

## GEMS

The GEMS system is designed to provide transportation to Gulfport residents 55 years and older and disabled residents that are not able to use conventional modes of transportation.

### Where GEMS goes:

Anywhere within our service area which is:  
38<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and from Downtown St. Pete to the Intercoastal Waterway.

### Types of Service Trips:

Medical, social service, work related trips as well as shopping, dining and entertainment trips.

*Service area is subject to change.*

### Days and Times:

Monday – Friday

Office Hours: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Service Hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

### Costs:

\$65.00 – Annual Membership Fee

\$2.00 – Per One-way Trip Fee

Trips to the Gulfport Multi-purpose Senior Center are **FREE!**

Correct fare is necessary when boarding the vehicle.

*Limited scholarships are available with proper verification for low income residents.*

### How to Schedule:

Call: (727) 893-2242

- Trip reservations are taken on a first call, first serve basis.
- **Be ready 15 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time.**
- Reservations may be made 10 working days before the desired travel date, but no later than 12:00 pm the day before your trip.
- **Dispatchers are available to make your reservations Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.**
- In order to accommodate as many riders as possible, pick-up times will be negotiated up to 15 minutes before or after the requested pick-up time.
- **Cancellations MUST be made at least 2 hours prior to a scheduled pick-up time.**
- Schedules may be affected by weather, road conditions, or other rider circumstances.
- **When scheduling, be prepared to provide:**
  - Your Name
  - Pick-up Address
  - Date & Time of Travel
  - Address of Destination

### Regularly Scheduled Trips:

- *1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month:* Bay Pines VA Hospital & Medical Center, Wal-Mart Super Center, Target, Kohls Shopping
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month:* Trader Joe's, Fresh Market Shopping
- *4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month:* Northside Hospital & Medical Centers



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### *Service Hours:*

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GEMS, the Gulfport Extended Mini-Bus Service, provides safe, courteous, clean, reliable, and effective on-time service to the elderly and disabled residents of Gulfport.

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**Important Reminders:**

- NO Tipping.
- **Reserve early.** Up to 10 working days prior, but no later than 12:00 pm the day before your trip.
- Have exact fare.
- **Be ready 15 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time.**
- Limit shopping bags to a reasonable amount that the driver can carry in one trip.

**Most Commonly Visited Locations  
(as indicated on map by ★):**

1. Target, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Ross, Total Wine, Petsmart, Subway, Cody's, Harold Seltzer's Steak House.
2. Tyrone Square Mall, Best Buy, Home Goods, Home Depot, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Michael's, Jo Ann's.
3. Doctor's offices, Winn-Dixie, Big Lots, Hear USA, Vision Works.
4. YMCA, Wal-Mart, Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.
5. Edward White Hospital & Doctor's offices, St. Anthony's Hospital & Doctor's offices, Bayfront Medical Center.
6. Pasadena Area: Publix, Winn-Dixie, Wal-mart Neighborhood Market, Dollar Tree, Doctor's offices, Bank of America, Wells Fargo Bank, Quest Diagnostics.
7. Palms of Pasadena Hospital & Doctor's offices, The Fountains, The Springs, The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center
8. Gulfport Area: McDonalds, Sav-A-Lot, Wells Fargo Bank, Regions Bank, Walgreens, Doctor's offices, Tuesday Morning Fresh Market, Post Office, Beauty Shop.
9. THE GULFPORT MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER.

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