



# VILLAGE VIEW

June 2018, Newsletter

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are proud to announce a new funding partner! The Morgan Stanley Foundation has honored us with a financial gift to support volunteers' efforts. The proposal for funding was initiated on behalf of the volunteer efforts of Morgan Stanley employee Shaun Ferguson for providing more than 50 hours of volunteer efforts per year.

Our partnerships are key to our sustained operations and growth. Our grass roots model depends on the goodness and generosity of our partners and our volunteers. Thank you everyone!

**Jim Kimbler**

President, Charlotte Village Network

## VILLAGE TOPICS

### **Our Walking Group's Next Activity**

The CVN Walking Group will learn to use the Lynx Light Rail on June 19. We will meet at Brueggers Bagels in Cotswold at 10AM then carpool to the Scaleybark LRT Station. After traveling north on the LRT to the University (UNCC) we will walk to the Student Center where we will have lunch in the food court. Food choices include: Crown Commons, Bistro 49, Wendy's, Bojangles and Einsteins Bagels.

After lunch we will walk back to LRT and return to Scaleybark Station then carpool back to Brueggers. Let us know you will join us by calling 980-272-1426 or email [info@charlottevillagenetwork.org](mailto:info@charlottevillagenetwork.org). We are open to new ideas too. Here are a few submitted by one member: take a trip to a museum (some of which are free one day of the week); an outing of miniature golf, which would provide exercise and fun; or a trip to the Botanical Gardens.

## Transportation Solutions

Transportation is by far the most requested service among older adults. This is not a “one size fits all” service – a combination of the services listed below may be the solution to meeting all your needs. Below is an overview of resources in Mecklenburg County.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Veterans</u>	<u>Medicaid</u>	<u>Disability</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>50 and Over</u>
Trip by appt	MTS	MTS	CATS STS*		
CATS Fixed route bus & Express routes			Kneeling buses and wheelchair lifts	CATS Bus Half price with Medicare Card \$1.10/\$1.50 Express	
Various	See other agencies and nonprofits listed below				

*Legend:*

*CATS – Charlotte Area Transportation System*

*CVN – Charlotte Village Network*

*EDTAP - Elderly Disabled Transportation Assistance*

*EGP - Elderly General Purpose*

*LRT - Light Rail Transit*

*MTS – Mecklenburg Transportation Service*

*RGP - Rural General Public*

*SCNP - Senior Citizens Nutrition Congregate*

*STS – Special Transportation Service*

*VST - Veterans Services Transportation*

### Mecklenburg Transportation System (MTS)

The Mecklenburg Transportation System (MTS) provides a variety of transportation services to Mecklenburg County residents

#### How to Apply for Services

- Medicaid funded transportation: contact your Medicaid social worker.

- Veterans Transportation: call the Veterans Service Office (704-336-2102).
- For transportation to a nutrition site, homebound meal delivery, to a medical facility, or any other location, contact the MTS Transportation Services Line (704-336-4547).

#### Description of Programs and Eligibility Provided by MTS: Medicaid Transportation

Adults and children authorized to receive Medicaid transportation are transported to and from a medical destination. CATS bus service is the primary mode of transportation. When the person cannot ride the bus, door-to-door transportation is provided. A Medicaid Transportation Exception Form (5048) is required. Cost: No fare.

Elderly Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) Adults aged 60+ and children and adults with a disability are transported to and from dialysis, chemotherapy or other medical appointments. Cost: \$1.50 fare per one-way trip.

#### Elderly General Purpose (EGP) Transportation

Adults aged 60+ that are not living in an assisted living facility or nursing home or persons with disabilities (SSI, SSA Disability, Veterans Disability) are transported to and from medical appointments, grocery shopping, and Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation /Senior Centers. Cost: \$1.50 fare per one-way trip. \$10.00 for a monthly bus pass.

#### Rural General Public (RGP) Transportation

Either the origin or destination of the trip must be in the non-urbanized area of Mecklenburg County for persons of any age. Door to door service is provided or passengers may choose to be taken from the non-urbanized location to a local Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) bus stop location. Cost: \$1.50 fare per one-way trip.

#### Senior Citizens Nutrition Congregate (SCNP)

Transportation provided directly by MTS for adults aged 60+ to and from Mecklenburg County Senior Citizens Nutrition sites for a nutritious meal and social activities. This service is provided directly by MTS drivers. Cost: No fare. Contributions are accepted but not required.

#### Veterans Services Transportation

Qualified veterans are transported to and from Veterans Affairs hospitals in North Carolina and to and from medical clinics in Charlotte. Call the Veterans Services Office at 704-336-2102 for more information. Cost: No fare.

#### **CATS Bus/Lynx Light Rail** <http://charlottenc.gov/cats/Pages/default.aspx>

The CATS and Lynx website provides extensive information and schedules for a multi-county area. There are also smartphone APPs to retrieve schedules and locate the next bus or train at your location. To contact them please email at [telltransit@charlottenc.gov](mailto:telltransit@charlottenc.gov) or call 704-336-7433.

To learn to ride the bus or LRT, contact CVN at 980-272-1426 or contact Disability Rights and Resources at 704-537-0550 or email [mailto@disability-rights.org](mailto:mailto@disability-rights.org).

OTHER AGENCIES PROVIDING MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

<p><b>American Red Cross</b> <a href="http://www.redcrosshelps.org">www.redcrosshelps.org</a>  2425 Park Rd.  PO Box 36507  Charlotte, NC 28226  704-347-8270  Transportation Services  <b>Area Served:</b> Mecklenburg County &amp; lower Iredell County  <b>Hours:</b> Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  <b>Eligibility:</b> Medical appointment only, must be ambulatory and have a medical referral.  <b>Cost:</b> No fee, but donations are encouraged.  <b>Vehicle w/lift:</b> No, but can handle a wheelchair if the person has a personal escort.</p>	<p><b>Disabled American Veterans</b>  8601 University East Dr.  Charlotte, NC 28213  704-597-3538  <b>Area Served:</b> Mecklenburg County  <b>Hours:</b> As needed, usually business hours  <b>Eligibility:</b> Ambulatory Veterans in Mecklenburg County, with medical appointment at VA.  <b>Cost:</b> No Charge  <b>Vehicle w/lift:</b> No, but if veteran can get their own assistance to enter/exit, the VA has wheelchairs available.</p>
<p><b>Metrolina Association for the Blind (MAB)</b> <a href="http://www.mabnc.org">www.mabnc.org</a>  704 Louise Ave.  Charlotte, NC 28204  704-887-5100  <b>Area Served:</b> Anywhere in Mecklenburg, Union, and Cabarrus counties  <b>Hours:</b> 6:30 a.m. -8:30 p.m.  <b>Eligibility:</b> Visually Impaired, signed up with MAB  <b>Cost:</b> Fee of \$5.00 for round trip  <b>Vehicle w/lift:</b> Yes</p>	<p><b>Shepherd's Center</b> <a href="http://www.shepherdscharlotte.org">www.shepherdscharlotte.org</a>  3115 Providence Rd.  Charlotte, NC 28211  704-365-1995  <b>Area Served:</b> Zip Codes 28203, 28207, 28209, 28211. Call to confirm.  <b>Hours:</b> By request, usually business hours  <b>Eligibility:</b> Seniors 55+ in zip codes, no friends or family to drive; must be ambulatory; and use service for medical appointments &amp; errands.  <b>Cost:</b> Donations encouraged (\$15/round trip), but not required  <b>Vehicle w/lift:</b> No (also no walkers)</p>
<p><b>RAIN (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network)</b> <a href="http://www.carolinarain.org">www.carolinarain.org</a>  P.O. Box 37190  Charlotte, NC 28237  704-372-7246  <b>Area Served:</b> Mecklenburg County  <b>Hours:</b> As needed  <b>Eligibility:</b> HIV + or AIDS +, enrolled as client in a program  <b>Cost:</b> None  <b>Vehicle w/lift:</b> No</p>	<p><b>Community Link Programs of Travelers Aid Society</b> <a href="http://www.communitylink-nc.org">www.communitylink-nc.org</a>  601 East 5<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 220  Charlotte, NC 28202  704-943-9490  <b>Area Served:</b> Mecklenburg County  <b>Hours:</b> As needed  <b>Eligibility:</b> Medical emergency, or fleeing domestic violence &amp; trying to get out of state. Must be able to contact someone in new state to confirm housing.  <b>Cost:</b> Traveler may be asked to contribute up to 50% for Greyhound voucher, depending on the situation.  <b>Vehicle w/lift:</b> No</p>

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Charlotte Area Transit System and LYNX Light Rail Transit: 704-336-7433  
Community Link Programs of Travelers Aid Society: 704-943-9490  
Charlotte Village Network: 980-272-1426  
Disabled American Veterans 704-597-3538  
Disability Rights and Resources: 704-537-0550  
Mecklenburg Transportation Services Line: 704-336-4547  
Metrolina Association for the Blind: 704-887-5100  
Red Cross: 704-347-8270  
Regional AIDS Interfaith Network: 704-372-7246  
Shepherd's Center: 704-365-1995  
Veterans Service Office (704-336-2102).

You can also call **Just 1 Call** at 704-432-1111 for confidential assistance or questions regarding any older adult or disability issue.

## Volunteer Spotlight



Jeanne Bellew brings talent and expertise from 20+ years in leadership development, sales, and customer service. Over the years she has taught and facilitated conferences and workshops with diverse topics: leadership, business design, customer satisfaction, and project management coordination.

In 2014 Jeanne's mother was diagnosed with lung cancer and over the next year Jeanne became her caregiver and found her passion in caring for the elderly and the ill. After her mother passed away, Jeanne moved away from her career in leadership development and started her business, 3C Caring Services. The mission of 3C was to offer cheer, comfort, and connection to those living in communities away from families, friends, and home. While pursuing her business she was approached about an Activity Coordinator position with a new independent living community in Charlotte. Jeanne accepted the position and today she is responsible for the physical, emotional, environmental, and spiritual well-being of 150 residents. She continues her 3C Caring Services on a volunteer basis.

Jeanne started working with the Charlotte Village Network helping to write the Volunteer Manual in the summer of 2016. Her mission is to offer cheer, comfort, and connection to the older adult population and to do so with joy, empathy, and commitment, and gratitude.

Jeanne has her BA in English and Marketing, is a certified Project Management Professional and a Certified Senior Advisor.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 18** – Above the Crowds Travel will provide a travel presentation at 11:30 AM at Waltonwood Cotswold; lunch will be provided by Waltonwood. Registration is required and we can accommodate twenty (20) people. Email us at [info@charlottevillagenetwork.org](mailto:info@charlottevillagenetwork.org) or call us at 980-272-1426 to register. Door prize!

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**June 28** - Charlotte Village Network Public Forum 7:30 – 8:30 PM at 5215 Randolph Road

**July 10 – Tuesday Movie Matinees Begin!**

## CHARLOTTE VILLAGE NETWORK

### EDUCATION SERIES PRESENTS:

# "Senior Travel: Tips & Trends"



Learn about safeguards for international travel, planning ahead as well as how to pack a carry on for a 2-week vacation!

**Speaker:** Linda Murfin, Above The Crowds Travel

**Date:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

**Time:** 11.30 – 2 PM

**LUNCH SPONSORED BY WALTONWOOD COTSWOLD**



**LOCATION:** WALTONWOOD COTSWOLD  
5215 RANDOLPH ROAD, CHARLOTTE NC 28211

**RSVP REQUIRED:** PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT HAS LIMITED CAPACITY AND RSVP BY JUNE 13, 18 IS REQUIRED. EMAIL: [INFO@CHARLOTTEVILLAGENETWORK.ORG](mailto:INFO@CHARLOTTEVILLAGENETWORK.ORG)

[WWW.CHARLOTTEVILLAGENETWORK.ORG](http://WWW.CHARLOTTEVILLAGENETWORK.ORG)

THIS EVENT IS INTENDED FOR COMMUNITY DWELLING ADULTS AND IS NOT INTENDED FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. THANK YOU.

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