

TRIPPS CHOICES & VOICES

WHAT'S NEW

Driving retirement plans
Ride-hailing for beginners
Program update



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What's YOUR plan for driving retirement?

In May and June of 2016, TRIPPS sponsored two panel discussions on the critical topic of driving retirement.

We heard from our panelists that for most of us, driving retirement is not a possibility; it is a certainty. The question then becomes: how will we remain independent and engaged with our community?

We are lucky to have so many non-driving options available in our area. When we are stuck in our “driving

habit,” it is easy for us to see only the negative aspects of other options.

Many of the seniors we work with find themselves looking down the path toward driving retirement and choosing to prepare. While they are still young and still driving, they start to diversify their “transportation portfolio,” making sure they’ll never be left without familiar, dependable options for getting where they want to go. The earlier TRIPPS gets involved, the more we can do to help.

Lifelong learning... with ride-hailing?

Technology was nothing new for “Rhoda.” She had a smartphone, and she knew how to use it. When a friend suggested she try ride-hailing, she installed the Uber app—but sadly, she couldn’t get it to work. Sounds like a job for TRIPPS...

Our volunteer Jane met with Rhoda, and together they did what they could, but to no avail. Jane suspected the problem was Rhoda’s phone. She and Rhoda went together to the cell phone store, and quick as a wink, the app was up and running. Over the next couple of weeks,

Jane and Rhoda used the app to take a few rides together, until Rhoda felt confident enough to use it on her own. Now, she uses ride-hailing to go



wherever she likes,
whenever she likes. That kind of freedom is absolutely priceless.

TRIPPS volunteer Jane was happy to help!

TRIPPS program update

From Kerri Ann Tester, LCSW, TRIPPS Program Director

We have learned so much in our work over the past 9 months since TRIPPS took flight. As we come to know our consumers better, our methods have evolved while our goals and mission remain at the center of all we do.

Since October, staff and our 13 trained and highly skilled volunteers have...

- handled calls and visits from over 50 seniors seeking help
- researched and documented nearly

40 transportation options

- produced final profiles for 13 options, with more being added to the resource guide each day
- facilitated dozens of outreach and educational events in the community, including 2 large panel discussions on driving retirement

We are grateful that you are part of our community. Please spread the word about our program and help seniors get the support they need!

About the TRIPPS program

TRIPPS offers support for Newton and Brookline residents aged 60+ looking for alternatives to driving. We produce a comprehensive online (and soon printed!) resource guide to local transportation choices in Greater Boston. We also offer individual, personalized support to seniors exploring their options. Please get in touch if you or someone you know needs information or advice.

Interested in volunteering? Come join our team! We're always looking for enthusiastic people to support our seniors, research transportation options, and educate the public about car-free choices.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 12: Uber Workshop, Newton Senior Center

Sep 18: Brookline Day, Larz Anderson Park

Sep 21: Transportation Options for Seniors, Newton Senior Center

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Month!**

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