

Let's Go Places! Moving Forward



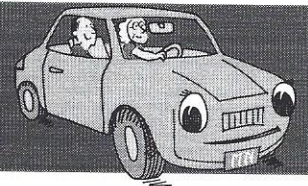
Let's Go Places! is moving forward. The number of individuals going on Let's Go Places! rides is increasing and we expect the pace to pick up in the fall. So far, the most popular destination is University Town Center. We continue to make adjustments to the program as we get comments and suggestions from people who use the service. One thing remains clear – people are as interested in meeting new people as they are in going to the locations included on the calendar. Please continue to let us know what you think of Let's Go Places! and let us know where you want to go!

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that we are going to conduct an email test for those of you who provided us with an email address. In the future, in order to get the word out about special events quickly and inexpensively, we will be sending out these notices through email. Unfortunately, it is not practical to do this thru regular mail due to the time and cost involved. We have not had the time yet to conduct the test and expect that it will happen in the next few weeks. For those of you who have provided us with an email address, we will be sending you an email asking you to confirm that you received the message. Simply reply something like 'yes', 'got it', 'thanks', etc. Thanks for your cooperation!

Special thanks to Florida Studio Theater, First Watch, Goodwill Manasota, and Tableside Restaurant Group (Oak & Stone/Muse at The Ringling/Libby's Café/Louies Modern) for your support of Let's Go Places! by providing discounts to our riders!

Reminders To Riders From Rich

Rich, our fearless dispatcher, wants to remind you that ride requests need to be called in by 1 pm the day before you want a ride or Friday at 1 pm for rides on Saturday, Sunday and Monday rides. Rides called in after 1 pm can create some serious problems for Rich and we cannot guarantee that we can fulfill your request. You are welcome to call in rides as far in advance as you like since our system can easily keep track of this. Also, please, no tipping of drivers. We know they are great and you may want to acknowledge them, however, it is our policy that tipping not take place. Thanks!



Linda Davis – Bankers Life Golden Beacon Award

The Sarasota branch of Bankers Life is proud to recognize Linda Davis for outstanding community service, has selected Linda for their 2017 Golden Beacon award, and will make a \$500 donation to ITN SunCoast in Linda's name. For the past three years, Linda has provided more than 100 rides annually, recruited many volunteers, raised funds, created a Car Karaoke campaign, and served as the secretary of the Board of Directors. Linda's contribution to ITN SunCoast has and continues to be extraordinary and very much appreciated!

Bankers Life takes pride in supporting causes that are important to their customers and their communities. Through their Golden Beacon program, they honor individuals aged 50+ who are making a meaningful impact in their hometown through volunteerism. For more information, visit BankersLife.com/GoldenBeacon.

Car Donations – A Reminder: We Make it Easy

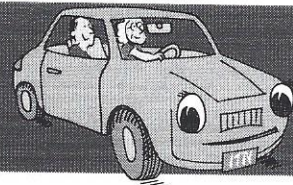
We recently received a two car donations from individuals who decided that it was best to stop driving and that it is smart to stop paying for registration, insurance and maintenance on a car that is sitting in the garage not being used. It is a win-win situation. We make it easy to sell your car and get top dollar and ITN SunCoast receives much needed donations. After a brief meeting and the signing of a few papers, we drive the vehicle away, sell it and distribute the proceeds according to your wishes. In some cases, the proceeds from the sale are donated completely to ITN SunCoast. In other instances, the proceeds are split between a credit in your ITN account and a donation. Either approach is fine with us. All donations are tax deductible. Call us if you want to find out more about our car donation program.

Thanks to Susan!

Susan Shaw, our executive assistant par excellence and that cool, calm voice you sometimes hear when you call our office, just celebrated her two year anniversary with ITN SunCoast. Thanks, Susan, for all that you do for our riders!!

New Milestone for ITN SunCoast

In July, ITN SunCoast achieved a new milestone. We provided our 40,000th ride since we began providing rides in 2010! Thanks to the many individuals over the years who helped make this happen!!



Friendly Reminders

- ITN SunCoast office hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday and may be reached by calling 941-364-7530. If you call us after 2 pm, we will get back to you the following day. In case of an emergency after hours or on the weekend, call 941-928-6506.
- You may request a ride for any reason, on any day of the week including weekends, at any time of the day or night to anywhere within Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Please make your ride request by 1 pm the day before you want a ride.
- For rides you need on Sundays and Mondays, please call in your ride requests by 1 pm the previous Friday. On Friday afternoons, we set the schedules for Saturday, Sunday and Monday rides.
- If the details of a particular ride change after you have called us and made the ride request, please let us know asap and do not wait until you receive the confirmation call. Our ride schedules are pretty set by the time of the confirmation calls so making changes at that time can cause problems for us.
- When you call to make a ride request, please be prepared to give us your pickup and destination addresses and the times when you want to get picked up for both portions of your travels.
- You now have the option of submitting ride requests through email. Requests should be sent to info@itnsuncoast.org.
- You are welcome to have friends join you for rides to wherever you want to go. Your friends do not have to be ITN SunCoast members and there will be an additional charge of \$2.50 per person per ride.
- You may request rides for friends to visit you at your home. In this case, we will charge you, our member, the regular fare for the ride requested and it will be up to you to collect the charge or not from your friend.

Thank you for being a member/supporter of ITN SunCoast!!

Arthur Lerman, Executive Director

Susan Shaw, Executive Assistant

Rich Henderson, Dispatcher

Dana Stewart, Administrative Assistant