

## Community Vehicles Provide Transportation Options

Do you need transportation to get around town or into **name of larger town** **[Modify to match the services provided]**, but think there are no services available to you? Think again.

Within **name of town or area** there are **X number** different organizations that provide transportation for specific clientele. You have probably seen them – vans operated by the retirement home taking residents to go shopping; church vehicles picking up parishioners on Sunday mornings, etc. **[Modify to match the services in your area]**

What you may not know is that you may be able to use these services as well, and they may be able to solve your transportation needs. Many of the organizations who provide these transportation services for their clientele also allow members of the public to ride their vehicles as space permits. **[Discuss fares here – if charged by some, all, or none of the providers]**

The routes and schedules of the vehicles vary. **[Add information here to provide examples of where the vehicles go – e.g., into another town, to doctor's offices, to retail centers, etc.]**

**Name of organization coordinating services** can help you find a service that meets your needs. Contact **XXXX** via **phone** or **email** to learn more and discuss your options.

Submitted by **XXXXXX**.

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