

Transportation

954-450-6850



The Transportation Division provides safe, reliable, and efficient transportation services to individuals who are registered at the center and who live in Pembroke Pines and neighboring communities.

Eligibility

Transportation service (with the exception of the Community Bus Service) is provided to individuals 55 years or older who have limited or no access to transportation services. This includes persons with disabilities. Service is provided free of charge to and from the center, medical and dental appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores, banks, post offices, social service agencies, field trips, and cultural events. Registration is available by telephone. Transportation requests to the center must be made at the time of registration. A riders guide is available to prospective clients. Transportation programs are supported through the generous donations of its participants. Transportation service is *not* provided on holidays.

Nutrition Program

Nutrition services are provided on a subscription basis, eliminating the need for daily requests. A priority score, based on registration, will result in an immediate assignment of a client to a service route or placement on a waiting list. Individuals assigned to a waiting list will be notified as soon as an opening becomes available.

ADA/Paratransit (TOPS - Transportation Options)

In collaboration with the Broward County Paratransit Division, the SWFP provides paratransit services for individuals enrolled in the TOPS Program to and from the following centers: Southwest Focal Point, Southeast Focal Point, and the Cooper City Senior Center. The TOPS Program targets individuals with physical, cognitive, or visual disabilities who are functionally unable to use the regular fixed route bus system. The Broward County Paratransit Division solely determines eligibility. For more information, please call the Pembroke Pines TOPS Program at **954-450-6883**.

Community Bus Services

Service is provided free to the general public Monday through Saturday, except holidays. This service is coordinated with Broward County Transit (BCT) and designed to operate in conjunction with connections to BCT routes 3, 5, 7, and 23. Riders must be at a designated stop to receive service. The Community Bus is wheelchair accessible.

Medical Appointments

Advance reservation is required for medical appointments. Clients are strongly encouraged to call for transportation services once they have scheduled an appointment. Transportation is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Appointments are accepted up to 30 days in advance. Appointments are accepted Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm. Trips are provided between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm, with the latest pickup from an appointment being 3:30pm. Assigned days apply to some areas, so please call and verify. Clients are required to be ready one (1) hour prior to their appointment time.

Grocery Shopping

Transportation to the grocery store is provided on a weekly basis. To receive this service, you must register at the beginning of each week. Shoppers should only purchase as many groceries as they can personally carry. Drivers are not permitted to carry groceries, except to place and remove them from the vehicle. Special consideration is given to those with disabilities.



Celebrating Three Decades of Community Service

Hand in Hand with the Community

The Southwest Focal Point Senior Center (SWFP) has been helping others throughout the past 30 years. Established in 1976, the center's first home was on 13th Street in Pines Village.

The City of Pembroke Pines commitment to seniors made many services possible. Services offered included health care, nutritious meals, sewing and craft classes, entertainment, and bus trips. The Older Americans Act of 1965 provided additional funds to expand and enhance the services offered to the elderly and played a large role in the establishment of the senior center.

In 1996, the SWFP moved into a beautifully appointed 53,110-square-foot building, which is a national prototype for the delivery of senior services. Senior services now include: adult day care for the frail and those with Alzheimer's, educational lectures and health screenings by medical professionals, an annual health fair, assorted trips and much more.

As the SWFP has grown, so has its impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. Community partnerships are an important part of the senior center's growth, and over the years, many mutually beneficial relationships have been established with elementary, middle, and high schools, Knights of Columbus, the Site Council, Prestige Club, EASE Foundation, choral groups, Levi Strauss, the Ladies of Harley, the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and many other organizations. Medical partnerships with Barry University School of Nursing and Nova Southeastern University provide comprehensive onsite healthcare services for the senior population.

"People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing."

- Andrew Carnegie



Groundbreaking Ceremony for existing Senior Center

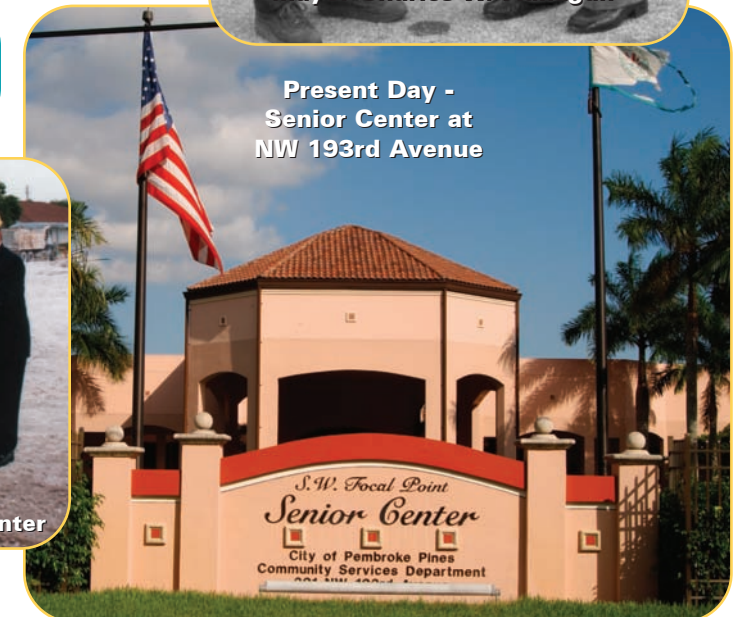
Special thanks to Gerry Witoshynsky City Historian for her invaluable help.



Original Senior Center at SW 13th Street



City Historian Gerry Witoshynsky with former Mayor Charles W. Flanagan



Present Day - Senior Center at NW 193rd Avenue