



Bikeville E-Newsletter

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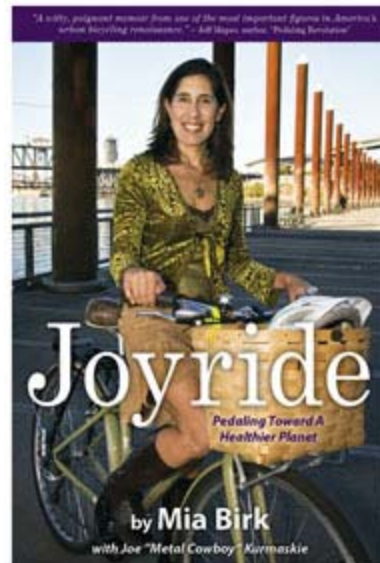
Palmetto Joyride

Mia Birk scheduled to visit Greenville on Friday, September 9.

Mia Birk is the author of *Joyride: Pedaling Toward a Healthier Planet* and an expert in mobility and bicycle planning. Ms. Birk worked in the City of Portland's Bicycle Program and became known nationwide for her leadership in transforming Portland, Oregon into one of the country's best bicycling and walking cities. While today 7-10% of people are riding bikes for daily transportation in Portland, it wasn't always this way. Ms. Birk will discuss programs, plans, and policies while sharing experiences and stories that inspired progress toward a bicycle culture in Portland. She'll demonstrate the impact bicycle friendly initiatives have on neighborhoods, local economies, public health, and the environment.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Friendly Communities and Transforming Transportation

A Public Presentation and Reception :
September 9 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm (Open to the public)



This free community event at the [Greenville Little Theatre](#) will feature a Key Note presentation by Mia on the benefits of a bicycle & pedestrian friendly community and how to build multi-mobile transportation networks that serve a

diversity of users. Mia will share her observations of Greenville and discuss her experience working in Portland, OR as well as communities throughout the country. She will suggest some simple action steps that can begin transforming how we think about the relationships between economic development, land-use, public health, mobility, public policy, and the environment.

Attendees will be greeted with complimentary food and drink as well as have an opportunity to purchase a copy of Mia's book and to have it signed by the author herself.

The event begins at 5:30pm with Mia's presentation at 6:15pm. A designated bike parking area will be provided, but riders should provide their own secure bike locks.

Make sure to arrive on time to participate in the t-shirt screening and button press sponsored by [New Belgium Brewing](#).

Community Bike Ride

Join us for a Community Bike Ride with Mia Birk. Meet at 5pm near the entrance to the Greenville Zoo in Cleveland Park. This short (less than 2.5 mile) casual ride is open to the public and accessible for bicyclists of all ages and skill levels. This group ride will venture toward downtown on parts of the Swamp Rabbit Trail and then hop on some of the City's on-street bicycle facilities and bike friendly streets through downtown. The brief ride will end at the Greenville Little Theatre, the site of Mia's evening key-note presentation and reception.

For complete event details visit the event website [here](#).

Tune-in to the etv radio program [Your Day](#) on Thursday, September 1 at noon to hear an interview with Mia.

Bicycle Master Plan

Following over a year of planning, public workshops, and stakeholder meetings, the [Plan](#) is scheduled to be voted on for adoption by City Council on Monday, September 26 and October 10.

Thanks to the over 700 participants of the online survey, bike count volunteers, and hundreds of attendees to the 2 public meetings. The draft plan is a reflection of your feedback, input, and recommendations.

Anyone wishing to address City Council in person on the 26th or 10th regarding the Plan, must sign-up to speak prior to 5:30pm the day of the meeting at the [City Clerk's](#) desk on the 10th floor of City Hall.



City Council members may also be reached via [email](#).

Downtown Streetscape Master Plan

On Monday, August 8, Greenville City Council adopted the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan, which had been under development since 2009.

Although the Plan's scope was specific to 10-miles of downtown streets, several Complete Street principles are included in the design recommendations. Most importantly, ensuring that our downtown roadway network is re-balanced to accommodate multiple street users and uses, while improving the safety and aesthetics of these important corridors. To view the complete Plan, click [here](#).

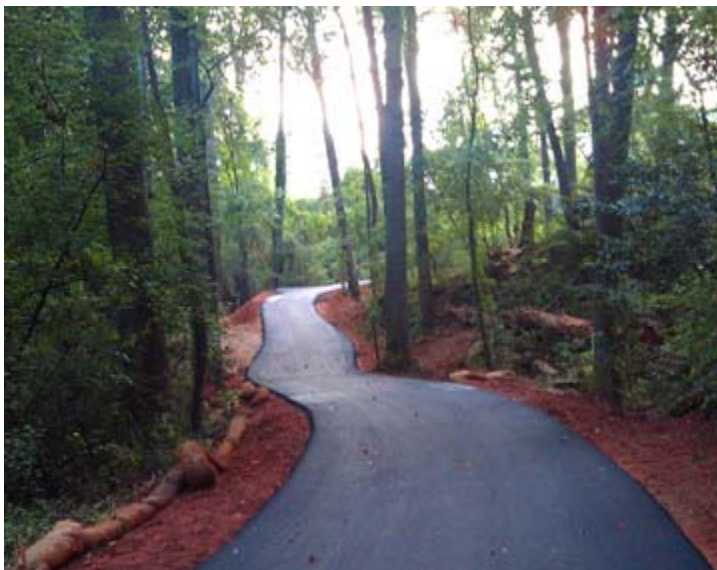


Greenway Project News

Sliding Rock Creek Trail

Construction on the Sliding Rock Creek Trail has progressed nicely since our last newsletter. While it may appear complete, contractors are still finishing work on and alongside the trail. Therefore, we need your patience staying off the trail until the project is complete-- thanks for your understanding!

Once complete, this half-mile trail will connect the Nicholtown Neighborhood to the Hincapie Path section of the Swamp Rabbit Trail. We will let you know when it is ready for trail users and encourage you to check it out the because it is a beautiful section of trail through a wooded area. Also, thanks to the United Way Young Philanthropists, the trail will include Born Learning stations, similar to those found on the trail in front of the Greenville Zoo and playground in Cleveland Park.



SRT In The News

The Swamp Rabbit Trail has received some great press this year that we've meant to share in previous editions. Thank you for supporting the trail and making it such a success!

Parks & Recreation Magazine
Pages 15-18 of their June issue.

American Trails Magazine
From the Spring (March) issue.

Events and Notices

Traffic Skills 101 (a bicycle education course)

Three, three-hour sessions will be held on September 17, October 1 and October 15th. [Click here to register](#). This 9 hour program will be taught at the Nicholtown Community Center. It is covered in 3, three-hour classes on Saturdays this fall, with each class focusing on a new topic; certified instructors will teach the course. Traffic Skills 101 is part of the League of American Bicyclists "Smart Cycling" curriculum and offers participants both classroom and on-the-bike knowledge. It provides new and experienced bicyclists the confidence they need to ride safely in traffic or on the trail. The course covers bicycle safety checks, fixing a flat, on-bike skills, and crash avoidance techniques. Register now!

GPATS Long Range Transportation Plan UPDATE

Greenville Pickens Area Transportation Study, the regional metropolitan planning organization responsible from transportation planning is conducting a required 5-year update to their Long Range Transportation Plan. Visit their website [here](#) and complete the online survey. If you are concerned with transportation planning issues, including bicycle accommodations, this survey is an important opportunity to voice your opinion.

Critical Cruise Ride Has Been Cancelled Until Further Notice

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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