

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTS - 1

Ridge Oak has access to volunteer assistance for tenants requiring transportation to non-emergency medical appointments. Tenants must have exhausted all other resources for transportation assistance before Ridge Oak volunteer resources are utilized. These other resources include:

- Family & friends.
- Somerset County Department of Transportation 908-231-7116 - No fee
- Ride Wise 908-704-1011 - Fee for service. Currently awaiting funding for the program. Call for details.

At least five business days notice is required to arrange for volunteer transportation assistance. Generally, volunteer transportation assistance can be arranged for appointments scheduled during weekday business hours. Volunteers are available for local appointments in town or in neighboring communities. Volunteers reserve the right to decline to provide assistance based upon individual circumstances, availability and geography. Many of our volunteers are elderly themselves, so helping another resident with a mobility impairment, memory impairment or other special needs may be difficult. Tenants should follow these guidelines when requesting transportation assistance:

- Call the Ridge Oak office (908-221-0266) at least five business days in advance of your appointment and tell the receptionist that you need a ride.
- Give the date, time and exact location of your appointment.
- The Ridge Oak office will contact volunteers to request assistance.

- The volunteer will then contact the tenant directly to arrange pick up/drop off times and location.

In case of an appointment cancellation or inclement weather it is the responsibility of the tenant to contact the volunteer to cancel or re-schedule the appointment. If the volunteer cannot accommodate the re-scheduled appointment the tenant must make alternate arrangements or contact the office to request assistance.

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Bernards township shopping

Bernards Township Parks and Recreation Department runs a weekly shopping bus trip. No charge for the ride, pick-up at Felmeth Hall or Village 12. You must pre-register the day before each trip by phoning 908-204-4616. See www.bernards.org for each month's trips.

Bus

Lakeland Bus Lines operates between Bernardsville and New York Port Authority with three stops in the Basking Ridge area. The closest stop to Ridge Oak is at S. Finley Ave. & W. Henry St. approximately 12 minute walk from Felmeth Hall (1/2 mi). Call 973-366-0600 or www.lakelandbus.com for schedule and fare information.

Ridge Oak Transportation

Ridge Oak provides frequent shopping routes to Bernardsville, Lyons, Stirling and Gillette. For routine shopping, the bus leaves from Felmeth Hall at 9:45 AM and then stops at Village 12. Return trip time is announced by the driver--approximately Noon. There is no charge

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for this service. The bus is also available to drive residents to local church services on Sunday. Check the ACORNS for the schedule.

Ridge Oak has a small cadre of volunteer drivers that may be available (with at least 5 business days' notice) to drive a resident to a local medical appointment. Call the Ridge Oak office at 908-221-0266 to inquire about the availability of volunteer assistance. Have the location and time of your appointment handy when you call.

Ride connect

Ride Connect provides subsidized transportation to Somerset County residents, 65 years and older, and individuals with special needs. Rides are provided by third party transportation providers. Travel destinations can be anywhere within Somerset County or within 5 miles of the county border. There is an annual membership fee of \$40/individual \$60/family and each ride is billed at \$3.00 per mile. Contact Ride Connect at 908-704-1011 or www.ridewise.org. Ride Connect is currently awaiting funding, call for information.

Somerset Para-Transit

Somerset County Division of Transportation – Para-Transit Service provides curb to curb transportation to residents who are senior citizens; and people aged 18 or older with functional limitations. Trips to medical appointments have a high priority. If scheduling permits, transportation for other reasons, like grocery shopping, day care and senior centers may be available. At least 48 hours advance notice is required for most reservations and riders must pre-register before scheduling their first ride. Donations are accepted for all trip purposes not covered by a required fare. Additional information is available at www.co.somerset.nj.us. You may request a complete packet of information by calling 908-231-7115 or 1-800-246-0547.

Taxi

There are a number of taxi companies in the area – Check www.yellowpages.com for area listings or see “at a glance” information below.

Train

NJ Transit railway operates the Gladstone Branch that connects Basking Ridge to Newark and Hoboken transportation hubs. Basking Ridge Station is located at Ridge St. & Depot Place, near Washington Ave., approximately one mile from Felmeth Hall (150 Manchester Drive). For more information and schedules, contact NJ Transit at 973-275-5555 or www.njtransit.com.

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Uber and Lyft are new, on-demand, car services that allows you to request a ride from a private driver through a ‘smartphone’ application. The service uses dispatch software to send the nearest available driver to your location. You need to sign up for the service and ‘download’ their application to your smartphone (iPhone, Android, etc.) These services charge your ride directly to the credit card on file with your account. Contact Lyft at www.lyft.com/cities/new-jersey or Uber at www.uber.com/cities/new-jersey

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Transportation at a Glance

Name	Phone	Pick-up Location	Type
Bernards Township Bus	908-204-4616	Felmeth Hall & Village 12	Weekly Shopping Trips
Lakeland Bus	973-366-0600	S. Finley & W. Henry St.	New York Port Authority
NJ Transit Train	973-275-5555	Ridge St. & Depot Place	Newark & Hoboken
Ride Connect	908-704-1011	Door to Door	Somerset County area
Ridge Oak Bus	908-221-0266	Felmeth Hall & Village 12	Shopping, Sunday Church
Ridge Oak Volunteers	908-221-0266	Curbside Pick-up	Medical Appointments
Somerset Para-Transit	1-800-246-0547	Curbside Pick-up	Medical Appts are Priority; Senior Center; Shopping

TAXI Services

Adams Limo & Car	908-953-0808
Basking Ridge A-1 Car & Limo	908-630-0990
Bernards Township Car	908-542-1881
Terry's Taxi	973-898-6588

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