

Community Van Report for 2015

Mission Statement: The mission of the Washington Island Community Van, its volunteer drivers, and coordinator, with support from the Town Board and its maintenance crews, is to provide affordable, safe transportation both on and off the island, ensuring that members of our community, particularly our aging residents, have travel access to obtain their medical, social, and personal needs while maintaining their independence.

OFF ISLAND Trips:

From a pool of 11 volunteer drivers, 8 different drivers drove a total of 22 trips to Sturgeon Bay (20) or Green Bay (2) during our regular season from April 6 through December 17, 2015. Due to their flexibility and availability, we were able to accommodate residents (11 trips) who had medical needs that could not be met on our published ride dates. (Due to last minute illnesses by our prospective passengers, our first trip in April was cancelled and no other reservations were made in April.)

We had a total of 39 passengers. For 20 of the 22 trips, at least one passenger had a medical destination.

A total of 2,412.2 miles were driven taking 190 hours of our volunteers' time. (Included are 3 personal vehicle use trips; one by choice for 45 miles/4 hours time and two due to our broken van totaling 253 miles/21.5 hours.)

Our passengers paid \$270.00 plus 13 vouchers were submitted totaling \$130.00 minus service charges totaling approximately \$400.00.

In October, the town crew deemed our van too old to repair. In November, the Town Board supplied us with a pristine, spacious 2010 Dodge Stow n Go with just under 71,000 miles on it. All driver and passenger reports have stated it is a great, clean vehicle which drives and rides nicely. We all continue to thank the Board for providing the where withal to replace the older, unsafe van in a timely manner and the town crew for providing timely maintenance.

We also could not provide these services without the cooperation of the Washington Island Ferry Line which provides free passage for the van and its driver for every trip. President Hoyt Purinton has been extremely supportive with the extra scheduled dates; and for the interim time period between vans with allowance of personal vehicles being used for those 2 trips.

ON ISLAND Trips:

Stan Zyskowski reports 6 known community rides arranged through him. Personal vehicles were used.

Submitted to the Town Board, the Washington Island Ferry Line and the Washington Island Community Health Program by
Margie O'Connor, Community Van Coordinator on January 26, 2016

Stan Zyskowski

Resigned from on Island community
van