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You're invited to the Building Momentum Breakfast! (September 2020 BNB Newsletter)

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**BIKES NOT BOMBS**  
*Using the bicycle as a vehicle for social change*

**September 2020 Newsletter**

# *10th Annual Building Momentum Breakfast* **A FUNDRAISER FOR BIKES NOT BOMBS**



**Friday, November 6, 2020**  
**9:00 - 10:00 AM**  
**Virtual Event - BYOB (Bring Your Own Breakfast!)**

Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 6, 2020 from 9:00-10:00 AM when Bikes Not Bombs will be virtually hosting our 10th annual Building Momentum Breakfast. More specifics to follow, but you can stay up-to-date by clicking this [Facebook event link](#).

This year our supporters from around the world can join us in the virtual breakfast. Our annual Breakfast is the best way to catch up, learn more and get inspired about BNB. You will hear an update from our Executive Director, Elijah Evans, remarks by an alumni of our Youth Programs, and a short, original film about BNB. While it is a fundraising event, you are not required to make a donation to attend.

Congresswoman Ayana Pressley is Chair of our Host Committee this year. If you would like to help spread the word and join the Host Committee, please email Angela Phinney at [angela@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:angela@bikesnotbombs.org).

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## **Bike Shop Update**

The Bike Shop is working hard to take care of all repairs. We currently estimate a **three week turnaround on tune ups**.

Note that online sales are not active at this time, customers who need bikes/products can either visit the Shop at [284 Amory St.](#) or call us at 617.522.0222 x1. No appointment needed.

Our bike inventory is very limited, however, customers can preview “raw” bikes before they have been

worked on.

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## Programs Update

We are no longer accepting applications for the fall session of Bike Institute or Sisters In Action.

We hope to provide an update on winter session(s) for programs in the near future.

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## Yard Sale: October 31, 2020



**YARD SALE**  
**Saturday, Oct. 31**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

**Bikes as low as \$25!**  
**Everything priced to go (bikes are sold *as is*):**

- Used bikes, frames, and parts
- Apparel including bike jerseys and more
- Accessories

**Bikes Not Bombs**  
**284 Amory St**  
**Jamaica Plain, MA**

We will be hosting a [one day sale](#) on Saturday, October 31 from 10 AM to 2 PM at our Bike Shop ([284 Amory St, Jamaica Plain, MA](#)). Everything is priced to go and all sales are final!

- Bicycles are sold AS IS and are not guaranteed to be ready-to-ride.
- Recycled and used mountain, road, hybrid, kids bikes starting as low as \$25 from 700c wheel sets to classic 27" and beyond
- Used bike frames
- Used parts including wheels, forks, saddles, handlebars, cassettes & more
- Apparel including bike jerseys & more
- Accessories

Please call the Hub/Bike Shop directly at 617.522.0222 x1 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

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## Staff Member of the Month: Anna, Youth Apprentice



*Hi! I'm Anna Zuniga; I started working at Bikes Not Bombs in July as a Youth Apprentice. I didn't know anything about bikes, but over the course of the summer I learned more about sales and mechanics.*

*Currently, I'm helping teach [Sisters In Action](#) to help girls, non binary, and trans folks to learn how to build and work on bikes. During my junior year of high school this year, I will be working part time in Sisters In Action and around the shop in sales and mechanics as needed.*

*I really love Bikes Not Bombs, and coming to work and learning with my peers has been a great experience. I remember the first bike I ever assembled; I was scared that I would mess something up, but we got the bike fully rideable, and then when I was working on sales, I actually sold that bike to my friend in JP. Seeing bikes we get donated all the way to building it, finding a customer, and selling it is a great process I am happy to be a part of with BNB.*

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## **2020 Bike-A-Thon Recap**



*'Team Grumbledore' rode 30 miles and raised \$2,223 for the Bike-A-Thon!*

We are thrilled to report that our 33rd annual *virtual* Bike-A-Thon has raised **\$82,627** to date, over 110% of our goal of \$75,000! We cannot thank the BNB community, the riders and sponsors, enough. We have had beautiful weather recently, and have heard about many wonderful bike rides BAT participants enjoyed. We had riders participating from Pacifica, CA to Portland, Maine, and sponsors from around the world, including Dar es Salaam, São Paulo, Madrid and Paris.

We want to recognize our leading participants:

- Youngest rider is Cecilia Springer, 5 years old (10 mile route), who will receive a gift certificate to J.P. Licks.
- Oldest rider is long time BNB supporter H. Susan Freireich, 80 years old (30 mile route), who will receive a free tune-up at the BNB Bike Shop.
- Top individual fundraiser is (again!) Jonathan McCurdy, who has raised \$7,934.05. Jon will receive a free tune-up at the BNB Bike Shop.
- Top fundraising team, with 11 members, is the Boston Cyclists Union - \$50K Team. Each team member will receive a certificate.

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## **Bike Match:**

**Your donations make a difference in the lives of essential workers!**



*Janani is a new pediatrics intern who is working at three different hospitals during her residency. Because Janani does not own a car, she is using her new bike to travel her neighborhood, and commute to all rotations and clinics!*

*This Bianchi Strada was provided courtesy of a generous donor. Bikes Not Bombs' Youth Apprentices replaced the necessary components and performed a safety check before releasing the bike to its new owner.*

Since its inception, Bikes Not Bombs has completed **44** successful matches (exchanges of bicycles) but there is still a long waitlist of workers who have requested bicycles. If you have an extra bicycle, please consider making a donation by visiting <https://bikematch.network/boston>.

Monetary gifts are also appreciated and help sustain our program with replacement parts and labor that go into the donated bicycles. Feel free to visit our website at [bikesnotbombs.org](https://bikesnotbombs.org) or email [angela@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:angela@bikesnotbombs.org) for more information.

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## Ride for Black Lives IV: Recap

Hundreds of riders participated in the Ride for Black Lives IV, riding from Franklin Park to Cambridge Common via Massachusetts Ave. The front of the group was led by BNB Executive Director, Elijah Evans.



Photograph by Alex Joachim ([@byalexjoachim](#))

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## Volunteering with BNB

We are actively recruiting volunteers to assist with bicycle recycling (donations processing and parts sorting) and in our Bike Shop (bike building and customer service). Shifts are available all days of the week:

**Recycling** (processing donations and parts sorting):

- Mondays, 9a-3p
- Tuesdays, 10a-2p (Pick ups)
- Wednesdays, 12-7p
- Thursdays, 12-7p

**Bike Shop** (bike building and customer service):

- Mondays (bike building only), 12-5p
- Tuesdays, 12-7p
- Fridays, 12-7p
- Saturdays, 9a-5p
- Sundays, 12-4p

If you are interested in volunteering, we encourage you to fill and submit the [Volunteer Interest Form](#).

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## Donor of the Month: Nick Pittman

Nick Pittman has known about Bikes Not Bombs for as long as he can remember. But growing up in Cambridge, it was hard for him to get involved when he was younger. In high school, though, he made his first donation to BNB, and he has been giving ever since. Recently, Nick became a generous recurring monthly donor. He says that his favorite thing about Bikes Not Bombs is that we make cycling more accessible and open to people, particularly through our Bike School programs for local youth and Sisters In Action, which is BNB's program for all girls, femmes, trans, and womxn.

Nick was this summer's coordinator of the "Bike to Market" program at Boston Cyclists Union (BCU). Through this program, BCU offers pop-up free bike repair at farmers markets in Roxbury, Mattapan and East Boston, areas without reliable access to other affordable repair options. We are thrilled to honor Nick as BNB's Donor of the Month.

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## Weigh in on Proposed New Bike Lanes on the Arborway

The Mass. Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is addressing the gap in bike lanes along the Arborway between the existing paths at Jamaica Pond & the Casey Arborway Project/Forest Hills in Jamaica Plain.

As the Arborway sidewalk repairs near completion, DCR is preparing for the other short-term improvements that were initially mentioned at the Nov. 2019 public meeting: **pavement markings, including lane striping at Murray Circle & bike lanes**, which will help to provide safer multi-modal access between parks & neighborhoods.

We hope you'll consider reviewing the plans (via the links below) and submitting your questions, comments and general encouragement. The **deadline for comments is Friday, October 2, 2020**. Please share with others who may be interested. Thanks to long time BNB Supporter Sarah Freeman for keeping us all informed.

DCR's public notice (The Short-term Striping Plan proposal is found below the Project Schedule on the project website):  
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/arborway-short-term-improvements-communication-september-18-2020/download>

DCR's plans:  
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/arborway-short-term-striping-plan-proposal/download>

DCR's comment page:  
<https://www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments>

Project website:  
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/arborway-parkways-improvement-project>

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