

We are here to help you maintain your independence!

Goal: of the Sheffield Senior Center is to facilitate seniors' ability to enjoy a high quality of life.

Mission Statement: to provide lifeenriching activities, relevant information on issues that affect them, and assist them in obtaining services necessary to their wellbeing. Council on Aging Sheffield Senior Center 25 Cook Road P.O. Box 327 Sheffield, MA 01257 (413) 229-7037

Bruce and I have used the transportation service since the beginning of July when the program started and we have been very satisfied with the service! The drivers have all been great and understand the needs of the seniors. They are patient, kind and considerate. They take their time to make sure we safely walk to the bus, entering/exiting safely and escort us to the door. We use the service regularly every week for doctorsqvisits, grocery trips and social outings. We would be lost without this service. The drivers and senior center staff are awesome!+

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Town of Sheffield

Council on Aging

Transportation Services

413-229-7037

Services:

Transportation through the Council on Aging is available to those 60 and older, those 55 and older with a documented disability from a medical professional, or any age with an ADA card.

We Provide Curb to Curb Service

Fees are a suggested donation for ridership:

- Local Trips (i.e. Sheffield, Great Barrington etc.) -\$4.00 round Trip.
- Short Distance within Berkshire County (i.e. Lee, Pittsfield etc.) - \$10.00 Round Trip

Users will not be denied ridership based on the ability to pay.

Donation Envelopes will be provided. Checks should be made out to the **Town Of Sheffield** specifying in the memo; *Transportation*.

The Council on Aging discourages tipping.

Van Operates:

Monday through Friday 9-4, following the Town of Sheffields

observed holidays.

Users may call to schedule a ride Monday through Friday; 9-4

(413) 229-7037.

Service is provided on a first comefirst serve basis so it is crucial to schedule your rides in advance. Medical appointments take priority.

Users must call **48 hours** in advance to schedule service. In an emergency (for a medical appointment) users may call to request transportation and will be scheduled if possible.

Van Schedule:

Routine Scheduled Trips:

- Tuesdays: Local grocery shopping and errands in Great Barrington.
- Wednesdays: Transportation to the senior center for congregate meals.

Weather:

The van will not operate during inclement weather at the discretion of the Council on Aging. We typically will follow the same school closings/delays as the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, which can be heard on WSBS and channel 6, 10 and 13 news.

Van drivers determine whether or not they feel a driveway, etc. is navigable. We cannot pick up a client whose driveway is not clear of snow or ice, if conditions are exceptionally muddy or in disrepair.

About our Transportation Program:

Our van is leased through the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority; funded though the Town of Sheffield, Elder Affairs and ridership donations.

We employ one part-time driver along with several trained volunteer drivers.