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Beyond the 9-to-5: Wheels2U Launches New Mid-Day Service for Effortless Westport Travel

WESTPORT, CT — The Westport Transit District is officially breaking the "commuter-only" mold. Starting Tuesday, February 3rd, its on-demand **Wheels2U** service expands to serve the **Greens Farms** and **Saugatuck** train stations during the mid-day hours of **10:30 am to 1:30 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.**

This strategic expansion aims to serve the modern Westport resident—whether they are hybrid workers heading to the city for afternoon meetings, retirees enjoying a day out, or foodies looking to skip the Saugatuck parking "Hunger Games."

"Westport isn't just a town of commuters; it's a town of active, busy people who need to get around at all hours," said Peter Gold, a Director of the Westport Transit District. "By expanding to these mid-day hours, we're making Saugatuck and Greens Farms more accessible to everyone, no parking permit required."

Redefining the Mid-Day "Commuter"

While the 5:30 am to 10:30 am window is traditionally reserved for the "daily grind," Wheels2U's new mid-day hours cater to a different kind of traveler. Why choose the mid-day train over the early morning rush?

- **The "Peak" of Comfort:** Skip the standing-room-only cars. Mid-day travelers enjoy plenty of seating, and a much quieter environment for catching up on work or enjoying a book.

- **Off-Peak Perks:** Whether you're heading to New York City or New Haven for a matinee or museum visit, or to another Metro North destination, traveling mid-day lets you take advantage of off-peak Metro North fares, making a trip more budget-friendly. On your return, Wheels2U can take you home again starting at 4:00 pm.
- **Ultimate Flexibility:** Perfect for hybrid workers who start their day at home and head into the city for afternoon meetings, or for those planning a stress-free day trip to NYC or Stamford without the 6:00 am alarm.
- **The Stress-Free Connection:** No more hunting for elusive parking spots at the station. Wheels2U picks you up at your door and drops you right at the platform.

Destination: Saugatuck & Greens Farms

You don't need a train ticket to use Wheels2U. The service is also a gateway to some of Westport's most vibrant areas during their best hours:

- **The Saugatuck Lunch Loop:** Meet friends for lunch at some of the town's top-rated restaurants without worrying about finding a spot for your car.
- **Greens Farms Coastal Breaks:** Head down to Greens Farms for a mid-day walk along the scenic coastal roads or for a short walk to Burying Hill Beach.

Simple, Affordable, On-Demand

Wheels2U Westport is an on-demand, shared ride public transit service operated by the Westport Transit District. For only \$2 per ride Wheels2U takes riders to and from anywhere in Westport and the train stations and downtown destinations. Riders downloading the Wheels2U app for the first time get five free rides.

Service Hours:

- **Monday–Friday (Saugatuck and Greens Farms Train Stations):**
 - 5:30 AM – 10:30 AM
 - 4:00 PM – 9:30 PM
- **Tuesday–Thursday (Saugatuck and Greens Farms Train Stations, Jesup Green/Library/Senior Center):**
 - 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

How to Ride:

Download the **Wheels2U Westport app** and request a pickup about 20 minutes before you need to leave.

For more information and to download the Wheels2U app, please visit <http://wheels2u/Westport.org>.

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