

TOWN OF BEACON FALLS SENIOR SERVICES MINI-BUS



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General Info:

The Town of Beacon Falls Mini-Bus is a **FREE** shared ride, curb to curb service provided to our residents 65 years of age or older, or under 65 with a disability who are **UNABLE** to drive and do not have a family member available to drive them. The program provides transportation to a variety of appointments: medical, personal, social, and shopping. All rides are subject to availability. All riders must be independent to ride the bus and if not must have an aide to assist. All rides must be scheduled and made in advance by calling **Kimberly at (203) 516-8498**. All messages will be returned within one business day. Please include in your message your name, address, and telephone number. There is no fee; however, donations are welcome.

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CENTER TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THE MINI-BUS!**

Safety Requirements:

The following passenger rules must be observed:

Seat belts must be in use at all times – no exceptions will be permitted.

Upon destination, vacate the bus immediately and clear the doorway to avoid accidents.

Registration, Hours, and Scheduling:

Contact Bus Driver Kimberly at 203-516-8498 to register. A Form 5 New Rider form must be completed prior to the first ride. All rides must be scheduled and requested in advance.

Service is available Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm and Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. (scheduled times maybe earlier or later. Last appointment is 4:00 pm.

In the event of inclement weather, and the minibus is cancelled, there will be an announcement on TV channels 3 & 8 following the Region 16 schools.

Medical appointments are given priority. It is advisable to check with Kimberly prior to making doctors' appointments to determine the best date and time that the bus can provide you with the best service.

For weekly grocery shopping trips to surrounding towns riders must contact Kimberly to schedule pickup. Start time varies and return time is flexible, (The day could change to Monday or Tuesday driver will give advance notice).

Fridays – "Lunch on your own" Every Friday a different restaurant is chosen, seating is limited, sign-up sheet located at Senior Center. Time may vary check sign-up sheet.

Weekly Trips (locations vary) for movies, bowling, dinner, and shopping. Please check with Kimberly. Also, events are posted on the Senior Center bulletin board with a sign-up sheet.

Call (203) 516-8498 or 203-723-2344 for more information.

Accessibility:

The Mini-Bus **IS** wheelchair accessible, however, the driver is **NOT** medical personnel.

Kimberly will assist passengers on and off the bus if necessary. She is neither a chauffeur nor servant and should not be expected to: Do any tasks or errands for you, perform shopping of any kind, handle money for banking, postage or bill paying. If you require assistance, a Personal Care Assistant must accompany you.

If you would like to learn more about the Beacon Falls Mini-Bus, or to schedule a ride, please feel free to give us a call at:

(203) 516-8498

You can also find information on the Mini-Bus and the required Form 5 on the Town of Beacon Falls Website:

<https://www.beaconfalls-ct.org/senior-services/pages/minibus-service>