# ITNSunCoast News – July, 2016



### Ride Requests by Email

You now have the option of submitting ride requests through email instead of giving us a call. Requests should be sent to Jennifer by noon the day before or by noon on Friday for a Saturday, Sunday or Monday ride. Jennifer's email address is <a href="mailto:jennifer.edwards@itnsuncoast.org">jennifer.edwards@itnsuncoast.org</a>. Please give us your requested pick-up time, the actual street address of your destination and the time you want to be picked up for your return ride. If it is an appointment, please provide the name of the person you will be seeing and their suite number if the office is in an office building so we can find you for the return. Hopefully this will make things easier for some of you.

## **Free Eye Appointment Rides**

As the result of a generous grant from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biotechnology company that makes a treatment for macular degeneration, roundtrip rides to eye appointments are now free to our members. When you call to make a request for a ride to an eye appointment, please let us know the purpose of the ride so we do not charge you.

## Visits With Friends at Your Home or Elsewhere

There may be occasions when you want to entertain friends at your home or meet friends somewhere in the community. However, the limiting factor may be that they do not have transportation to get there. You are welcome to make a request for a ride for a friend to meet you. You will be charged for the ride and it will appear on your monthly statement. You can decide with your friend how to cover this expense.

## **Looking for Riders to Be On Our Board of Directors**

The iTNSunCoast Board of Directors is looking for riders to become members of our Board. The Board feels it is important to have the viewpoint of riders represented as issues are discussed and decisions are made that will affect our services. The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month for 1 ½ hours. Transportation will be provided to the meetings at no cost. If you are interested or simply want to learn more, please call Arthur at the iTN office at 941-364-7530.

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#### **Ways to Reduce Your Costs**

One way to save money on rides is to find a friend who would like to go to the same place and share the cost of the ride. While this probably won't work for doctors' appointments, if would work for rides like going shopping or to the theater. While there is a charge of \$2.50 for each additional person, you will still save money by sharing the ride.

## Pick Up/Delivery/Shopping Service

We offer pick up, delivery and shopping services. We could pick up or deliver things for you like prescriptions, dry cleaning, meals from restaurants, tax returns or groceries. In addition, we can do food shopping for you. The cost of the pick-up and delivery service is the charge for a one way ride plus a \$5.00 fee. Shopping will be charged on the basis of the time involved. This makes it less expensive than if you made the trip yourself in those instances when you would rather not go out. Just give us a call with the details of your request.

#### Save \$ - Sell or Donate Your Car

You may have a car that you no longer use that is sitting in your garage or driveway costing you money. Insurance, registration and maintenance can be significant expenses. iTNSunCoast can help you sell your vehicle. We will pick up your car and make arrangements for its sale. You can donate to iTN all or a portion of the sale amount and use the value of the donation as a tax deduction. You can also take a portion of the value of your car as a credit into your iTN account to cover the cost of future rides, you can give it to a family member or friend, donate to our Road Scholarship fund, or bank the credit for your own use at some point in the future. Call Arthur at the iTN office for more information.

## Thank you for being a member/supporter of iTNSunCoast!!

Arthur Lerman, Executive Director Susan Shaw, Executive Assistant Jennifer Edwards, Dispatcher