



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 [Bikeville](#) 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 more, 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!

Greenway Updates

McDaniel Ave. Bypass Bridge

We are expecting to set a 118-foot bridge and 54-foot ramp in the next 3 weeks. Following the bridge installation we'll be installing bollards, completing the bridge deck and approach ramps, installing hand rails and finishing the asphalt trail surrounding the bridge. The goal is to have the bridge open to pedestrian traffic by Thanksgiving. We will, of course, keep you updated!

Cleveland Park Trail Rehabilitation

Improvements will still be underway in Cleveland Park throughout the rest of the year. Projects still to be completed include stone pillars and a handrail at Woodland Way, upgrades to the parallel bridges near the Vietnam War Memorial, renovations to the stone arch bridge near McDaniel Avenue, Reedy River bank stabilization and improvements underneath McDaniel Avenue. At times the trail will be completely closed to bicycle and pedestrian traffic, though in many situations we will be able to post a detour route.

Cleveland Park Rain Gardens

In early October we installed eight new rain gardens in Cleveland Park. These gardens will help to drain water off the trail and filter pollutants in the stormwater before it is dispersed

into the Reedy River. Native plants were selected in Cleveland Park as they are naturally adaptable to our climate and soils, attract birds and butterflies and will serve as a seed source for surrounding areas. These gardens were made possible by the Greenville Zoo, Parks & Recreation staff and volunteers from Upstate Forever and Graduate Greenville.

Next Phases of Swamp Rabbit Trail

The next two phases of the Swamp Rabbit Trail are out to bid-- including a 170' bike/ped bridge and nearly another mile of greenway trail. Bids are due back this week and we hope to be under construction by February of 2011. This will connect the trail from where it ends now near the Riverbend Condominiums at the Reedy River, along Cleveland Street and the backside of Greenville Tech to S. Pleasantburg Ave.



One of eight new rain gardens along the trail in Cleveland Park.



Bicycle Friendly Businesses New Platinum BFB Announced

Do you know about the Bicycle Friendly Business program through the League of American Bicyclists?

A BFB is a corporation, organization, association, government agency, or nonprofit that actively promotes bicycling for transportation, recreation, exercise, and sport. A BFB practices social responsibility by weaving bicycling into the business culture and giving employees the opportunity to be active stewards of their personal and environmental health through bicycling.

The City of Greenville is proud to announce its newest BFB recipient, **TTR Bikes** for their Platinum award. TTR Bikes was the only Platinum BFB out of 63 national recipients this award period and is the only Platinum BFB in South Carolina and the southeast.

To see Greenville's other businesses that are making bicycling a priority for their employees

and to learn how to apply to become a Bicycle Friendly Business, [click here](#).



Upcoming Events and News

HALLOWEEN Critical Cruise

Friday, October 29 @ 5:30 p.m.

Last Cruise of the Year!

Pedal out in your Halloween costume as we cruise the various Downtown cemeteries. Don't forget to bring friends!

Bikeville hosts its monthly Critical Cruise Bike Ride on the last Friday of every month. This month's ride departs from in-front of the [West Washington Street Deck](#) next to Barley's.

These 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. The ride is typically 1-hour long and features several of Greenville's bicycle friendly streets. 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.

***If raining, the ride is cancelled.



Lunchtime Greenway Bicycle Ride

Friday, Nov. 19 @ 12:00 p.m. - Gateway Park (Travelers Rest)

Friday, Dec. 17 @ 12:00 p.m. - Greenville Zoo Entrance

Join Brian Graham and Ty Houck for a bicycle ride along the Swamp Rabbit Trail. This is a great opportunity to get out of the office, enjoy some fresh air and get some exercise on a Friday afternoon. All level of bicyclists are encouraged to attend - the pace will be easy and no one will be left behind. We typically ride for about 30 minutes, but a longer ride may be available for those who don't need to make it back to the office in such a timely manner. All participants are encouraged to wear a helmet. All rides are rain or shine, heat & humidity or temperatures near freezing, so please dress accordingly. All participants are encouraged to wear a helmet.

New Bicycle Businesses Open

In recent months, Greenville has seen a surge in bicycle ridership as well as bicycle oriented businesses. The City would like to welcome 3 new such businesses.

Greenville Custom Bicycles - Custom bicycle shop in Downtown

Pedal Chic - Female oriented bicycling fashion apparel in the WestEnd

Reedy Rides - Bicycle rentals for the trail or town

Free Webinar

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center in Chapel Hill, NC is hosting a "Road Diet" webinar on Wednesday, November 3 from 2:00pm-3:30pm.

This presentation will provide participants with up-to-date knowledge on design considerations for these street transformations, as well as background information that can be used to justify lane reductions. Special attention will be given to research that has evaluated the effectiveness of road diets in decreasing crashes for both pedestrians and automobiles. Finally, participants will be presented with design tips for allocating space for all road users.

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

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