



Bikeville E-Newsletter

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Bike Month May 2011



April is almost history and that means May and National Bike Month are right around the corner. Bikeville has another exciting schedule of events planned to keep you pedaling safe and smart.

Not only will we be providing FREE bike valet parking at numerous special events, but we are also offering several community bike rides, a commuter training course, a photo contest, and a commuter challenge.

Below is brief summary of our Bike Month offerings, but please visit www.bikeville.org/bikemonth for complete details and additional information.

Commuter Challenge



Here's what we need you to do. [Click here](#) and register on the World Commute website. Once registered, join the Bikeville group. Next, ask your friends, family, and co-workers to join and then start logging those bike trips.

We want to know how many of you are out there using your bicycle for transportation. World Commute is a **FREE** website and will allow us to quantify how much gas we saved and how much CO2 we kept from our air while getting much needed exercise.

As an added bonus, several local bicycle shops are offering a 10% discount on parts and labor to anyone that joins the Bikeville World Commute group.

Photo Contest

Another new initiative for 2011, the photo contest is a great way to get outside while also sharing your artistic perspective of bicycling in Greenville. We'll be giving away Bikeville t-shirts to the winners in each of our 5 categories. [Click here](#) for complete details.

Pedal Power Generator



A Mobile Bike Powered Laptop Tent

Bikeville has acquired a Pedal Power Generator that we'll feature at most of our events throughout the month of May. Come visit us, take a spin, generate some Watts, and help keep us off the grid with some old fashion human power.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, MAY 3 & 17 - ICAR Family Fun Ride
SATURDAY, MAY 7 - Free Bike Valet - Saturday Market
SUNDAY, MAY 15 - Drive Me to Wellness Event
SUNDAY, MAY 15 - Greenville Drive Bike Valet
MONDAY, MAY 16 - Free Bike Commuter Course
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 - Ride of Silence
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 - Free Bike Valet – Moonlight Movie
FRIDAY, MAY 20 - National Bike-to-Work Day
SATURDAY, MAY 21 - Mountain Bike Skills Clinic
FRIDAY, MAY 27 - Critical Cruise Community Bike Ride
SATURDAY, MAY 28 - Community Bike Ride and Free Bike Valet - USA
Cycling Championships Time Trial
MONDAY, MAY 30 - Free Bike Valet - USA Cycling Professional
Championships Road Race

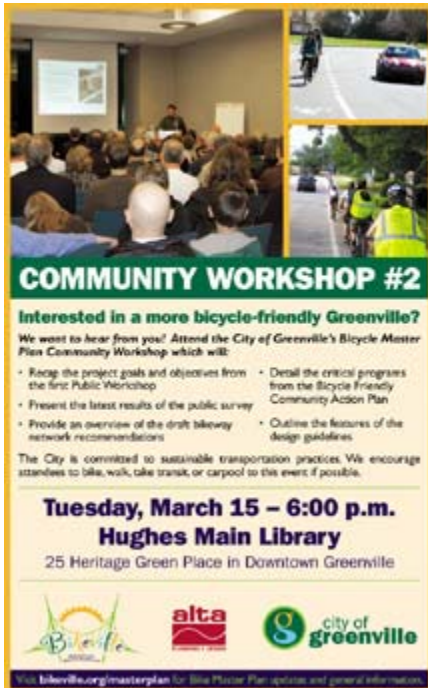
Bikeville t-shirts and custom yellow safety vests will be available at most of our events for \$15.

Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers and to our sponsors and participating local bicycle shops.

Volunteers Still Needed

If you are willing to donate a few hours of your time throughout the month of May to support our various initiatives, please visit the City's volunteer website [here](#). Make sure to CHECK the Bikeville box when registering. Volunteers are needed to assist with bike valets and various education/encouragement activities.

Bicycle Master Plan UPDATE



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2

Interested in a more bicycle-friendly Greenville?

We want to hear from you! Attend the City of Greenville's Bicycle Master Plan Community Workshop which will:

- Recap the project goals and objectives from the first Public Workshop
- Present the latest results of the public survey
- Provide an overview of the draft bikeway network recommendations
- Detail the critical programs from the Bicycle Friendly Community Action Plan
- Outline the features of the design guidelines.

The City is committed to sustainable transportation practices. We encourage attendees to bike, walk, take transit, or carpool to this event if possible.

Tuesday, March 15 – 6:00 p.m.
Hughes Main Library
 25 Heritage Green Place in Downtown Greenville

Logos for Bikeville, alta, and city of greenville are at the bottom. A URL is provided: <http://bikeville.org/masterplan> for the Master Plan updates and general information.

The City and Alta Planning +Design, the firm hired by the City to develop its Bicycle Master Plan hosted a second community workshop on March 15.

The City launched the bicycle master planning process in November 2010. By engaging the public at the 2 public meetings and through an online survey, valuable input was received and has been incorporated into the Draft Master Plan. At the March workshop, representatives from Alta Planning + Design provided an overview of the draft bikeway network recommendations, detailed the critical programs from the Bicycle Friendly Community Action Plan, and outlined design guidelines.

If you were not among the 100 attendees, not too worry, a copy of the presentation and the draft documents are available on the project [website](#).

The Draft Master Plan is scheduled to be presented to City Council on Monday, May 2.

Trail Closures

Temporary, Periodic Trail Closures

Within the next several weeks you may experience some temporary trail closures. City Public Works crews have begun a streambank restoration project along the west bank of the Reedy River in Falls Park. This work is taking place in the lower half of the park, near Church Street and the Furman College Way cul-de-sac. This project is not impacting the Swamp Rabbit Trail, but has required the temporary closure of the lower Falls Park trail. Work is expected to be complete on or around May 13th and it is possible the trail will be open during the weekends.

Additionally, construction work continues in Cleveland Park and will necessitate periodic trail closures. Contractors will be working to rehabilitate bridges, widen and resurface asphalt, and install handrail, amongst other items. Most of this work will take place between the stone arch bridge just east of McDaniel Avenue and Cleveland Street, as well as the double bridges near the Vietnam War Memorial. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your continued patience as we work to complete this work.

Swamp Rabbit Trail Markers

Last November the City partnered with several agencies to mark the trail in an effort to assist first responders in the event of an emergency. Several folks have still inquired as to what the stencils mean, so we thought it would be appropriate to explain the system again here. Swamp Rabbit Trail users will now find posts installed every half mile and a two letter code "SR" accompanied by a mile number stenciled every one-tenth of a mile. According to Greenway and Sustainability Manager Brian Graham, the emergency system enables Swamp Rabbit Trail users to easily identify their exact location along the trail. "With this new system, trail users are never more than about 90 yards from a trail marker at anytime, meaning that 9-1-1 operators can more easily, quickly and precisely identify the location of a caller and improve response time and efficiency," said Graham. Also, this week Parks & Recreation staff marked the spur trails in Cleveland Park with stencils beginning in "CP".

Watch a [video](#) about the trail markers or read the [news release](#).



New "Born Learning" Trail in Cleveland Park

The United Way Young Philanthropists, in collaboration with the City's Parks & Recreation Department unveiled a new trail amenity in Cleveland Park last week. The Born Learning Trail is targeted toward parents and their kids as the stations feature early learning activities suited for young children. The trail has nine activity stations and utilizes the existing asphalt trail in front of the playgrounds near the Greenville Zoo.



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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