

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

*445 Delaware Avenue  
Delmar, New York 12054  
439-5770 or  
439-4955 x 4*

*A transportation program serving  
independently living Residents of the  
Town of Bethlehem  
age 60 and older*



## BETHLEHEM SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service is a cooperative project of both the Town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. The service was started in 1984 to provide a transportation option to independently living residents of the Town of Bethlehem\* age 60 and over. Community volunteers assist with van reservations and drive the vehicles. The service, which is strictly “curb to curb”, includes cars, vans and handicapped accessible vehicles with hydraulic wheelchair lifts. As no lifting of clients is permitted, wheelchair passengers must have wheelchair-accessible entranceways. *Assistance can be provided on ramps built to code and from the curb into and out of the vehicles.* All passengers who utilize the service must be able to sit upright during transports and be able to follow basic direction. 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 Town Hall, as determined by staff, and is based on priority as outlined on p. 4. We are unable to transport persons to and from places of employment.

Reservations for transportation can be made on a pre-arranged basis by calling the van volunteers at 439-5770, Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call as far ahead as possible for medical appointments. Transportation is available weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged **NOT** to make appointments after 2:00 p.m. Transportation destinations such as grocery shopping, monthly trips to shopping malls and social outings are pre-scheduled and are listed in the Senior Services newsletter which is available in the Senior Services office, on the Town of Bethlehem web site \*\* and on the senior transportation vehicles. Requests for visitations and other non-medical transports are considered based on daily routing schedules and space on the vehicles. Riders are encouraged to work with Senior Service staff members to accommodate needs or to make alternative arrangements.

An Intake Form, obtained through the Senior Services Department, **must** be completed and returned to the Senior Services office before accessing transportation services.

*\* Residing independently implies living in an apartment or house; not residing in a adult care facility, retirement community, skilled nursing facility or rehabilitation facility.*

*\*\* [www.townofbethlehem.org/Departments, Services and Facilities](http://www.townofbethlehem.org/Departments, Services and Facilities;);  
Senior Services Department*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **MONDAY--**

- Medical and other appointments
- Geriatric Daycare\*\*
- Senior Lunch Program
- Monthly Shopping Center Trip

### **TUESDAY--**

- Medical and other appointments
- Geriatric Daycare\*\*

### **WEDNESDAY--**

- Medical and other appointments
- Geriatric Daycare\*\*
- Grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor Senior Apartments

### **THURSDAY--**

- Medical and other appointments
- Geriatric Daycare\*\*
- Grocery shopping for residents of Selkirk, Glenmont and South Bethlehem
- Hairdresser and Barber appointments in the Town of Bethlehem ONLY, on a limited basis\*\*\*

### **FRIDAY--**

- Medical and other appointments
- Geriatric Daycare\*\*
- Grocery Shopping for residents of Van Allen Senior Apartments and Good Samaritan Apartments
- Monthly trip to Motor Vehicles

**Voting:** Transportation is available on a pre-arranged basis.  
Details in most current Senior Services newsletter

\*\* see *Housing Options Booklet* for specific locations

\*\*\* within daily routing schedule as space permits

### **Service is prioritized as follows:**

1. Chemotherapy/Radiation/Dialysis
2. Hospital appointments/Admissions
3. Persons in wheelchairs going to medical appointments
4. Doctor's appointments
5. Geriatric Daycare\*\*  
*\*\*see Housing Options booklet for specific locations*
6. Therapy
7. Clinic appointments: legal, blood pressure, tax, fuel
8. Grocery shopping, on pre-arranged days  
*(see bi-monthly newsletter for specifics)*
9. Hospital & nursing home visits with family\*\*\*
10. Friendly visits & other non-medical requests \*\*\*
11. Hairdressers/Barbers, Thursdays only \*\*\*
12. Voting

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\*\* *see Housing Options Booklet for specific geriatric daycare locations to which our services provide transportation*

\*\*\* *transports may be available within daily routing schedule as space permits*

\*\*\*\* *we do not transport house pets*

### **Social and Recreation Programs**

A variety of trips, programs and outings, as listed in the bi-monthly Senior Services newsletter are sponsored, scheduled and staffed through the Town's Senior Services Department. Newsletters are available in the Senior Service office, on the Town of Bethlehem website at ([www.townofbethlehem.org](http://www.townofbethlehem.org)) and on the vehicles on the first working day of every other month.

### **SUGGESTED DONATIONS**

No fees are charged. Suggested donations offset the cost of gasoline and maintenance and are posted in each vehicle, as follows:

\$ 5.00—Round trip, Town of Bethlehem  
\$10.00—Round trip, Albany Area

### **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 generally cancels 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 use by outside groups*
- *Vehicles are not available for transports in conjunction with or between care facilities*