

## Community Cars to Provide New Transportation Options in South Brunswick

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April 2012 will find a Community Car available throughout South Brunswick. Planned in cooperation with the Township, Meadowlink and the Aging In Place PARTNERSHIP this new service will help fill the gaps between public transportation on Routes 27 and 130 and the Senior Busing between homes and the South Brunswick Senior Center.



Community car service for seniors to arrive in 2012.

The Community Car is conceived as an in-town service not a source for long extended trips. It is designed to be flexible, serve as a source for independent living and provide options. Reservations require 24 hours advance notice. In order to participate individuals are required to register annually with MeadowLink for a fee of \$15.

Registration forms can be found at the Senior Center, Charleston Place, Oakwoods, the Library or by contacting AIPP. They are also available on line.

Volunteer drivers are needed to drive the MeadowLink cars who also provide the insurance, the gas and the maintenance. Parking for the Community Car will be in Woodlot Park. It is easy to become a driver.

You need only sign up for a 4 hour stint at a date(s) and time(s) to fit your schedule. Of course you need a good driver's history, be over the age of 21 and enjoy meeting new people and serving friends and neighbors. The more drivers, the greater the scheduling choices.

With this new service South Brunswick residents, especially those who don't drive or are contemplating driving less will have found a new, affordable, accessible way of looking at life - freeing them from a sense of isolation, choosing where to go rather than bound by limited scheduled services, able to socialize when and how and on their terms. It will open up a whole new way to live a good life and age in place.

With the New Year approaching be sure to make this important resolution. REGISTER AS A RIDER AND/OR REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY CAR DRIVER. They could be the most important resolutions of a lifetime.

Want more information? Contact [Jacque@AgingInPlacePARTNERSHIP.org](mailto:Jacque@AgingInPlacePARTNERSHIP.org). Or call 732-305-7079.

About this column: Jacque Rubel is the founder of the Aging in Place Partnership. The AIPP was created with the goal to provide information and resources enabling families 50 and over to make informed decisions when exploring options for retirement, the need or desire to downsize, when they no longer can or want to maintain a current home, are alone and need assistance, or require additional services and resources that are not currently available where they live.