

# WALTHAM TRANSPORTATION

## Resources for Elders and Caregivers

Provided by **Springwell**  
125 Walnut Street, Watertown, MA 02472  
617-926-4100

Listed below are transportation resources available in the City of Waltham. If you would like additional information about City 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)

### **Council on Aging Medical Van**

#### *Medical*

Provides all Waltham medical transportation from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The van also goes to the Waltham Urgent Care Center and to medical offices on Hope Avenue. At least two-business days notice is required. Wheelchair service is available. There is no fee for the service, but donations are accepted.

781-899-7228

### **Suburban Med-Ride (funded by Springwell)**

#### *Medical Rides*

Provides medical transportation from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (best availability is 10am -3pm). Transportation is available to hospitals and to doctor's offices *outside* Waltham. The van goes to Mass General and the Longwood Medical Area in Boston, Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Mt. Auburn Hosp, Newton Wellesley Hosp., and St. Elizabeth's Hosp. Call between 9am and 3pm at least 3 business days in advance. An appointment can be scheduled no more than two weeks in advance. The service is accessible for those using wheelchairs and a medical escort may ride with the elder but the caller must inform Suburban about the wheelchair and escort accommodations. A donation of \$4.00 each way is requested. Please make the check payable to Suburban Med-Ride and send the donation to Suburban Med-Ride, 1050 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. Please note on the check that it is a donation for the Springwell medical ride.

1-866-633-7433

### **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 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in

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Boston and the Springwell area. To be eligible, an individual needs to be over 60, unable to get to medical appointments independently, and able to get in and out of the volunteers car with minimal assistance. The elder is responsible for tolls and parking fees. The requested donation is \$4.00 each way. Call one week before an appointment.

**Council on Aging Shopping Bus**

*Food Shopping*

The Shopping Bus goes to the Hannaford Market on Main Street on Thursday mornings at 8:00a.m. and to the Shaw's on River Street on Thursday at 12:20p.m. There is no fee for the service, but donations are accepted.

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**Council on Aging Taxi Discounts**

*Taxi Discounts (Medical, Non Medical, Senior Center, Community Dining Site)*

Waltham Seniors, over age 60, can purchase taxi discount vouchers once proof of age has been established. Taxi vouchers may be purchased each month. Each voucher book contains 10 vouchers. The cost is \$5.00 (a voucher is worth \$1.00). Recipients of SSI will be charged \$2.50 per book. Initial purchases must be made at the Waltham COA at 488 Main Street. Subsequent purchases may be made through the mail by check made out to the "City of Waltham". These vouchers can be used for transportation to the Senior Center and to the Meal Site which is at the Senior Center. Vouchers can't be used for transportation to the airport.

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**The RIDE**

*Medical, Non Medical, Adult Day Health*

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 needs to be approved by a physician, nurse, or licensed social worker. Once approved, the client is given an identification number. 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  
877-765-7433

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