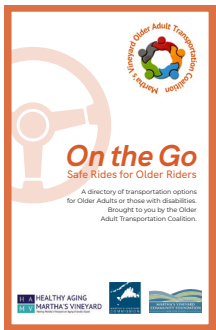


## What will I learn?

- The options that are available today for Older Adults on our Island
- What happens when you can't drive yourself anymore
- How we are addressing the growing need for alternate on-Island transportation solutions
- The exploding need for off-Island medical transportation options
- How you can get involved

## You will receive...

Our new directory of transportation options—“**On the Go, Safe Rides for Older Riders**”.



This booklet serves as a easy to use guide of transportation options for both on-and-off Island. The listings include contact information, how to schedule, times available and fee, if applicable.

## Research shows:

It isn't until age **85+** that the % of those who “never drive myself” begins to increase (and rely on others for rides).

By age **95+**, 20% are still driving themselves “often”.

Over **350+** Older Adults currently report difficulty in obtaining transportation.

In the next two years, over **1,100** Older Adults will need alternate transportation options to driving themselves.

### Questions? Transportation Needs?

If you need transportation to the event or have any other questions, contact Cindy Trish at [ctrish@hamv.org](mailto:ctrish@hamv.org) 508-693-7900 ext. 455



An open invitation to all Islanders

## Older Adult Transportation Summit

Learn about the transportation challenges Martha's Vineyard's Older Adults face in their aging journey

### Join Us!

**Date:** Tuesday, September 20

**Time:** 7:00–8:30 pm

**In person** at the Martha's Vineyard Film Center

**Or attend by zoom** by contacting [ctrish@hamv.org](mailto:ctrish@hamv.org) to receive a zoom link

**No cost to attend**

Thank you to the Martha's Vineyard Film Center for donating space for this summit.

Brought to you by the Older Adult Transportation Coalition.

# Who should come?



**Town and county officials** who are involved in planning and who wish to better understand the transportation challenges and how we are addressing them.



**Healthcare and service professionals** serving our Older Adult population who want to hear more about the success of our transportation pilots and what's coming in the future.



**Older Adults and their families** who want to learn about the transportation options available now and how to utilize the pilot programs underway.



**Every person who cares about the welfare of our Older Adults** and how we as a community collaborate on creating environmentally friendly, scalable transportation solutions.

## Transportation pilot programs and some Older Adults utilizing them currently.



### GoGoGrandparent Rider, 85+

Carol doesn't have a car and lives in Elderly Housing. A talented musician, GoGo has

allowed her to attend church (where she is an organist) and participate in choir. *"I'm just so happy to be able to get out and be part of the community."*



### Edgartown COA Van Rider, 90+

A former teacher, Dick is outgoing, and thrives when he can connect with others, especially

with friends at the COA. He is unable to drive and his day is brightened when he is able attend get-togethers thanks to the Shopping Shuttle. *"It's a good day when I can be with friends."*



### MV Center for Living Van Rider, 80+

Barbara attends the adult day program at the MVC4L where she enjoys music, exercise, and her

*"special love"*, gardening. Without the handicapped accessible van transportation which brings her to and from the center each day, she would not be able to attend.

## Older Adult Transportation Coalition Members

Center 4 Living  
Edgartown Council on Aging  
Island Elderly Housing  
Island Grown Initiative  
Martha's Vineyard Community Services  
Martha's Vineyard Hospital  
Oak Bluffs Council on Aging  
The Steamship Authority  
Tisbury Council on Aging  
Up-Island Council on Aging  
Vineyard Transit Authority  
Vineyard Village at Home  
VNA (Martha's Vineyard)  
YMCA

### The Mission of the Transportation Coalition

To ensure that there are adequate options for both on-island enrichment and essential (medical) transportation needs for older adults, as well as off-island medical transport.