

Don't be surprised if you see this blue bus heading west on Rte 101 or stopped in front of the Gregg Library. The Souhegan Valley Rides bus service is heading to Wilton beginning March 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, Milford, and Mont Vernon.

As of March 1, 2014 the bus service will be available to residents of Wilton through a pilot program sponsored in part by the Wilton Lions Club and the Milford Rotary Club. Additional funding for the service comes from the Federal Transit Administration and the five other participating communities.

Rides are provided within the six 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. Also rides for shopping to four local plazas are provided on Mondays and Thursdays. The shopping locations include: Shaw's-Lorden 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 Wilton Town Hall and Gregg Free Library or by calling 880-0100 ext 1. Downloadable copies of the application are available from www.SouheganValleyRides.org. 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 Wilton's Welfare Officer at 654-9451 who can provide free bus passes to eligible residents when needed.

The focus for this service is on providing transportation to non-emergency healthcare appointments and assisting those in greatest need – elderly residents, those living with a disability, and residents who are unable to drive. Other residents may use the service as space is available.

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 development of this regional transportation service. For more information please call 880-0100 ext 1 or visit www.SouheganValleyRides.org.