

WELLESLEY TRANSPORTATION

Resources for Elders and Caregivers

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Listed below are transportation resources available in the town of Wellesley. 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.

Busy Bee Transportation (funded by Springwell)	<i>Medical, Adult Day Health</i> Busy Bee provides medical transportation from 9:00am to 4:00 p.m. (appointments should be scheduled no earlier than 10:00a.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 within Wellesley. Transportation is available 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.	800-427-0230
The RIDE	<i>Medical, Non Medical, Adult Day Health</i> 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, which needs to 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 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	<i>Medical</i> The program matches frail seniors with volunteers to drive and/or accompany them to medical appointments between 8:00am and 5:00 p.m. in Boston and the Springwell area. To be eligible, an	617-926-4100

individual needs to be 60 years old 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 at least one week ahead.

Wellesley Council On Aging

Medical, Non Medical, Community Center, Community Dining Site, Food Shopping

COA:781-235-3961
M&L:781-938-7841

The COA, through a contract with M&L Transportation, offers a bus for people age 60 and over living in the Town of Wellesley. The bus is available to take seniors to destinations within Wellesley from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday (including the Community Center and the Community Dining Site) bus will make trips to Newton Wellesley Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Needham, Metrowest Medical Center in Natick, and the Woodland T stop. Trips to Wal-Mart or The Christmas Tree Shop will alternate months with trips to the Natick Mall. The trips take place on the last Thursday of each month. The COA bus is \$1.00 each way. Please call M&L when you are done with your appointment to request your return trip. Please schedule a ride at least 2 business days in advance. You must have COA tickets to use the bus. Tickets can be purchased at the COA office or through the mail.

As a free service, the Council on Aging offers a grocery shopping trip every Wednesday at 10:00am to Roche Brothers and Star Market. Please call at least 48 hours in advance to schedule transportation, although more notice is best. Call M&L Transportation directly to schedule your ride. You must have COA bus tickets that can be purchased at the COA office or through the mail.

Residents age 60 +, eligible to use the food pantry can use the COA bus on Tuesdays to get to and from the food pantry (effective Feb 2009).