

Fashion for the Ages

Looking for a morning filled with fun and fresh fashion ideas? Do we have an event for you!

Join ITNBluegrass as it presents “Fashion for the Ages” on **Thursday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m.** at the Cotton Patch clothing store in the Lansdowne Shoppes at Tates Creek Road.



At this fun and informative workshop, Cotton Patch owner Isobel Chewing will show us what’s in for the fall and how you can make it work for you—whether you’re 18 or 108!

ITN staff will draw one lucky winner for a \$50 gift certificate to the Cotton Patch. Ten percent of all purchases will be donated to ITNBluegrass.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Cotton Patch (269-8839) or through ITNBluegrass by calling 252-8665. Please purchase tickets in advance.

Remember, because rider fees only make up half the true cost of a ride, ITNBluegrass uses events like this one to raise the other half.

Community Teas

In June, Holly Wethall and Anna Thomas, ITNBluegrass’ Community Outreach Coordinator and college intern respectively, hosted the first of what they hope will be many community teas. The tea was held at the lovely Hartland Hills Retirement Community and was attended by many residents of the community. Tea, punch, and sweet treats were provided as well as an informative presentation about ITNBluegrass. If you are interested in hosting a community tea at your home, church or other organization, please contact us. ITNBluegrass provides the information and the treats—you provide the audience.

Meet Member Rider Ann Greis

Summer Facts

Total Members	155
Total Rides in July	292
Total Rides to Date	2,040

When Ann Greis found herself unable to drive, she decided that rather than sitting around her house feeling sorry for herself, she needed to do something about it. After looking in to several other transportation alternatives, a friend recommended ITNBluegrass. After the first ride, she was hooked on the service.

Because her family is busy and she doesn't feel comfortable relying on friends, she says that ITN has been a godsend. She loves being able to go where she wants to go, when she wants to go. Her favorite part of ITN's service is the friendly volunteer drivers.

Bulletin Board

- ◆ Farewell to volunteer driver Tara Swift, who has moved to Northern KY to attend graduate school.
- ◆ Welcome to new volunteer drivers Jessie Fennell, Betty Meadows, Danette Wilder, Jo Gawthrop and Richard Parks.
- ◆ Board Changes: Roger Parry was recently elected Chair, Joe Jarboe was elected Vice Chair, Sue Weant remains Treasurer and Donna Baker remains Secretary. Farewell to Emma Tibbs and Sheri Trail-Likoy who stepped down from their board positions. Thank you to Jeff Koonce who was our Chair for the past two years.
- ◆ Best wishes to ITNBluegrass college intern Anna Thomas, who has worked with us for a year. Anna is getting married to Zach Brien in August! We will miss her both personally and professionally and wish her all the best in this new chapter in her life.

From the Deputy Director, Laura Dake

As we look towards our first anniversary in September, we are gratified by the support received so far and the number of people who are getting out and enjoying life thanks in part to ITNBluegrass. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have given more than 2,100 rides! Wow!



Our work is far from over, however. Rider-memberships and fares do not support the entirety of our operation. Even when ITNBluegrass is economically sustainable – in about its fifth year of operations – just over half of its revenue will come from rider memberships and fares. The remainder must come from local community support. *That's where you come in.*

Please consider becoming a **Friend of ITNBluegrass**. With your tax-deductible gift of \$50, you help us move towards sustainability as well as show your support for a program that melds both business and charitable elements to address a societal challenge. There is a membership form and more information on benefits for Friends on the opposite page. Let's ensure that this wonderful program is still around when you are no longer driving!

Become a Friend of ITN*Bluegrass*!

There are many benefits of being a **Friend of ITN*Bluegrass***. Here are just a few:

- ◆ You support safe, dignified, affordable transportation for elders and people with visual impairments in the Bluegrass area
 - ◆ The following car care discounts at all Fayette County **Ken Towery AutoCare SuperCenter** locations:
 - 10% off all parts and service
 - \$20 off preventative maintenance
 - \$50 off a set of tires
 - \$18.99 for an oil change (\$11 savings)
- *some restrictions apply – see manager for details. Must present membership card upon request for service.
- ◆ Local volunteer opportunities (become a volunteer driver, work in the office, help with mailings, help plan/implement events, bake for teas).
 - ◆ ITN*Bluegrass* Walk for Rides t-shirt (while supplies last)

Friend of ITN*Bluegrass*

To become a Friend of ITN*Bluegrass*, simply fill out the following form and mail it, along with your check, to ITN*Bluegrass*, 436 Georgetown Street, Lexington, KY 40508.

*Please make checks payable to ITN*Bluegrass*.

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Apt. #: _____ **City:** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____ **Email Address:** _____

I have enclosed (check all that apply):

- ◆ \$50 to become a member-donor
- ◆ Additional tax deductible donation: _____

Thank you for supporting transportation for the elderly and the visually impaired!

Office to Move Location

In late August, ITN*Bluegrass* will move from its current location at 436 Georgetown Street (LexLinc) to **Arlington Christian Church** at 1206 North Limestone, Lexington, KY 40508 (our phone number will remain the same). We are excited about this move and hope that you will stop by to see us at our new location! **Thanks to our friends at LexLinc for being such gracious hosts the past two years.**

As always, we greatly appreciate donations of stamps, envelopes, paper, and other office supplies. However, with our upcoming move, we are in need of additional items, including:

- ◆ **Office workstations**
- ◆ **Filing cabinets**
- ◆ **Office chairs**

If you, or anyone you know, have any of these items sitting around not being used, please consider making a tax deductible donation to ITN*Bluegrass*.

For Your Information

The Realtor-Community Housing Foundation is taking applications for Prepare Affair. This program helps low- and moderate-income homeowners age 62 and older with exterior weatherization and repairs. Contact Kathy Hughes at 276-2693 or rCHF@lbar.com for more information.