



Bicycling and Greenways E-Newsletter

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The City of Greenville has been designated a Bronze "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists and is actively pursuing several bicycling and greenway trail projects. Our E-Newsletter provides updates and information about our ongoing efforts to encourage bicycling and walking for recreation and transportation. You've received this e-newsletter because you've either signed up on the City's Website, requested information in the past regarding bicycling or greenway projects or signed-up at one of our recent events. [Brian Graham](#) and [Andrew Meeker](#) use this format to provide periodic updates from the City about various bicycle infrastructure and greenway projects and events. You can expect to receive at least one update every month, perhaps two or three, but we won't bombard you. We look forward to sharing a lot of exciting news with you as we work to make the City of Greenville a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community!

Visit www.bikeville.org

Greenway Updates

Swamp Rabbit Trail Update

As I am sure many of you are aware, a short section of the Swamp Rabbit Trail, north of the City of Greenville has been temporarily closed (between E. Bramlett Rd. and W. Washington St.). Signs warn that violators could be charged with trespassing. These signs should be taken seriously, as trespassing by trail users could interfere with the reopening of the trail. Greenville County Recreation District officials, who are responsible for operating the trail outside of the City, are not recommending a detour because there is not one that is safe for pedestrians or children/ inexperienced bicycle riders. This is the Recreation District's number one priority and they are working hard to get the trail reopened. Please stay patient and keep enjoying the trail that *is* open. For the most up-to-date information about the closure, please [visit the district's website](#).

Cleveland Park Trail Rehabilitation

Exciting trail work in Cleveland Park is progressing on schedule. Many of the safety improvements at Cleveland Park Drive and Woodland Way have been completed (wider sidewalks with curb lawns, improved drainage, increased parking, etc.), but there is still work to be done like the installation of speed cushions, hand railings and crosswalks. However, for the time being, work on this project has shifted to the trails. We are in the process of widening the trail and constructing rain gardens between the trail and Reedy River to help better manage stormwater.

Cleveland Park Drive - Road Closure

Next week, on Tuesday, June 29, at 9 a.m. part of Cleveland Park Drive will close for the construction of stamped concrete crosswalks and reopen on Thursday, July 1, by 4 p.m. Access to Zoo parking lots will still be open via Cleveland Park Drive from McDaniel Avenue or from the Zoo's entrance off Washington Street.

Please visit the [City's Trail and Greenway website](#) for up-to-date information about Cleveland Park and other trail projects.



New Bicycle Lanes!

Expanding Bicycle Network

The City of Greenville is currently working with the South Carolina Department of Transportation on 2 roadway resurfacing projects that include bicycle facilities. Significant portions of both Washington St. and E. North St./Park Ave. are being resurfaced and restriped to include bicycle lanes, paved shoulders, shared lane markings, and on-street parking. Anticipated completion date is August 2010.

The expansion of the on-street bicycle network provides our residents with safe transportation alternatives that connect many of Greenville's neighborhoods, schools, retail centers, and recreation areas. Please remember to Share the Road as a motorist and a bicyclist.

Special thanks to SCDOT, the Greenville Spinners, and Seamon Whiteside and Associates for their assistance with the projects.



Washington St. Restriping

Upcoming Events

Critical Cruise Monthly Bike Ride

Bikeville is now hosting a monthly Critical Cruise Bike Ride on the last Friday of every month. Yes, that means this Friday, June 25th.

The rides are very casual, respectful, and lawful. We celebrate bicycling and bicyclists' right to the road. This community bike ride is open to all riders, bikes, and skill levels. We will be riding with and in traffic, so come prepared to follow the rules of the road, have fun, and learn about Greenville's expanding bicycle infrastructure and culture.



The ride is typically 1-hour long and features several of Greenville's bicycle friendly streets. Ride departs from in-front of the West Washington St. Parking Deck next to Barley's at 5:30 pm.

If raining, the ride is cancelled.

Lunchtime Greenway Bicycle Ride

Friday, July 16 @ 12:00 p.m.

This monthly ride will meet at the Swamp Rabbit Trail/ Grandview Drive in Travelers Rest. [Click here](#) for more details and directions.

Free Bike Maintenance Classes Being Offered

The Great Escape Greenville has begun offering Free Bike Maintenance classes. Classes are scheduled for July 21st, August 18th, and September 15th. Classes are from 6:30pm -8:00pm.

All classes will take place at the Great Escape Bike Shop on Laurens Road.

Items that will be covered include basic flat repair, Pre-Ride bike checks, how to keep your bike in good running condition, and other bike maintenance fundamentals. They ask that you bring your bike and they will supply the tools, equipment, knowledge, and refreshments.

Call 864-235-8320 to reserve a spot or [Click here](#) to visit their website for more details.



Visit www.bikeville.org or www.greenvillesc.gov/ParksRec/Trails for additional resources and information
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