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## **Village expands free rides for seniors**

*Dial-a-ride program available six days per week*

ELMWOOD PARK – Elmwood Park seniors are taking advantage of a new Dial-A-Ride program that provides rides to and from many locations in the Elmwood Park area throughout the week. As a result, hours for the new service are being expanded. Service is now available from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays.



"We are so glad that seniors are utilizing this service, especially during the cold winter months when it's harder to get around," Village President Pete Silvestri said. "We see this as an important service the village provides to our seniors and residents with special needs who need a little extra help picking up groceries and other errands."

During December, the first month the service was offered, the village provided 69 rides. In January, that number jumped to 176 pick-ups. Anyone needing a ride must call Village Hall at 708-452-7300 to schedule an appointment.

Elmwood Park has partnered with Pace, the suburban bus agency of the Regional Transportation Authority, to provide the Dial-A-Ride program. The village rents the bus for a nominal fee, coordinates all scheduling of services and supplies the driver. Stops include stores and offices throughout town, Harlem & Irving Mall and shops in Oak Park.

Seniors can also contact Village Hall to request a list of high school students who are available to shovel snow during the winter. Students typically charge \$10 per house. However, when there is a snowfall of six inches or more, the village provides the service at no cost through a voucher program.