food shopping transportation on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Elders must sign up in advance through the COA. In addition, the COA also offers discount Airport taxi vouchers. Please contact the Needham COA for further information.	781-455-7555
<b>Needham Community Council</b>	<i>Medical, Non-medical</i> The Needham Community Council provides medical transportation to Needham residents 60 and older. The Community Council will arrange for volunteer driver transportation to medical appointments within the town of Needham and around the borders of Needham, including to Newton-Wellesley Hospital and Dedham Medical. Three days notice is required for a medical ride. Also offered on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM is a van for personal errands within Needham. Two days notice is requested, and donations are accepted for both services.	781-444-2415
<b>Busy Bee Transportation</b> (funded by Springwell)	<i>Medical, Adult Day Health</i> Busy Bee provides medical transportation from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (appointments should be scheduled no earlier than 10:00 AM and no later than 2:00 PM to ensure a ride each way). Transportation is	800-427-0230

available to hospitals and doctor's offices in all Springwell area towns except within Needham, and also to the major medical centers in Boston. A reservation must be made at least 2 business days in advance. A donation of \$4.00 each way is requested. Private pay arrangements can be made for transportation to adult day health centers.

**The RIDE**

*Medical, Non Medical, Adult Day Health*  
The RIDE is operated by the MBTA and 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 (Needham COA Outreach will help fill out application), which needs to be approved by a physician, nurse, or licensed social worker. When approved, an identification number is assigned to the client. Clients maintain a balance of funds with the RIDE by using either a credit card, debit card, check or money order; \$2.00 flat rate per ride is deducted regardless of area traveled.

For Application:  
617-222-5123  
  
To Set Up A Ride:  
888-920-7433

**Senior Medical Escort Program - Springwell**

*Medical*  
The program matches frail seniors with volunteers to drive and/or accompany them to medical appointments between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM in Boston and the Springwell area. To be eligible, an individual must be 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.

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