

SPOKE -&-WORD

*Bikes Not Bombs
June 2021*

Welcome to our Summer Youth Apprentices!



Lead Youth Apprentice, Joseph Pires and Bike School Coordinator, Tess Stogner training new apprentices during summer orientation

Bikes Not Bombs proudly welcomes **12 new Youth Apprentices** to our staff. A total of 20 Youth Apprentices will be employed through the summer. We are excited to engage them in all aspects of our organization's work, including recycling, bicycle sales, refurbishing and mechanics, social justice and transportation advocacy, international shipping, and teaching Bike School programs. Welcome!

New from the Bike Shop!

Donated cycling jerseys, shirts, and jackets:

- Buy one for \$10
- Buy three for \$20

**With any accessories purchase of \$20 or more:
Get a free Bikes Not Bombs legacy t-shirt!**

*Promotion ends July 31st, 2021

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New from the bike shop: when you make a [purchase online](#), customers are now able to pay in installments for any refurbished bike or other items! Items between \$50 - \$1,000 qualify for this new program. (If you find something on our sales floor that is *not* online, please let a salesperson know and we can get it posted for you to take advantage of this new payment option!) Also, if you don't see a product, we can most likely order it for you. We place orders with our suppliers on a weekly basis.

By shopping at our retail store, you are also supporting all of our programs, including youth employment. We offer a full service repair department that can fix just about anything that you bring in. We not only are experts at refurbishing bikes, we can handle any of the more modern road, mountain, or gravel bikes.

Programs Update

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Congratulations to our Spring 2021 Bike School graduates! We graduated 10 youth and young adults from Bike Institute, and 8 girls and women from Sisters In Action. This would not have been possible without the generous support of Charles River Wheelers over the past year.

34th Annual Bike-A-Thon



#BAT2021 **34th ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON**
A bike ride for social change

Sunday
Sep. 12th, 2021
Rain Date, September 26th

BIKES NOT BOMBS

Our **34th Annual Bike-A-Thon** is in just two months! Get a head start on training by checking out our unique training challenges and routes. Our next challenge starts on Saturday, July 3rd.

There are also many opportunities to volunteer, sponsor a rider, or sponsor the event. Check out our [Bike-A-Thon page](#) for more information.

Volunteer of the Month: Dean F.



Dean F., Volunteer Mechanic and Recycling Apprentice

Dean F. is our Volunteer of the Month. Dean has been volunteering with Bikes Not Bombs two days per week with the goal of building his mechanics skills and refurbishing a bicycle for our retail bike shop. Dean applied to our Volunteer Apprenticeship program with an impressive resume and passion for bike mechanics. By watching videos from Bikes Not Bombs' [YouTube channel](#), he has been able to perform basic maintenance tasks at home on his own bicycle. Dean has also constructed his own bike stand out of wood so he can more easily service his bike. Did we forget to mention - Dean is only 13 years old!

"I really like how Bikes Not Bombs donates bicycles to other people who really need them, and sends them to other countries," said Dean as he worked on flattening a bicycle for international shipping. "Last week, I stripped a bike down to the bare frame and it was awesome. There was a crack in the frame so the parts were still good."

Thank you so much for your involvement in our volunteer program, Dean!

Donor of the Month: Anne Murrock

Anne Murrock, a triathlete and aqua-biker in New Hampshire, is our Donor of the Month. Anne had a new Jamis Zenith T2 triathlon/time trial frame she was not using, and with her partner, John, built it up with many new and some excellent used components. Anne contacted Bikes Not Bombs, asking if we could put the bike in the hands of a girl or woman who aspired to do triathlons or time trials. It didn't take us long. We contacted Salome (Sally) Kanini in Nairobi, Kenya, who organizes races for the Women's Bicycle Program, one of our international partners. Sally responded in mere minutes, so excited by this opportunity for one of the racers on her team. The recipient of the bike is a young woman who is the strongest time trialist, but who does not own a bike. Soon, she will no longer borrow a bike each time she races. Anne's bike will be packed and loaded onto the shipping container we send to Cycloville in Nairobi this summer.

Anne is thrilled that her donation will change the life of its recipient. Anne explained that "in my circle of bike friends, we reference how many bikes you need. It goes like this: How many bikes do you need? $N+1$, where N equals how many bikes you have now. Today my answer is $N-1$ and I'm happy to have found Bikes Not Bombs to help me out!"

A big thanks to Anne Murdock.

Case Study

Creative Recycling: Gary and Madison



Sometimes, bicycle parts or frames are no longer safe to ride, thus Bikes Not Bombs is not able to distribute them to our partners overseas, locally, or to customers. These parts are then destined to be recycled as scrap metal, or repurposed as non-functional bike art!

Bikes Not Bombs staff member, Gary Chin, and his wife, Madison, cleaned and painted old cassettes, wheels, and chains, to decorate their wedding venue. They were married on Saturday, June 26th. Congratulations to Gary and Madison!



Volunteer Night



With your help, [Volunteer Night](#) has been a huge success! Thanks to you, we have been able to process bicycles for international shipment, local distribution, and for the bike shop to be built up as refurb.

Volunteer Night runs on Wednesdays from 6-9 PM. Pre-registration is required. We look forward to seeing you!

Ride for Black Lives VII: Black Pride



Elijah Evans, Executive Director and Peter Cheung, BNB board member, lead riders through Nubian Square
Photo by Bay State Banner

Check out [Bikes Not Bombs in the Bay State Banner](#) for a feature on its *Ride for Black Lives* event that rolled out on Saturday, June 26th!

“Elijah Evans, Executive Director of Bikes Not Bombs, spoke to the Banner as cyclists gathered at the ride’s start point at White Stadium in Franklin Park.

‘One of our core values at Bikes Not Bombs is solidarity,’ he said. “I feel like we do that here very effectively by bringing people together from diverse backgrounds to build our power.”

**Donate to Bikes Not Bombs
for continued success in 2021!**

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Bike Shop & Training Center Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm

Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm

Thursday: 12pm - 7pm

Friday: 12pm - 7pm

Saturday: 11am - 5pm

Sunday: Closed