

Don't be surprised if you see this blue bus heading north on Rte 13 or stopped in front of the Daland Library. The Souhegan Valley Rides bus service is heading to Mont Vernon beginning September 1st.



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Souhegan Valley Rides (SVR), affectionately known as The Blue Bus, is a curb-to-curb, dial-a-ride type bus service available to residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis and Milford.

As of September 1, 2013 the bus service will be available to residents of Mont Vernon through a pilot program sponsored in part by the Milford Hospital Association and Town of Mont Vernon. Additional funding for the service comes from the Federal Transit Administration and the four other participating communities.

Rides are provided within the five towns and to and from Nashua for healthcare and social services appointments, and other essential activities, such as, trips to town facilities including the local libraries and to senior activity centers. Rides for shopping to five local plazas are provided on Mondays and Thursdays. The shopping locations include: Shaw's-Lorden Plaza, Richmond Plaza and Market Basket in Milford, Walmart in Amherst, and Hannaford's in Nashua.

Rides are shared with other passengers which may add some time to your ride but offers an opportunity to socialize while getting to or from your destination. Bring "a book or your knitting" and enjoy the trip!

Operating Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00am to 6:00pm including travel time to and from the garage in Nashua.

Scheduling a Ride: Pre-registration is required and applications are available at the Mont Vernon Town Hall and Daland Library, on the SVR website, or by calling 880-0100 ext 1. Rides must be scheduled 48 hours in advance by calling 880-0100 ext 1 on weekdays.

Cost: \$2 bus fare each way. For residents who cannot afford the \$2 bus fare, please contact Mont Vernon's Welfare Officer at 673-6080 or SHARE Outreach Inc at 673-9898 who can provide free bus passes to eligible residents when needed.

Availability of this transportation resource is the result of regional collaboration between the participating communities, the Nashua Transit System and the Nashua Regional Planning Commission. The wheelchair-accessible buses, drivers and call center operations are contracted from the Nashua Transit System. Souhegan Valley Rides is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors known as the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative (SVTC). All participating communities are guaranteed representation on the SVTC Board and a voice in guiding the evolution of this regional transportation service. For more information please call 880-0100 ext 1 or visit www.SouheganValleyRides.org.