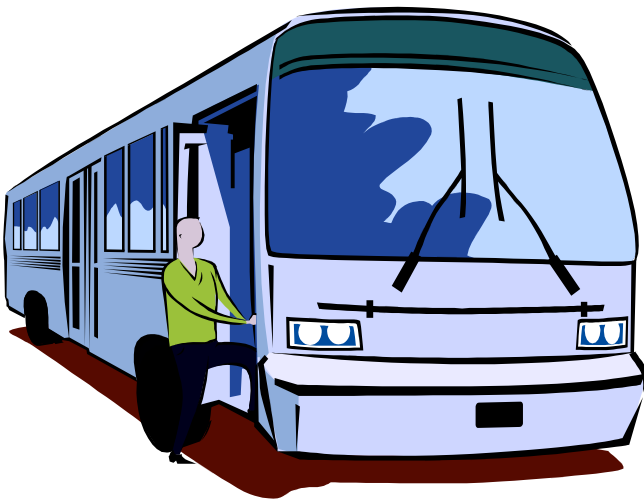




Your Guide to Public Transportation



Introduction

New Jersey, and Verona in particular, enjoy the benefits of an excellent public transportation system. Verona LIVE has developed Your Guide to Public Transportation to help Verona's senior citizens understand and utilize our transportation resources.

Using public transportation is a safe and economical way to visit family and friends and to travel to stores, restaurants, doctors' offices and many other destinations. Riding on the bus can be much easier than fighting traffic and searching for a parking space.

Public transportation helps us maintain our independence and self-sufficiency because it allows us to travel wherever and whenever we choose. We can make our own travel decisions without having to rely on other people.

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NJ TRANSIT

Two daily NJ TRANSIT bus routes serve Verona.

- The #29 bus travels along Bloomfield Avenue through West Caldwell, Caldwell, Verona, Montclair, Glen Ridge & Bloomfield to Newark Penn Station.
 - The #11 bus travels between Newark Penn Station and Willowbrook Mall via Bloomfield & Pompton Aves.
 - Both buses operate seven days a week, but schedules are different on weekends.
 - The Bus Map in this booklet shows the bus routes and all bus stops in Verona.
 - NJ TRANSIT buses are accessible: they “kneel” to lower the height of the first step and have lifts for riders who cannot use steps. Ask the bus driver for both services.
 - Exact change is required for the bus. See page 4 for fare information.
 - NJ TRANSIT Customer Service can answer your questions and help you plan a trip. Their number is 973-275-5555.
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NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program

Individuals age 62 and older save at least 50% on NJ TRANSIT by using the Reduced Fare Program. To receive the reduced fare:

- Show the bus or train operator an ID that is proof of your age (driver's license, Medicare card, etc.) and ask for "the reduced fare."
- Obtain a Reduced Fare ID Card by calling NJ TRANSIT at 973-491-7112.

What are "Fare Zones"?

Your bus fare is determined by zones, which are the distances that you travel. If your bus ride is within Verona, that is a one-zone trip. If you travel into Montclair, that is a two-zone trip. Zones are shown on the bus schedules with a special line and notation so you know your fare in advance. The bus operator will tell you how much your fare is.

	1 Zone	2 Zones
Full Fare	\$1.50	\$2.35
Reduced Fare	\$0.70	\$1.05

**Always bring exact change with you.
The bus operator does not carry cash
and cannot make change.**

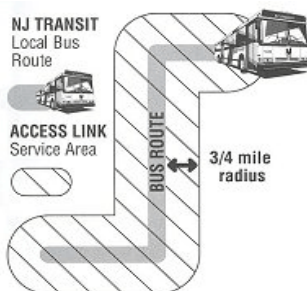
Access Link

NJ TRANSIT operates Access Link for customers with disabilities who cannot use the regular bus. Some seniors may be eligible for Access Link.

Access Link operates on the same days and hours as the regular bus and “shadows” the local bus routes.

Access Link has special features:

- Small buses provide “curb-to-curb” service.
- Appointments for trips are made by the rider at least 24 hours in advance.
- Access Link can be used for any type of trip - medical, social, shopping, etc.



Applying for Access Link

- Potential riders must have an in-person transportation assessment interview.
 - To arrange an assessment appointment, call **1-800-955-2321**.
 - A Certification Specialist will explain the assessment process and tell you what to bring to the interview.
 - If you need transportation to the interview, Access Link will pick you up for a round-trip fare of **\$4.00**.
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Transit Tips

- Plan your trip ahead using schedules, www.njtransit.com, mybus or customer service.
 - Keep a copy of the #11 & #29 schedules. To receive a copy call NJ TRANSIT Customer Service at **973-275-5555** or look for your bus schedule online at **www.njtransit.com**.
 - Bring exact fare and extra change with you.
 - Always get to the bus stop early. It is better to be 15 minutes early than 15 seconds late!
 - Sit near the bus operator, if possible, so you can easily communicate, see the road ahead and hear any announcements.
 - Keep aisles clear of bags or packages.
 - Bring any medications you may need during your trip, your ID Card, the address of your destination, and emergency phone numbers.
 - Tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you plan to return.
 - Never plan to take the last bus home.
 - ENJOY THE RIDE!
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Verona Bus Stop Guide & mybus Numbers

<u>To Newark/New York</u>	
<u>Bus Stop Location</u>	<u>mybus #</u>
1. Bloomfield Ave at Mountain Ave	17720
2. Bloomfield Ave at White Rock Rd	17721
3. Bloomfield Ave at Fells Rd	19357
4. Bloomfield Ave at Forest Ave	19380
5. Bloomfield Ave at W Lincoln St	19359
6. Bloomfield Ave at E Lincoln St	19360
7. Bloomfield Ave at S Prospect St	19361
8. Bloomfield Ave at Montrose Ave	19362
9. Bloomfield Ave at Park Pl	19363
10. Bloomfield Ave at Cumberland	19364
11. Bloomfield Ave at Park Ave	19365
12. Bloomfield Ave at Malvern Pl	19366
13. Bloomfield Ave at Brookdale Ave	19367
14. Bloomfield Ave at Westview Rd	19368
15. Bloomfield Ave at Mount Prospect Ave	19369
16. Pompton Ave at Martin Rd	19386
17. Pompton Ave at Claremont Ave	19387
18. Bloomfield Ave at Sunset Ave	19370
19. Bloomfield Ave at Rockledge Rd	18167
20. Bloomfield Ave at Lloyd Rd	18118

NJ TRANSIT “mybus”

Find out when the next buses are scheduled to arrive at bus stops in New Jersey by using mybus.

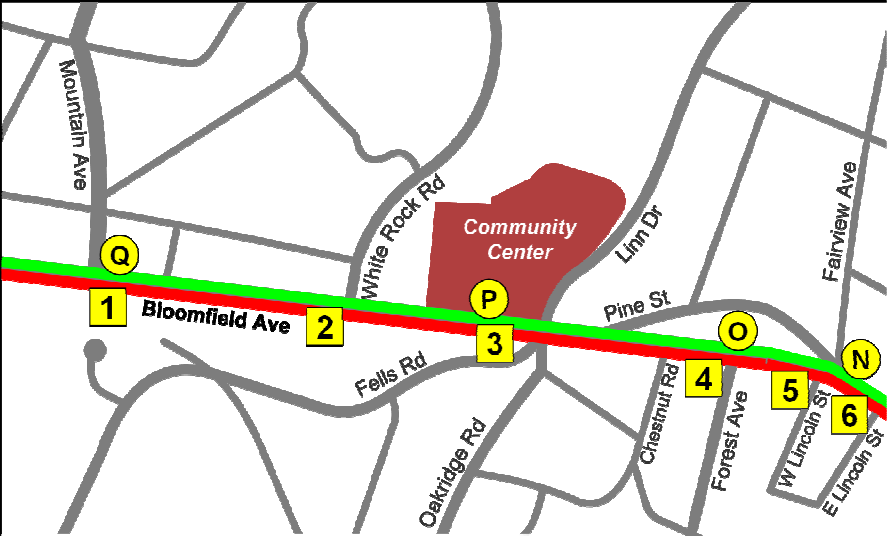
Bus Stop Guide Cont'd

To West Caldwell/Willowbrook

<u>Bus Stop Location</u>	<u>mybus#</u>
A. Bloomfield Ave at Prospect Ave	18187
B. Pompton Ave at Louisburg Sq	19382
C. Pompton Ave at Westover Rd	19383
D. Pompton Ave at Nassau Rd	19384
E. Pompton Ave at Claridge Dr	19385
F. Bloomfield Ave at Pompton Ave	19371
G. Bloomfield Ave at Westview Rd	19372
H. Bloomfield Ave at Hillcrest Terrace	19373
I. Bloomfield Ave at Park Ave	19374
J. Bloomfield Ave at Cumberland Ave	19375
K. Bloomfield Ave at Lakeside Ave	19376
L. Bloomfield Ave at Montrose Ave	19377
M. Bloomfield Ave at Grove Ave	19378
N. Bloomfield Ave at Fairview Ave	19379
O. Bloomfield Ave at Forest Ave	19380
P. Bloomfield Ave at Linn Dr	19381
Q. Bloomfield Ave at Mountain Ave	17286

To Check “mybus”




Call 973-275-5555 or on your cell phone, text the bus stop ID number to mybus at 69287. You will then get the time that the next scheduled bus is to arrive at your stop. Check with your phone provider to see how much they charge for a text message.






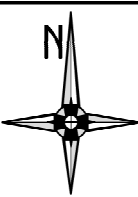
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and **ANJ TIP Inc.**

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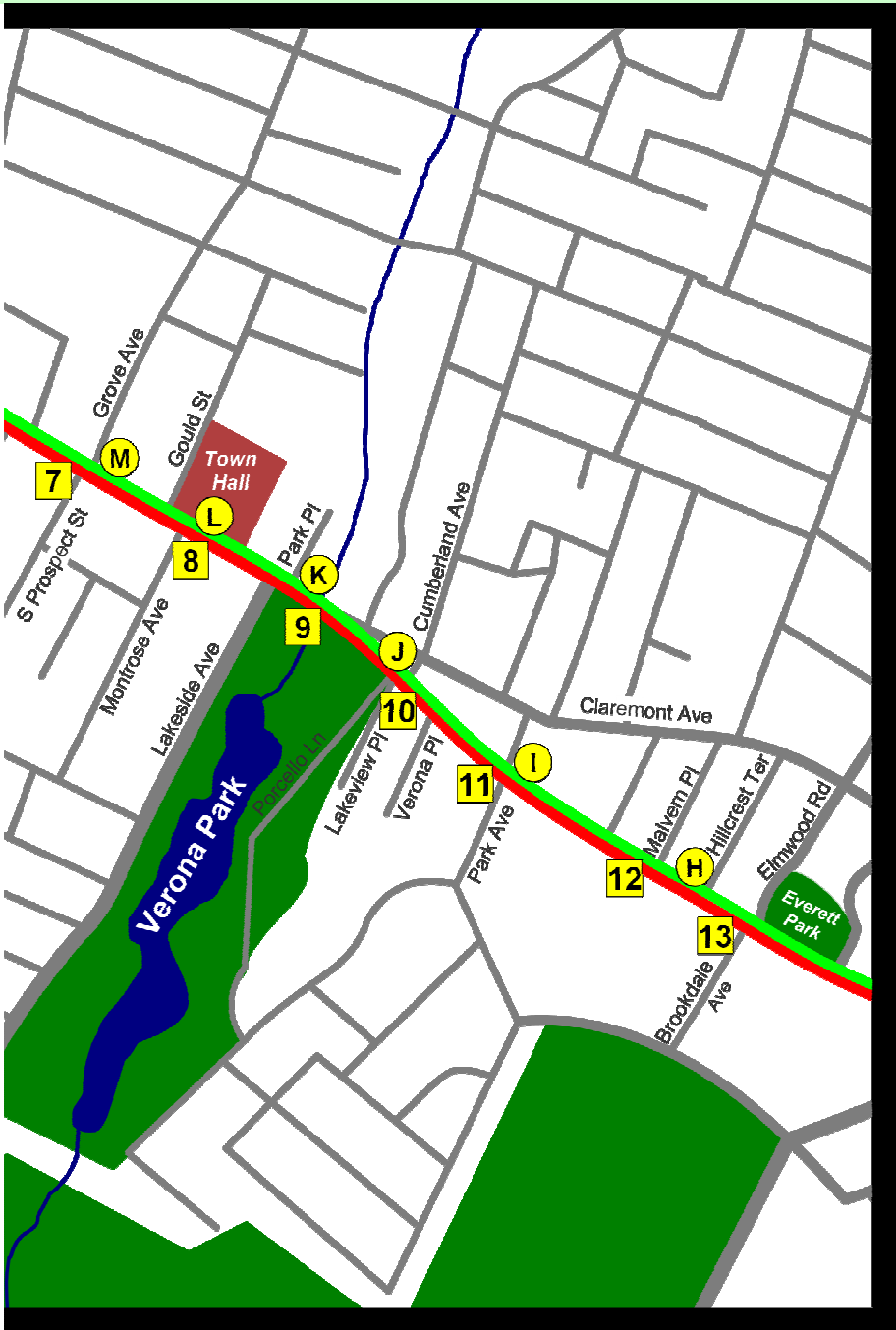
Verona Bus Map

-  To W. Caldwell/Parsippany
-  To Montclair/Newark/NYC
-  To Willowbrook Mall

-  DeCamp 33 Bus Line
-  29 Bus Line
-  11 Bus Line



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To W. Caldwell/
Parsippany

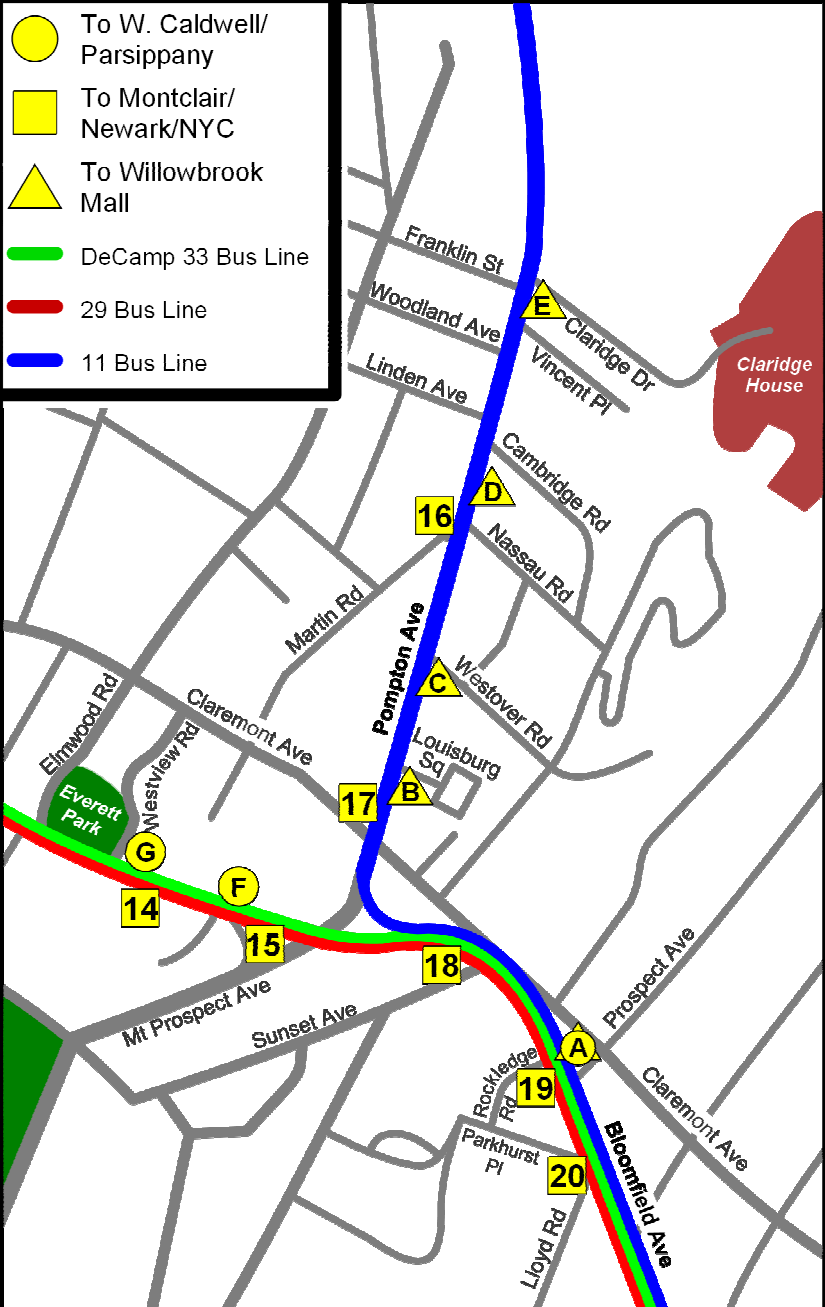
To Montclair/
Newark/NYC

To Willowbrook
Mall

DeCamp 33 Bus Line

29 Bus Line

11 Bus Line



Medical Transportation Services

Metro Transport

Call - 973-325-1359 / 973-400-3889

- Operates Monday—Friday, 9 AM—4 PM.
- Make reservations 7 days in advance.
- Service in Essex County and parts of Union and Morris Counties.
- Vehicles are wheelchair accessible.
- Your fee will be determined on a sliding scale based on your monthly income.
- Service is to medical destinations.
- Leave a message if no one is available.
- Please schedule your medical appointment between 10 AM and 2 PM as the return trip must be scheduled before 4 PM.

Verona Medical Transport

- Available to Verona and Cedar Grove residents.
- Provides service to medical appointments up to 5 miles out of town for a nominal cost.
- Call the Dispatcher as much as three weeks ahead of your appointment.
- A car and an accessible vehicle are available.

To Request a Ride:

- Call **973-857-4832** Monday – Friday, between 10 AM and 12 NOON.
 - Availability is on a first come, first served basis.
 - A limited number of appointments are made for each day.
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Essex County Special Transportation

Free transportation to doctors, hospitals and other medical appointments is available from Essex County Special Transportation.

- New riders must complete a Personal Identification Form by telephone prior to scheduling a ride.
 - Riders must be over 60 years of age & enrolled in Medicare.
 - Service to medical destinations within Essex County.
 - Trip reservations must be made at least two days in advance.
 - Riders are asked to be ready one hour before the pickup & drop-off times.
 - This is a busy service, so passengers may have to be flexible about pick-up days and times.
 - Call **973-395-5858 between 9:00 AM and 4:00PM, Monday-Friday** to reserve a trip.
 - Call for information about scheduled trips from Verona to other destinations.
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Verona Transportation Services

Verona Senior Bus

- The Senior Bus provides curb to curb service to specific shopping and recreational destinations advertised on the monthly calendar available at the community center.
- Available to Verona and Cedar Grove residents.
- Recreational trips include monthly lunches at local restaurants, and programs such as bingo games, shopping and card & board game days.
- Call **973-857-4832**, Monday – Friday, 8:30am to Noon, to request a ride.

Local & Long Distance Taxi & Livery Service

For your convenience, we are listing private taxis and livery (limo) companies that serve Verona. These for-profit companies are not connected with Verona LIVE or any municipal program.

- **Local Taxi Cabs**

Montclair Yellow Cab

(973) 744-9000

Montclair Taxi (Black & White)

(973) 744-6778

- **Long Distance Livery Services**

Clairidge Airport Service

(973) 746-2600

Montclair Car Service

(973) 509-0277

Montclair Taxi and Limo

(973) 744-7444

DeCamp Service to New York City

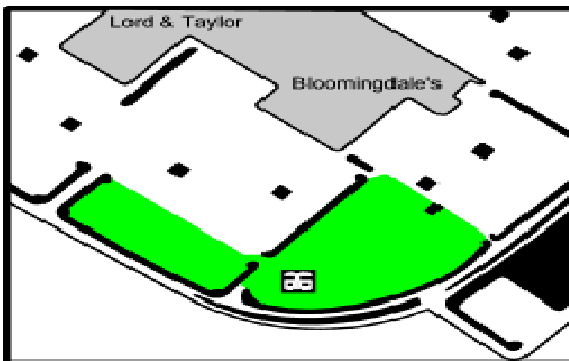
DeCamp Bus Lines go into the New York Port Authority Bus Terminal. The trip from Verona takes approximately one hour. Buses run frequently during rush hours and about once an hour during the rest of the day. Buses stop along Bloomfield Ave. Refer to the map in this booklet for stop locations.

- Customers age 62 and older pay half-fare, which is \$7.75 for the round-trip & is subject to a \$0.50 fuel surcharge.
 - In order to pay the reduced fare, you must have a Reduced Fare Coupon and proof of age. Books of coupons are distributed free of charge at the Wells Fargo Bank at 599 Bloomfield Ave.
 - Tickets can be purchases at Verona Variety, 400 Bloomfield Ave. (973) 857-4575 or you may pay exact fare on the bus.
 - When returning to Verona, tickets must be purchased before boarding at windows 24-28 at the Port Authority Bus Terminal.
 - For more information see **decamp.com** or call **(973) 783-7500**.
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NJ TRANSIT Service to New York City

NJ TRANSIT has two options with parking that are convenient to Verona:

- **TRAIN: Montclair-Bay Street Rail Station**
 - On the Montclair-Boonton Rail Line with daily service into Hoboken & New York
 - Lot Location: Pine Street
 - Phone: 973-509-4997
 - Parking \$5 per day, Sunday is free
 - Time to/from NYC: 40 min
 - Reduced fare to NYC is \$3 each way
- **BUS: Willowbrook Mall Park and Ride**
 - Location: Outermost parking lot between Lord & Taylor and Bloomingdale's
 - Phone: 973-275-5555
 - Time to/from NYC: 50 min—1 hr
 - Parking \$2 per day
 - Reduced fare to NYC is \$3.50 each way
 - Park in green spots only!



For complete information go to
www.njtransit.com or call **973-275-5555**.

Resources

Verona LIVE Office

Verona Community Center

880 Bloomfield Ave.

973-830-0096

rcohen@jvsnj.org

Verona Senior Bus:

973-857-4832

Verona Community Center:

973-857-4830

DeCamp Buses:

973-783-7500

www.decamp.com

Tickets: Verona Variety, 400 Bloomfield Ave

973- 857-4575

Reduced Fare Coupons: Wells Fargo Bank

Essex County Division of Senior Services

Main Office:

973-395-8375

Transportation:

973-395-5858

NJ TRANSIT

Customer Service:

973-275-5555

Reduced Fare:

973-491-7112

Access Link:

800-955-2321

Website:

www.njtransit.com

Metro Transport:

973-325-1359

Resources

ElderLink

- ElderLink is a one-stop connection to the vast array of eldercare resources and services available in the local community and beyond.
- ElderLink is a program of United Jewish Communities of MetroWest New Jersey and MetroWest CARES (Committee Addressing Resources for Eldercare Services), administered by Jewish Family Service of MetroWest.
- You can reach ElderLink by:
 - Calling **(973) 765-9050**
 - Online at **www.elderlinkmetrowest.org**

NJ TIP Inc. prepared Your Guide to Public Transportation for Verona LIVE. Please contact us with any comments or questions.

NJ TIP is a non-profit organization that teaches people how to use public transportation. If you have been approved for Access Link, but would like free, one-on-one instruction to learn to use the regular NJ TRANSIT bus, please call us at:

973-533-1665



Verona LIVE is a federal demonstration program whose goal is to help older adults remain in the community. This non-sectarian program is in partnership with the Township of Verona. Support provided by the US Administration on Aging and United Jewish Appeal; funded in part through a grant from The Partners for Health Foundation.