



News and Information from the Independent Transportation Network[®]

Summer 2009

ITNCentralCT is On The Move

ITNCentralCT began giving rides on April 27, 2009. In the last four days of April, we gave 11 rides. In May we gave 90 rides, 87 in June, and we provided 172 rides in July. This rapid growth is the fruit of many hours of networking with folks at senior centers, churches, retirement communities, and state and local social service agencies.

Although we still (as always) need more volunteers, our volunteer base is growing steadily. In the past month we have taken on several new drivers, including Gary Brewer, who works at a local children's hospital, Nicole Brown, who has quickly become a favorite of all the riders she has driven, Don Jensen and Mark Alpert of Wethersfield, who have been invaluable in our fastest-growing area, the city of Wethersfield, and we are proud to announce that two of our board members, Judith Felton and Carl Rodenhizer, have begun driving recently.

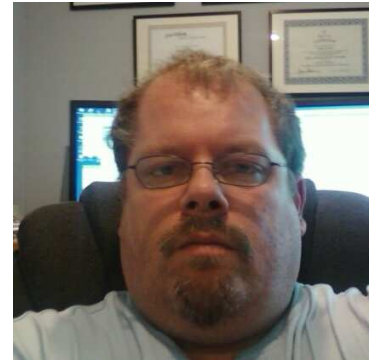
We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish so far, but as they say in Brooklyn, "You ain't seen nothing yet." We are negotiating currently with a large retirement community, two municipal governments, and a state agency to expand our service much further, and we look forward to the challenges we will face in the near future.

We could not have done any of this without help from a number of sources, but the one I want to single out in this issue is our talented and energetic intern Nhung Nguyen (pronounced "Nun Gwen"). Her dedication and skill inspire me every day, and we are fortunate to have her. She does more tasks than I can enumerate here, and is always willing to tackle something new. Thank you, Nhung.

— GW Frazier, Executive Director

Our Newest Board Member

ITN*CentralCT* is proud to announce our newest board member, Todd White, who will serve as our Information Systems Director. Todd has a diverse background in the Information Technology field. His career started as a LAN Administrator where he was in charge of maintaining systems, customizing software applications and managing and upgrading the network. He is currently working full time for a software development company based in New Haven while he runs his consulting firm in Meriden.



“I was honored to be asked to support the ITN network and become part of this wonderful organization. It feels good to be part of something that helps people everyday. I’m looking forward to all the things I can do to help ITN*CentralCT* keep working for the community,” Todd said.

Todd has recently upgraded our donated computers and has assisted with installing many of the programs needed to run ITN*CentralCT* smoothly. We all want to welcome Todd as our newest board member.



Gift Certificates

Is a loved one celebrating a Birthday? Give them something special this year — the gift of independence.

ITN*CentralCT* now has gift certificates in any denomination available for **all** occasions.

We can mail the card to you or the gift recipient. Please call **860 346-RIDE** to order.

Walk For Rides Event a Success

We want to thank all businesses, volunteers and members who donated their time and money to our successful Walk for Rides fundraiser on June 13, 2009.

Two of our members contributed a fine musical entertainment, singing and playing the Golden Oldies. In addition, we had two lively Irish bands: Backswamp and Kitchen Cieli.

Again, many thanks for your generous contributions to benefit seniors and people with visual impairments. Our whole community is richer when everyone can get out and about.

Turn your unused car into safe rides with *CarTrade*!



You may have retired from driving, but you still have all the same appointments, social engagements and errands to run. If you have a car just sitting in your driveway, costing you money in insurance, registration, and upkeep, make it work for you by trading it to ITN for an equal value in rides.

We will send a representative to your home to help you set a price for your vehicle. Once you are satisfied, your ITN *CarTrade* funds your Personal Transportation Account™ for rides—wherever you want or need to go. ITN will then collect your vehicle.

If you are not a member of ITN or are interested in donating a vehicle rather than trading it for credits, we accept car donations and provide receipts so that you can claim your tax deduction. Please call us at 860 346-7433 to get the process rolling.

Members Night Out

Wednesday, September 16
Enzo's Restaurant & Lounge
200 Main St.
Middletown, CT 06457

Come join us for some fun at Enzo's Restaurant & Lounge on Wednesday, September 16. Meet our staff, volunteers, other members and new friends. There will be a drawing for a door prize.

There is a special on prime rib for \$12.99 and pasta special for \$7.99. Transportation will be provided free of charge, so call us ahead at (860) 346-7433 to reserve your ride.

Did You Know?

You get a 50% discount on the mileage charge if you call in advance to book a ride. "In advance" is by 6 p.m. at least one day before your ride.

☞ As soon as you know you need a ride, give us a call. The more advance notice we have, the easier it is to schedule our drivers.

☞ The mileage charge for "same day" rides is \$2 per mile and the mileage charge for advance rides is \$1 per mile.

☞ If you have a ride that you need every week, let us know so we can book it as a "recurring ride." This way, the only time you need to call us is if you don't want the ride in a given week.

☞ Did you know all member-riders receive a \$5 credit on their birthdays? It is automatically added to your account. That's our gift to you!



Drivers: Help us provide door-through-door transportation to people over 60 and adults with visual impairments. Must be friendly and willing to lend a steadying hand. May need to help rider carry items to and from the car.

Commitment: Drive a minimum of three hours per month for a year. Only drive when and where you want.

Compensation: Gas reimbursement plus the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping people stay independent and healthy by taking them to visit friends, to the gym, to the mall or to a medical appointment. Transportation Social Security™ in the form of earned transportation credits for the miles you drive.

Call for more information (860) 346-7433 or visit our website www.ITNCentralCT.org.

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