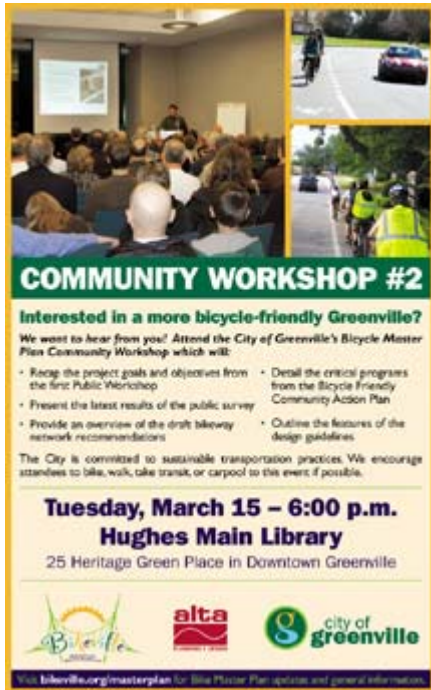




Bikeville E-Newsletter

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Bicycle Master Plan - UPDATE Save the Date



The City and Alta Planning +Design, the firm hired by the City to develop its Bicycle Master Plan, will host a second community workshop on **Tuesday, March 15 at 6pm**. The meeting will be held at the Hughes Main Library and should last no longer than 2 hours.

The City launched the bicycle master planning process in November at a similar workshop, and by engaging the public there and through the Bicycle Master Plan Online Survey, received valuable public input and ideas, which have been incorporated into the preliminary recommendations. At the March 15 workshop, representatives from Alta Planning + Design will provide an overview of the draft bikeway network recommendations, detail the critical programs from the Bicycle Friendly Community Action Plan and outline the features of the design guidelines.

It is important that a wide variety of citizens participate in the planning process, and planners want to hear from the entire community, not just cycling enthusiasts. As a result, all interested citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the workshop.

If you are unable to attend the March 15 meeting, not too worry, a copy of the presentation and the draft documents will be available on the project [website](#).

Submitting comments and suggestions to the draft documents will be possible via the project website.

Alta is expected to complete the Master Plan in Spring 2011. The plan will incorporate citizen input from the community workshop, the online survey and the project website. Plan recommendations will include both short and long-term goals.

The key to developing a comprehensive bicycle master plan is ensuring that a wide variety of citizens participate in the process. It's not too late to get involved.

Click [here](#) to view the "Share the News" Bicycle Master Plan Newsletter #1.

Click [here](#) to view a copy of the presentation that was made at the workshop.

If you have not yet done so, please take a few moments to complete the Online Survey by clicking [here](#).

You can also map and submit your suggestions for bicycle routes and parking options directly on the interactive map [here](#).

For more information visit www.bikeville.org/masterplan

Bike Month - May 2011

Volunteers Needed

Bikeville has already begun planning for Bike Month 2011 and in order to make it bigger and better than previous years, we need your help as a volunteer. If you are willing to donate a few hours of your time throughout the month of May to support our various initiatives, please send an email to bikeville@greenville.gov. We plan to build a database of volunteers and will communicate specific needs and opportunities as event plans solidify. Volunteers would assist with event planning, bike valet, and group rides.

Lights for Life

Bikeville Provides Essential Safety Equipment



On a recent Sunday afternoon, Bikeville volunteers were on-site at Triune Mercy

Center, a local rescue mission, to provide their bicycle riding clients with critical bike safety equipment. The Lights for Life mission is simple, provide Greenville's underserved cycling population with the knowledge and equipment to safely pedal around our community. While some volunteers conducted one-on-one needs surveys and discussed basic rules of the road, other volunteers installed front and rear bike lights, fitted helmets, and gave away reflective ankle straps and vests. Equipment for the Lights for Life program is made possible by a grant from DHEC's Division of Injury and Violence Prevention and by the Palmetto Cycling Coalition. If you have a suggestion or need for such a program, please email bikeville@greenvillesc.gov.

Trail Closure in Cleveland Park Section of trail in park remains closed



The start of the bank stabilization work in Cleveland Park was delayed about two and a half weeks due to rain; however, the project is nearly complete. At worst, the work should be complete the first full week of March, though if the weather's nice next week it could be sooner. Thank you to all of the trail users who have used the detour routes and kept the construction zone safe for everyone.

This project was taken on because the bank of the Reedy River near the double bike/ped bridges was rapidly eroding and were in need of stabilization. As this section of river bank is immediately adjacent to the trail, it posed a risk of undermining the trail. The construction work is stabilizing the river bank and improving safety of trail users. During construction activities trail users have been required to use a detour around this area of trail. A natural surface hiking trail is available

to runners and bikers as a bypass. Additionally, a detour route that utilizes the shoulder of Woodland Way Circle will also allow trail users to circumvent the construction zone. Please see the map below for more details. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused bicyclists and pedestrians in the park; however, this preemptive construction work will benefit everyone in the long run.



Construction in Cleveland Park Continues

Thank you to everyone for their patience during the rehabilitation of the trails and bridges in Cleveland Park. Work continues to progress in the park toward a completion of this project. Since our last newsletter the city's Public Works crews have installed a new sidewalk and retaining wall at the dog park. The next few weeks will see the aesthetic improvements on the wall, landscaping in the area and the return of the "High 4" dog statue. Rehabilitation to the double bridges continues, and one rehabilitated bridge will continue to be open during construction. Later in the spring, as weather permits, the trail widening and resurfacing will conclude. Please know that it is our priority to complete this project and deliver the a significantly improved trail system to the thousands of people like you who use the trail every day. Again, we appreciate your patience while we complete this project.

Sliding Rock Creek Trail

The Sliding Rock Creek Trail is the newest greenway project for the City. It will begin at the Alameda Street trailhead, just off the Hincapie Path, traverse through the woods and connect to the new Heritage Hills housing development. The trail will be about a half-mile long and enhance the Nicholtown Neighborhood with new recreation and transportation options. The trail will also feature [United Way's Born Learning](#) stations. The construction of this trail is set to begin by early April.

Upcoming Events

Pedal Chic - Fashion Show

March 4, 2011 5:30pm-7:30pm

"The Show" will be an Avant-Garde Fashion Show featuring urban lifestyle cycling apparel. More details [here](#). Free bike parking will be available.



An Avant-Garde Fashion Show
Cycling • Running • Yoga • Tennis
Urban Lifestyle

Friday, March 4, 2011 5:30-7:30 pm
631-B South Main St. - Greenville, SC 29601

Marketing Partners: Jete
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www.PedalChic.com (864) 242-2442

IMBA Trail Care Crew Visit/ Volunteer Day

March 11-13, 2011

Upstate SORBA is bringing the IMBA Trail Care Crew to Greenville March 11-13th. The International Mountain Bicycling Association's crew is a grassroots educational program and an authority on sustainable trail building practices. Two teams of trail experts travel year-round throughout North America and beyond, leading trail work sessions, meeting with land managers and working with IMBA-affiliated clubs and the communities they serve to improve mountain biking opportunities. Check out their [website](#) for all the details and mark your calendar for trail building training, a free lunch and a volunteer afternoon building and maintaining the trails in Timmons Park on Saturday, March 12th.

Bicycle Master Plan Public Workshop

Tuesday, March 15th, 6-8 p.m.; Hughes Main Library

Bike!Bike!Southeast!

March 25-27; Charleston, SC

Bike!Bike!Southeast! is a regional conference inspired by the international conference Bike!Bike! The conference seeks to empower individuals and organizations by sharing ideas, critiquing successes and failures, and establishing an on-going community network of support between cities. The conference is unique in that its workshops are proposed and facilitated by attendees. Topics generally fall in two broad categories— developing technical bike maintenance skills and collectively managing an organization. Though it is possible to register the day of, it is preferred that you register via their website as much in advance as possible. During check-in you'll be asked to make a \$20 to \$30 donation per person to help cover expenses related to hosting the event, however, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Monthly Bicycle Rides

The monthly greenway bicycle ride hosted by Brian Graham and Ty Houck on the third Friday of each month has been suspended, but the two will be looking for

partners to host guided trail rides throughout the year. The Critical Cruise ride, which was on hiatus during the winter, will return March 25th at 5:30.

Critical Cruise Bicycle Ride

The ride resumes from it's winter vacation on March 25

What: Monthly Ride to Celebrate Bicyclists' Right to the Road

When: Last Friday of the Month @ 5:30 p.m.

Where: Departs from in-front of the West Washington St. Parking Deck next to Barley's Who: Anyone with a bicycle

Bikeville hosts a monthly **Critical Cruise Bike Ride** on the last Friday of every month during daylight savings. 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. 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.

Bikeville's E-newsletter

Bikeville is the City of Greenville's bicycle friendly community initiative. The goal of Bikeville is to increase ridership, encourage bicycle use, expand bicycling facilities, and provide useful educational resources to bicyclists and motorists.

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.

The City uses this format to provide periodic updates about various bicycle infrastructure and greenway projects and events. Expect to receive one monthly update, unless we have breaking news! We look forward to sharing a lot of exciting information with you as we work to make the City of Greenville a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community!

Tell your friends to sign-up for this bicycling and greenways e-newsletter and others the City has to offer by sharing [this link](#). To view this e-newsletter's archive, check out the links to previous editions on the left panel of the Bikeville or Trails and Greenways websites.

Visit www.bikeville.org or the [City's Trails & Greenways Website](#) for additional resources and information.

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