

Social and Recreation Programs

A variety of trips and programs, as listed in the bi-monthly Senior Services newsletter are sponsored, scheduled and staffed through the Town's Senior Services Department. Bi-monthly Newsletters are available in the Senior Service office, on the website and in the vehicles.



Suggested Donations

No fees are charged.

Suggested donations are as follows:
\$5.00—Round trip, Town of Bethlehem
\$15.00—Round trip, Albany Area
Donations offset the cost of gasoline and maintenance.

Suggested donations for Social and Recreational Programs are listed in the newsletter according to the program location.

Weather Advisory

When the Albany City, Bethlehem Central, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk or Guilderland School Districts cancel or delay due to inclement weather, Bethlehem Senior Transportation may cancel also. Call the Senior Services office for further information.



The Senior Services Director reserves the right to make decisions regarding the appropriateness of transport at any time.

*Vehicles are not available for the following:
Outside groups, in conjunction with or between skilled and assistive living care facilities, transport to and from employment/ volunteer jobs*

*An "independently living resident of the Town" is a person who lives in a home or apartment in the Town of Bethlehem and does not reside in an adult care facility, retirement community, skilled nursing facility or rehabilitation facility. A proof of residency may be requested.



Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service

445 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054

439-5770 or 439-4955 ext. 1176

www.townofbethlehem.org



Since 1984, a transportation program, staffed by community volunteers serving independently living residents of the Town of Bethlehem age 60 and older*

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service

A cooperative project of both the
Town of Bethlehem Senior Services and
Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Transportation is prioritized as follows:

- Chemo/Radiation/Dialysis
- Medical and other related appointments
- Geriatric daycare
- Grocery shopping
- Monthly Shopping Center Trips
- Hairdresser and barber appointments in the Town of Bethlehem ONLY, on first come first served basis, on Thursdays only.
- Banks and pharmacies in the Town of Bethlehem, as scheduling allows.



- Visitations of loved ones in the hospital or skilled nursing facility (Bethlehem), DMV and other non-medical transports are considered based on daily routing schedules and space on the vehicles.
- Voting available on a pre-arranged basis.



"If this program wasn't available a number of people we transport would not be able to stay in their homes."

Alan Lewis-Volunteer Driver

"I think there are a lot of people living independently in their own home or apartment because of these services."

Jim Krulcik-Volunteer Driver

"This is a great place to live and we like to give back to our community." Volunteer

"Neighbors helping Neighbors."

Gerry Schimanski-Volunteer Driver

"Rules of the Ride"

- Before accessing transportation, an Intake Form **must** be completed. The form is available on-line or in the Senior Services Department of the Bethlehem Town Hall.
- Reservations are made on a pre-arranged basis by calling 439-5770 Monday-Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- Plan to schedule your appointments Monday through Friday no earlier than 8:00 A.M. and no later than 2:00 P.M.
- The service, which is strictly "curb to curb" includes cars, vans and handicapped accessible vehicles equipped with hydraulic wheelchair lifts or ramps.
- Lifting of clients and/or wheelchairs is not permitted. Wheelchair ramps and entranceways must meet code requirements.
- All passengers who utilize the service must be able to sit upright during transport and be able to follow basic directions.
- Ambulatory clients must be able to enter and exit vehicles with little or no assistance.
- Service is offered within a 17 mile radius of the Bethlehem Town Hall. We do not provide transportation to Ravena, Rensselaer or Schenectady counties.

