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TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR WELLESLEY SENIOR CITIZENS

Each transportation source has its own requirements, geographic parameters, hours of service, and cost. See chart for more detailed information.

<u>Service & Where it will take you</u>	<u>Hours of Service</u>	<u>How to schedule a ride</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Other Comments</u>
Wellesley Council on Aging Bus Within Wellesley plus Newton Wellesley Hospital, BI Deaconess in Needham, MetroWest Hospital in Natick, Woodland T. Also monthly trip to Natick Mall <u>or</u> Walmart <u>or</u> Christmas Tree Shop (rotates monthly)	9am-4pm, Mon-Fri <u>Free</u> grocery shop to Roche Bros or Whole Foods every Wednesday; Last Thursday of month = mall trip	At least 2 business days in advance. Can occasionally accommodate last minute requests (call to find out) Call: 781-938-7841	\$1.00 each way. Tickets available from COA office	Accommodates wheelchair. Please notify bus service if you will be using wheelchair when you call for reservations.
Wellesley COA Volunteer Driver Program (<i>Funded by a grant from The Fund for Wellesley</i>) Metrowest Area; <i>no trips to Boston</i>	Weekdays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays	At least 3 business days in advance. Call 508-479-9301	Tolls and parking	Primarily for non-medical rides.
Busy Bee Boston, Belmont, Brookline, Needham, Newton, Waltham, Watertown, Weston, Boston: <u><i>medical appointments only</i></u>	Weekdays: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (for appointments between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)	At least 2 business days in advance. 1-800-427-0230	Voluntary donation \$4.00 each way	Grant funded through Springwell. Medical appointments only (do not need to be a Springwell client). Wheelchair accessible.
Springwell Medical Escort Program Belmont, Brookline, Needham, Newton, Waltham, Watertown, Wellesley, Weston, and Boston medical appointments	Weekdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	At least one week in advance. Call Volunteer Coordinator: 617-926-4100	Tolls and parking (plus a 50-cents per mile donation requested/not required)	For those unable to get to medical appointment independently, but able to get in and out of car with minimal assistance only (do not need to be a Springwell client).

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The Ride (a service of the MBTA) Anywhere North, South, and East of Wellesley (other services cover most of Western Mass)	7 days a week 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.	At least 24 hours in advance. For application, call (617) 222-5123.	\$2.00 each way	Requires approval by application process & approval by Doctor/Social Worker. Unable to use standard public transportation, needs assistance from door to curb, visual impairment or other disability. Wheelchair accessible. For application, call (617) 222-5123.
Independent Transportation Network of Greater Boston (ITN) – part of a national non-profit transportation system for members 60 years and older and the visually impaired. Unique model in that entire community is part of system. Businesses give discounts to members, seniors can drive and earn credits to bank for their own use or that of a low-income neighbor.	7 days a week, 24 hours a day serving Fenway, Mission Hill, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, West Roxbury, Allston, Brighton, Brookline, Newton, Needham, Wellesley, Natick, Framingham, Ashland	24 hours before give members best price. Contact Jean Bushnell 781-296-1495	Base rate plus mileage. Members pay membership fee and open transportation account.	Any destination, medical appointments, shopping, cultural activities, classes, health and wellness, club meetings etc. Arm through arm, door through door service. Trained volunteers and paid drivers use sedans. Cashless system, no tipping. When members agree to ride with other members deep discounts apply. www.itngreaterboston.org .

If you want a ride for a social/self-care purpose, consider: Wellesley Council on Aging Bus, The Ride, Independent Transportation Network of Greater Boston, or the Council on Aging Volunteer Drivers Program.

If you want a ride for a medical appointment, consider: Wellesley Council on Aging Bus, Springwell Medical Escort Program, Busy Bee, The Ride, Independent Transportation Network of Greater Boston, or the Council on Aging Volunteer Drivers Program.

For Boston medical appointments, consider: Busy Bee, Springwell Medical Escort Program, and The Ride.

Make sure that you check the specific details of each option in the chart.

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TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



Wellesley Council on Aging/Senior Transportation

The Council on Aging bus, contracted through M&L Transportation, is an affordable way for seniors (age 60 and over) to get to any destination within Wellesley. The bus is wheelchair accessible.

The bus also goes to these locations outside of Wellesley:

Newton Wellesley Hospital in Newton; Beth Israel-Deaconess Hospital in Needham; Metrowest Medical Center in Natick (Leonard Morse); Woodland T Stop in Newton. **Trips to Wal-Mart and The Christmas Tree Shop (the last Thursday of the month) alternate months with trips to the Natick Mall.**

The Council on Aging bus costs \$1.00 each way (\$2.00 round trip).

You must have tickets to use the bus. Tickets are \$1.00 each, and you may buy as many or as few as you like.

Do you need Council on Aging bus tickets? Here's how to obtain them:

- * You can come to the Council on Aging office Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm to buy them in person. Our address is 219 Washington Street in Wellesley, MA 02481.
- * You can send us a check (payable to the Town of Wellesley) along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and we'll send your tickets by return mail, usually within 2 to 3 days.
- * If those options for obtaining bus tickets are difficult for you, please call the Council on Aging at 781-235-3961, and we will make other arrangements with you to get your tickets.

How Does the Service Work?

The transportation service runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is recommended that you call at least 2 business days in advance to schedule a ride, though it's best if you can give more notice because the bus gets booked very quickly.

The bus company is occasionally able to accommodate last minute requests, if the schedule allows.

M&L Transportation will accept bus reservations up to one month in advance. You should call M&L directly at 781-938-7841.

When your appointment is finished, you should call M&L directly to let them know you are ready for your return trip home.

*** FREE Trip every Wednesday at 10:00 to Roche Brothers ***
Please limit to 7 grocery bags per household during shopping trips

The Wellesley Council on Aging is funded in part by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Springwell, Inc.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE COA 781-235-3961

Wellesley Council on Aging Bus



Enjoy riding the bus to your favorite shopping destinations!

Now driving to the Natick Mall and
Wal-Mart and Christmas Tree Shop Plaza

The Wellesley Council on Aging bus will be serving each location on alternating months. Please see the schedule below for dates. We hope to see you on the bus!

January 26, 2012 – Natick Mall
February 23, 2012 – Wal-Mart or The Christmas Tree Shop
March 29, 2012 – Natick Mall
April 26, 2012 – Wal-Mart or The Christmas Tree Shop
May 31, 2012 – Natick Mall
June 28, 2012 – Wal-Mart or The Christmas Tree Shop
July 26, 2012 – Natick Mall
August 30, 2012 – Wal-Mart or The Christmas Tree Shop

If your transportation needs cannot be met by these options, please call the Council on Aging at 235-3961. We will research the availability of other options and possibilities for you.

Additional Transportation Resources

Busy Bee Transportation Service

The Busy Bee is funded through a grant from Springwell. Busy Bee does not go to doctors' offices or medical buildings within Wellesley, but they will take you to destinations outside of Wellesley, such as Belmont, Brookline, Needham, Newton, Waltham, Watertown, Weston, and to hospitals and medical appointments in Boston. Service is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (doctors' appointments should be scheduled no earlier than 10am and no later than 2pm to ensure a ride each way). You must call at least 2 business days in advance, but it is recommended that you call as soon as you have scheduled your medical appointment. The cost for this service is a voluntary donation of \$4.00 each way. You should call **1-800-427-0230** for reservations. Be sure to call between the hours of 9 am and 3pm. For information, you can call the Council on Aging, or the Busy Bee office at (508) 881-2120. You cannot schedule a ride through this office number. You must use the "800" number listed above.

MBTA's The Ride

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) offers a program for elders and people with disabilities called The Ride. A person must be unable to use standard public transportation, unable to walk from the door to the curb unassisted, have a vision impairment, or be otherwise disabled in order to be eligible for this service. The Ride operates 7 days per week, and is primarily used for medical appointments, though you can use it for other purposes if there is availability. To use The Ride, you must fill out an application. Your doctor or a social worker must fill out one page of the application, stating your disability and the reason you need this service. Once you have been determined eligible, you should call at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride. Cost is \$2.00 each way (effective 1/1/07). For more information, or to get an application, please call **(617) 222-5123**.

Springwell Senior Medical Escort Program

This program matches frail seniors with a volunteer to drive and/ or accompany them to medical appointments between 9:00am and 5:00pm in Boston and the Springwell area (Belmont, Brookline, Needham, Newton, Waltham, Watertown, Wellesley, Weston). A person must be 60 years of age or older, be unable to get to medical appointments independently, and be able to get in and out of a car with minimal assistance. An individual is asked to pay for tolls and parking fees. A donation of 50 cents per mile is requested. To arrange for a ride, call Wendy Adlerstein at Springwell, **617-926-4100**, at least one week before your appointment.

MBTA Senior Pass

For those people who are able to take standard public transportation from the MBTA, such as the green line trolley or the commuter rail, you can obtain an **MBTA Senior Pass** for discounted fares. Discounted rides and passes require a Senior CharlieCard available at the Senior & Access Pass Office located at Back Bay Station or at the Senior/TAP ID Center at Downtown Crossing Station (located on the Summer Street Subway Concourse between Washington and Chauncy Streets). Office hours for both locations are Monday through Friday, 8:30a.m. - 5:00p.m. (closed on holidays). Call 617-222-5976, 617-222-5854 (TTY), or 1-800-543-8287. You may also view the MBTA website at http://www.mbta.com/fares_and_passes/reduced_fare_programs for more information.

Please note: Customers with Senior IDs issued prior to May/June 2005, must obtain a new Senior CharlieCard, available at the two locations noted above.