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Programs open for enrollment; 636 bikes sent to Rwanda!



August 2020 E-Newsletter

***This email contains a correction from the original version sent on Thursday, August 6.** The correct hyperlinks have been provided under the "Longwood Symphony Orchestra" virtual performance on 10/3. Thank you!



636 bikes en route to Rwanda!

Over the course of 4 days, a small team of volunteers and youth staff led by Director of Operations, Martinas, filled a shipping container headed to our international partner, Learn Work Develop (LWD) in Rwanda with 636 bikes. Bicycles were flattened beforehand to ensure they were as compact as possible. Adult bikes with rear racks went first as they are the foundation to every new row. Then, adult bikes were placed directly on top of them in puzzle piece fashion. In the remaining space, children's bikes, parts, accessories, and clothing were placed compactly. Thanks to the hard work and expert techniques of Charlie, a veteran volunteer, we were able to stack 20 bikes side by side in a single row- a new Bikes Not Bombs record!

Sale of the Month August 2020



10% off all safety accessories
Helmets, lights, reflective clothing/gear

For the entire month of August, we are offering a 10% discount on all safety accessories (including lights, helmets, and reflective clothing/gear)!

Bike Shop - August sale & safety protocols

- The Bike Shop is still selling bicycles, accessories, parts, and merchandise at our [284 Amory St](#) location in Jamaica Plain. We are also accepting all donations!
- All business will be conducted outside in our loading dock area. Customers are required to wear a facial covering over their nose and mouth.

Youth Programs update

Fall 2020 Bike Institute - Enrollment is open!

September 26 - October 31

Saturdays, 1-4pm

Bike Institute is a 30-hour training for youth and adults (15+) who are looking for volunteer opportunities and are interested in:

Acquiring bike mechanics skills while earning a bike

Learning about bike safety, proper helmet and bike fitting

Gaining experience from working with our Youth Programs, our Bike Shop, or recycling and international shipping efforts

No experience in biking or mechanics is necessary to apply and every program graduate will ride away on their very own refurbished bicycle!

To receive more information and/or download program applications, click here: [BIKE INSTITUTE](#)

Fall 2020 Sisters in Action - Enrollment is open!

September 21 - October 21

Mondays and Wednesdays, 4-7pm

Sisters In Action [formerly Girls In Action] is BNB's program for all girls, femmes, trans, and womxn. Just like our coed Earn-A-Bike program, Sisters In Action (SIA) combines bicycle mechanics and riding and is a great way for sisters ALL AGES to learn new things, make friends, get active and earn a bike of their own! In addition to mechanics, SIA offers fitness, safety, and environmental activities, as well as weekly workshops or field trips!

To receive more information and/or download program applications, click here: [SISTERS IN ACTION](#)

If you have any questions please contact Executive Director, Elijah Evans at 617-522-0222 x101 or email elijah@bikesnotbombs.org.





*Nine students from our summer session of **On-The-Bike** conquer Peter's Hill in the Arnold Arboretum with support from Youth Apprentices Frank, Joseph, Dymari, Berlinda, Andres, and Executive Director, Elijah Evans!*

'Ride for Black Lives' takes it to the streets

Bay State Banner, July 30, 2020



Photo: The Bay State Banner. 800 riders participated in the ride, pedaling their way from Franklin Park to the Boston Common.



Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action (BOCA) Youth Apprentices served as ride marshals, ensuring that every participant had a safe and fun experience.

Longwood Symphony Orchestra virtual performance 10/3 Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility

Bikes Not Bombs has two new coalition partners - Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility (GBPSR) and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW). Read below of their venture with the Longwood Symphony Orchestra this fall to further their goal of a world without nuclear weapons, and offer them support if you are able.



GREATER BOSTON PSR is excited to announce that we are moving ahead with our third partnership event with the Longwood Symphony Orchestra (LSO) and its Healing Art of Music program. This year we will hold a *virtual* performance. Please mark your calendars for 7pm on Saturday, October 3rd and prepare to sit back and listen to live music from the LSO!

We think of this as a musical respite from the pandemic to thank, come together, and help prevent the gravest threats to global health: climate change and nuclear war. This year we will honor William J. Perry, the 19th U.S. Secretary of Defense, who has firsthand knowledge of the deadly potential of nuclear weapons and is now dedicating his life to their abolition.

Please see more detailed information about the event, including sponsorship opportunities, on the [event webpage](#). Attendance to this virtual event is FREE, but [sponsorships](#) on behalf of both our organizations,

no matter the amount, will be put to good use.



For more information, visit: gbpsr.org



Your support will help expand the work of our organizations, GBPSR and IPPNW, in three primary areas:

- **Educating** our medical colleagues, political leaders, and the public about nuclear weapons, which are one of the greatest existential threats to humankind;
- **Advocating** at the local, national, and international levels for fundamental solutions to this crisis, including accepting, strengthening, and enforcing international treaties;
- **Mobilizing** medical students and other young people in Boston, the United States, and throughout the world to turn away from this ruinous inheritance and turn towards shaping a healthy, secure future for us all.

All proceeds are tax deductible, will benefit Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility and International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War, both 501(c)(3) organizations, and our ongoing public health advocacy work.

With appreciation,

Anna Linakis Baker, MPH

Executive Director

Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility

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Donor of the Month - Geoff Martin

Geoff Martin was surprised when he received a stimulus check this spring, and he promptly sent the funds over to Bikes Not Bombs. "It was a little act of subversion", Geoff said, "that I could be proud of." Geoff has supported Bikes Not Bombs for years, by sponsoring his wife and another fellow cyclist in our annual Bike-A-Thon. As an area cyclist, Geoff describes BNB as part of the local bike ecosystem. We are delighted to honor Geoff as our donor of the month.

"Climate Rise" Benefit Ride for BNB - recap

On Saturday, July 11th, BNB supporters Bill Flagg and his good friend Peter Darling biked 60 miles and 100 miles, respectively, for Climate Rise, a national virtual fundraiser for non-profits working at the intersection of climate and social justice. They had an awesome ride to some cool places in and around Boston, including Houghton's Pond in the Blue Hills, and the Neponset River trail in Dorchester. Even better, they hit their fundraising goal of \$1,000 and then some! Bikes Not Bombs is extremely grateful to benefit from the funds raised.

Bill and Peter decided to support Bikes Not Bombs during this ride because BNB is their local bike shop—just a five minute walk down the street—and is an important part of the community. They have both participated in Thursday night volunteer sessions in the past and it was always a joy meeting a diverse group of people while getting their hands dirty breaking down bikes and wrapping up tires/tubes for shipment overseas. Secondly, BNB's work in the social justice arena is more important than ever right now, and they were happy to ride their bikes to support that work. They'll be riding again in September and hope to see some of you then!



Bill Flagg and Peter Darling

Congratulations on reaching your fundraising goal of \$1,000!

Bike Match - bikes for essential workers



"I live in Dorchester and it's about an hour to the office with public transit. Biking is the best way in, and I have been using BlueBike/borrowing my roommate's when there are no bikes available. But sometimes neither option is available. Thank you!"

Thanks to the generosity of Judy, who donated this vintage Fuji Royale, we were able to match Sandy with a bicycle.



Youth Apprentice, Danasia, building up a donated Trek bicycle for our Bike Match program

BNB needs more donated bikes, parts, and funds so we can continue to offer bikes to essential workers and others in need of sustainable transportation. If you have an extra bike you are not using anymore, please consider bringing it to the Bike Shop during business hours (listed below), or fill out this webform to start the donation process.

[Donate Now](#)



Hub and Bike Shop: [284 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130](#)

Bike Shop Hours

Monday: Closed • Tuesday - Friday: 12pm - 7pm • Saturday: 9am - 5pm • Sunday: 12pm - 4pm

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