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Ithaca Carshare vehicles available for use Wednesday

Ithaca Carshare vehicles will be available for use on Wednesday.

The local nonprofit provides members self-service 24-hour access to 6 hatchbacks, with a pick-up truck expected shortly. Carshare members use an online reservation system to choose the vehicle they need at the time they need it. All six vehicles were driven by organizers in the Ithaca Festival parade on Thursday.

Vehicles will be located in several locations around town, including downtown, Collegetown, two locations on the Cornell campus, at Ithaca College, and at EcoVillage on West Hill. Both Ithaca College and Cornell are supporting participation by students and staff, and as a result, organizers expect to increase vehicles and locations around Ithaca within months.

Two membership plans are available. "Just in Case" is directed at people who have occasional use for a car or truck; and "It's My Car" caters to drivers who are looking for a way to replace car ownership or the need to own a second car. Details on costs and an application form are available at www.IthacaCarshare.org.