

Bedminster Area

Senior & Disabled Resident Services

Transportation, Food,
Pharmaceutical and Utility
Assistance Resources



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INSIDETHIS RESOURCE GUIDE

The following resource guide includes transportation, food, pharmaceutical and utility resources available to Bedminster senior and disabled residents.

For other resources please contact the **Somerset County Office on Aging**:

Phone: (908) 704-6346
Toll Free: 1 (888) 747-1122
Email: OfficeAging@co.somerset.nj.us

TRANSPORTATION

Bedminster Shopping Day - Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm
Provided by Somerset County Transportation
(908) 231-7115 or Toll Free 1-800-246-0547

Bedminster Township has contracted with Somerset County Transportation to offer qualified Bedminster Residents free transportation to Chester Springs Shopping Mall on Wednesdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Residents 60 years of age and over, or residents with a disability that prevent them from driving may register for the service. Passengers will be picked up at their homes beginning at 9 am, travel to Chester Springs Shopping Mall in Chester, and return home by 1 pm. Bedminster Residents are to call Somerset County Transportation to be qualified and registered.

Lifeline (Electric & Gas Utility Bill Assistance) **(609) 588-7182**

Lifeline provides funding for utility bills (electric and natural gas) for qualifying disabled persons and senior citizens. Application must be made annually to receive the benefit. Benefit pertains only to the customer's primary residence and must be in the customer's name or the spouse's name.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP/HEAP) **Dial 2-1-1**

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps income-eligible residents with their heating and cooling bills, and makes provisions for emergency heating system services and emergency fuel assistance within the Home Energy Assistance Program as follows:

- HEAP Cash Program - Annual grant to help with heating costs.
- HEAP Emergency Program - Provides an emergency payment (once per heating season) for qualified low-income customers. The payment must be used to avoid a shutoff or restore electric service.

TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

The United Way of Northern New Jersey offers free tax preparation for low and moderate-income residents. For more Information email Monica.Conover@UnitedWayNNJ.org or call (973) 993-1160 ext. 529.

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

Verizon Communications Lifeline **(800) 427-9977**

Verizon provides discounted local telephone service to qualifying residents.

New Jersey American Water (877) 653-9426

H₂O to Help Others provides up to \$500 of water assistance to qualifying NJ American Water household. Eligibility is based on household size and income that does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Line.

Low Income Payment Program (LIPP) provides up to 20% of qualifying customer's monthly bill. Eligibility is based on household size and income that does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Line.

New Jersey Shares (Electric/Gas/Energy Assistance) (609) 883-1626

Provides energy assistance to moderate and fixed-income households experiencing a financial crisis. Eligibility is based on household size and income that does not exceed 400% of the Federal Poverty Line. To learn how to apply call Jewish Financial Services in Somerville on (908) 725-7799.

JCP&L (Electric)

New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services (New Jersey Shares) provide assistance to individuals and families living in New Jersey in need of temporary help in paying energy bills. A history of good faith utility payments is considered for eligibility. **Call (866) 657-4273** for more information.

JCP&L Extended Due Date is for residents at least 60 years old or receive Social Security, pension or disability assistance, JCP&L can extend your payment due date until after your check arrives. **Call (800) 662-3115** for more information.

Somerset County Transportation (908) 231-7151 (Mon-Fri)

Somerset County offers community transportation services available to the general public along eight transportation routes Monday through Friday only. The fee to ride is \$2 each way (exact fare required) and open to residents of all ages. All busses are accessible and the drivers will assist any customer who may need assistance getting on or off the bus.

SCOOT provides service in the central part of Somerset County:

- SCOOT Bus - Peak Schedule - serving Hillsborough, Manville, Somerville, Bridgewater, and Bedminster
- SCOOT Bus - Regional Schedule R1 - serving Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Hillsborough
- SCOOT Bus - Regional Schedule R2 - serving Bound Brook, Bridgewater, Hillsborough, Manville, and Somerville

DASH provides service between Bound Brook and the New Brunswick train station by way of the Davidson Avenue corridor in the Somerset section of Franklin Township.

DASH 851 - Davidson Avenue Shuttle - serving New Brunswick, Bound Brook and Franklin

DASH 852 - Davidson Avenue Shuttle - serving New Brunswick, Bound Brook and Franklin

Somerset County Transportation Paratransit Services (908) 231-7115

Somerset County provides para-transit services to senior citizens (60 years +) and persons with disabilities (18 years+) who have no other means of transportation to a variety of destinations including medical appointments, employment opportunities, nutrition programs, and others.

Effective **March 1, 2021**, the Somerset County Transportation Department will provide eligible residents with expanded para-transit services. Senior citizens and people with disabilities will be able to schedule trips to businesses that provide personal services such as pharmacies, banks, credit unions, salons, and barbershops.

RideWise of Somerset County (908) 704-1011

RideWise helps Somerset County residents find transportation options to meet their needs. Depending upon where you live in the county, where you're going, and your abilities, there are a range of transportation services that are available to Somerset County residents including:

- Local buses provided by NJ Transit and Somerset County Transportation
- Rail services
- Bus services to and from New York City
- Paratransit services for senior citizens and disabled
- Municipal services for senior citizens and disabled
- Ride-hailing services that don't require a smart phone
- Non-emergency medical transportation

PHARMACY ASSISTANCE

Pharmaceutical Assistant to the Aged & Disabled (PADD) Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (HAAAD) 1-800-792-9745

Provided by the State of New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the PADD and HAAAD programs are for applicants above 65 or receive Social Security Disability Benefits and have an income of less than \$24,432 if single and \$29,956 if married.

Senior Gold Program (609) 792-9745

A prescription discount program for elderly and disabled who do not qualify for the PADD program.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

PSE&G (Gas) Equal Payment Plan (EPP) (888) 275-7734

Let's qualified customers pay the same amount each month for gas and electric bills. Call for information.

PSE&G (Gas) Life-Sustaining Equipment (800) 436-7734

This program allow residents to receive priority power restoration if the power goes out if they use a respirator, dialysis machine or other type of life-sustaining equipment.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Somerset County Office on Aging (908) 704-6346 or toll-free at 1-888-747-1122.

Grab and Go Lunch service is available as a healthy alternative to congregate dining. Seniors can pick up their lunch at curbside at any of the six county-operated senior centers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration and reservations are required. Call the Somerset County Office on Aging.

Meals on Wheels delivers hot and/or frozen meals, five days a week according to each client's meal delivery schedule. Meals are delivered to residents 60 years or older or medically homebound. **Emergency Meals** are also available for delivery (hot and/or frozen meals) five days a week to residents 60 years or older or medically homebound.

Senior Shopper is a service also provided through Somerset County Office on Aging is for residents 60 years of age or older that can't physically shop. Volunteers from *Jewish Family Services* in Somerville will physically shop for seniors—seniors only pay the cost of the groceries. Contact the Office on Aging for more information.

Jewish Family Services (908) 725-7799

Provides a variety of Senior Support Services helping older adults maintain independence and enhance the quality of their lives. Their licensed staff of social workers, provide in-home mental health services, case management, caregiver support, and community resource information and assistance. They offer a **Senior Family Visitor Program** and **Senior Shopper Program**. For more information contact Jerry Starr on (908) 725-7799, Ext. 104.

RideWise of Somerset County "Transit Connect" (908) 704-1011, Ext. 18

RideWise "TransitConnect" program is designed to teach individuals how to use the buses and trains that operate in Somerset County. By the end of the training, participants will be able to confidently travel where they need to go by learning how to:

- Read and understand bus and/or train schedules
- Plan a trip
- Get to and from the transit stop
- Signal a bus
- Ride a specific route
- Pay fares and purchase tickets and passes
- Use mobile apps to locate the bus or pay for bus/train fares

NJ Transit Access Link (973) 491-4224

NJ Transit Access Link is for people with disabilities who are unable to use the local fixed route bus. Access Link service was developed to comply with the paratransit regulations of the ADA and is comparable to the NJ Transit local fixed route bus system. In order to use Access Link, riders must first apply for eligibility. All persons interested in applying for Access Link service are required to attend an in-personal transportation assessment interview. To arrange for a transportation assessment appointment, please contact NJ Transit between the hours of 8:30 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday. Choose Option #1 when calling.

Able Medical Transportation, Inc.
(800) 323-2253

Emergency and non-emergency ambulance and wheelchair accessible services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Contact provider for pricing and information.

Ask Transportation
(732) 339-3822

Ask Transportation is a non-emergency medical transport company in Somerset County that transports ambulatory patients (including walkers and cane patients) from their homes to hospitals, doctor's offices, other medical facilities, grocery stores and family events. Contact provider for pricing and information.

Community Care Program for the Elderly & Disabled (CCPED)
(609) 943-9060

Provides care management, home health services, homemakers, adults day health, non-emergency medical transportation, respite care, social day care, and prescription drugs. Eligibility is determined based on enrollment in Medicare Part D, age, and income requirements.

GoGoGrandparent
(866) 464-6872

GoGoGrandparent allows older adults to utilize on demand transportation companies like *Lyft* and *Uber* without a smartphone, with rides monitored by 24/7 operators and alerts for family members. Also partners with food delivery services like *Door Dash* and *Uber Eats*.

Logisticare of New Jersey
(866) 527-9933

Non-emergency transportation for non-ambulatory Medicaid/NJ Family Care recipients. Contact provider for additional information.

Ryde4Life
(866) 208-1307, Option #4

Ride-hailing service that offers on demand transportation for adults 18 years and older in partnership with transportation network companies like *Lyft* and *Uber*. Members pay the fees charged by Lyft or Uber along with a \$2.50 administration fee. Rides are monitored by Ryde4Life. No smartphone required.

Wilf Transport
(732) 649-3502

Wilf Transport is a fee based community transportation program that provided assisted non-emergency medical, social, and quality-of-life transportation for seniors and individuals with special needs, who are over 18 years of age. Call for current rates and fares. Wilf Transport is partially funded through federal funds received through NJ Transit. Transportation provided to the following:

- Medical appointments
- Healthcare facilities & Dialysis Centers
- Adult day programs
- Pharmacies
- Shopping /Grocery Trips
- Club Meetings & Family Functions
- Hair dresser or nail salons
- Restaurants & Theatre