



PRESS RELEASE

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WHEELS2U WESTPORT LAUNCHES FOURTH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

[Wheels2U](#), the Westport Transit District's on-demand, group ride, door-to-door service, is launching its fourth annual poetry contest. This year, the Transit District is challenging residents to master the **Double Dactyl**, a rhythmic and humorous eight-line poetic form.

Following prior contests featuring limericks, haikus, and acrostic poems, this year's contest offers a creative way for those who live or work in Westport to highlight the ease and benefits of Westport's ride-sharing service. **Seven winners** will receive gift certificates to their choice of Westport restaurants, including a **\$100 grand prize**.

What is a Double Dactyl?

A **Double Dactyl** is a rhythmic and humorous poetic form consisting of two stanzas of four lines each.

- **Meter:** The first three lines of each stanza must follow a DUM-da-da DUM-da-da rhythm. The fourth line of each stanza follows a DUM-da-da DUM rhythm.
- **Rhyme:** The last line of the first stanza must rhyme with the last line of the second stanza.
- **Opening:** The first line is often a nonsense phrase such as "Higgeldy piggeldy" or "Jiggery pokery".
- **Bonuses:** Use "Wheels2U" in the poem, additional bonus if one line in the poem is a single six-syllable word.

Here is a winning-caliber example. Others are scattered throughout the rest of the release.

Higgeldy Piggeldy
Wheels2U Westport is
Ditching the parking lot
Drama and stress.

Unprecedentedly
Simple to book a ride,
Join the community's
Transit success.

Peter Gold, co-Director of the Westport Transit District, stated "Wheels2U Westport provides many benefits. It's easy, inexpensive, and convenient to use whether you're going to the train station, the Library, the Senior Center or downtown at Jesup Green. It comes when you call it, picks you up right at your home or office, and takes you right to your destination. No more searching for a parking space or stressing out about traffic; just sit back and enjoy the ride."

Jiggery Pokery
Dine at a restaurant
Don't want to drive after
Having a drink.

Extraordinarily
Safe and reliable,
Home in a jiffy
No need to think.

Karina Betfarhad, co-Director of the Westport Transit District, said "This contest is a fun way for the community to engage with public transit. We see Wheels2U used by commuters, seniors, families, and students every weekday, and poetry captures those moments while reminding people how easy it is to leave the car at home."

Jiggery Pokery
Teenagers needing a
Lift to the Library
Or to a field.

Indispensability
Parents can finally
Sit on the sofa and
Legally yield.

Prizes, Deadlines, and Official Rules

Gift certificates to the Westport restaurant of their choice will be awarded to the winners.

- **1st Place:** \$100 Gift Certificate (1 winner)
- **2nd Place:** \$50 Gift Certificate (2 winners)
- **3rd Place:** \$25 Gift Certificate (4 winners)

How to Enter: Email your poems to wtd.pgold@gmail.com by **April 7**. Use the subject line “**Double Dactyl Contest**” and include your name, address, and email. Westport residents and those who visit or work in Westport may enter as often as they like.

Winners will be chosen by Peter Gold and Karina Betfarhad, the Directors of the Westport Transit District, in their sole discretion, with the assistance of librarians and English teachers in the Westport Public Schools. All entries become the property of the Westport Transit District. Entrants give the Westport Transit District permission to use their entries without compensation to promote the operations of the Westport Transit District and Wheels2U Westport as the Directors of the Westport Transit District see fit, including, but not limited to, using the entry as an advertising poster at the Westport and Greens Farms train stations or using it in marketing emails. The Westport Transit District may modify entries if necessary to meet the needs of the Westport Transit District.

Jibberty Jabberty
 Uber is pricey and
 Taxis are ancient and
 Hard to procure.

Economical
 Wheels2U’s cheaper, and
 Transit efficiency’s
 Hard to ignore.

About Wheels2U

Wheels2U provides door-to-platform shuttle service to the Saugatuck and Greens Farms train stations, plus midday service to the train stations, Library, Senior Center, and downtown. Rides can be requested using the Wheels2U app.

- **Fares:** \$2.00 via the Wheels2U app.
- **Hours:** Mon–Fri (Commuter): 5:30–10:30 am & 4:00–9:30 pm.
- **Midday:** Tue–Thu: 10:00 am–1:30 pm.

For more information about Wheels2U go to www.wheels2uwestport.com. For more information about the Westport Transit District’s services for the elderly and people with disabilities go to <https://norwalktransit.com/ada-services-westport/>.

WHEELS2U WESTPORT PRESENTS THE 4th ANNUAL

POETRY CONTEST: DOUBLE DACTYLS!

INTRODUCING DOUBLE DACTYLS!
DOUBLE DACTYLS!

Higgledy piggledy...

Stanza structure: (Two stanzas,
Four lines -, Four lines each)

Rhythm: ♪♪ DUM-da-da DUM-da-da
Line 4 rhymes with Line 8

Big 6-Syllable Word Bonus

PRIZES! WIN GIFT

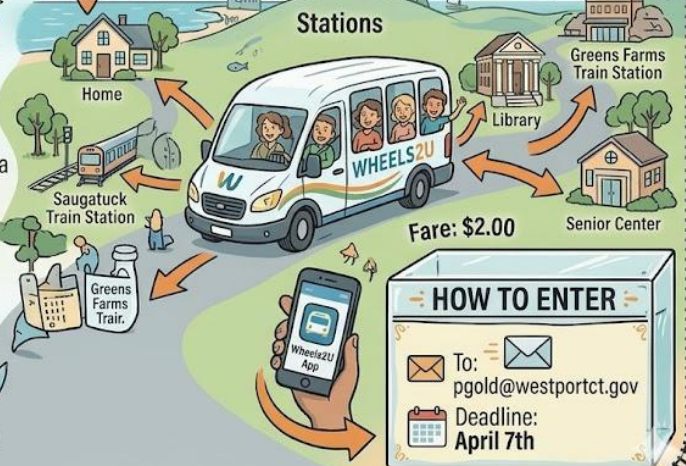


Gift Certificates



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WHEELS2U ON-DEMAND SHUTTLE



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