



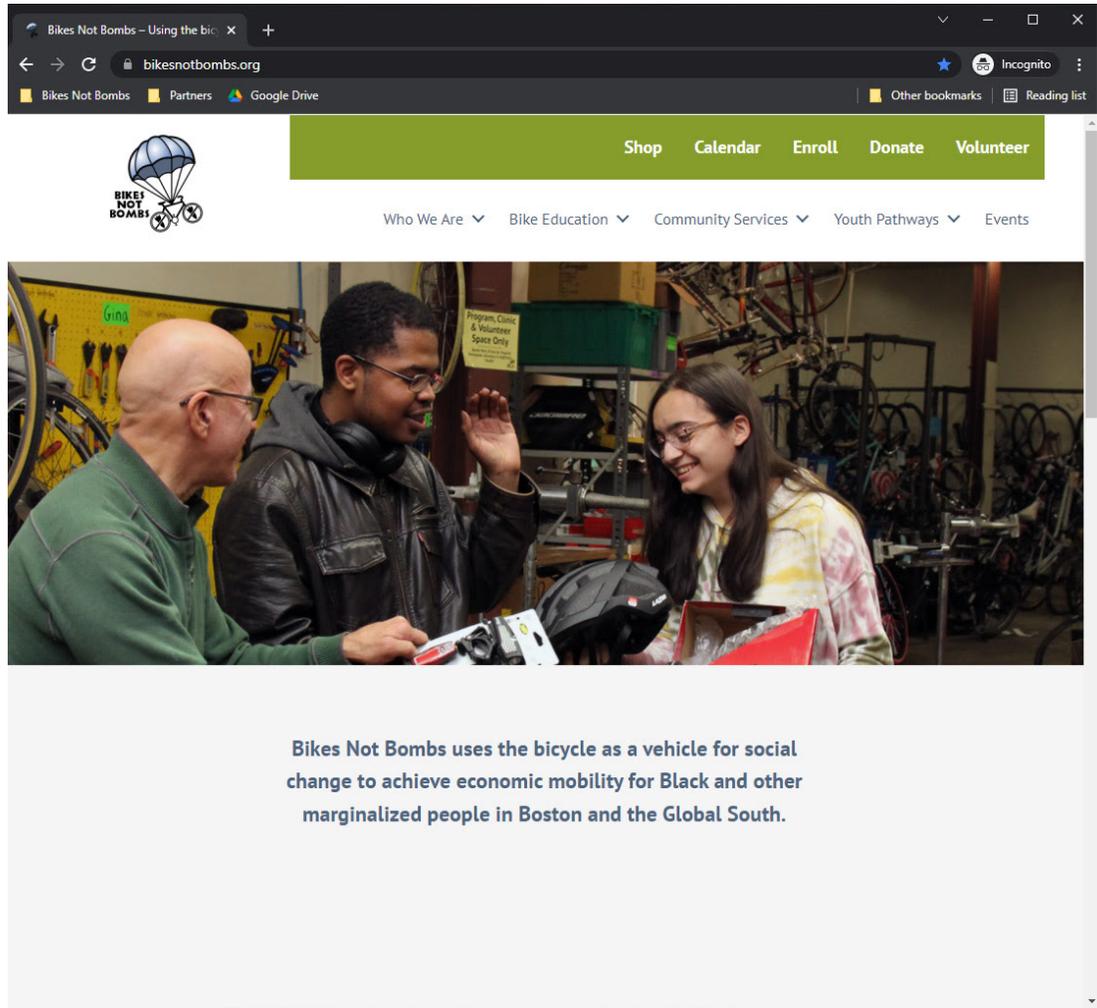
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*Bikes Not Bombs
January 2022*

Visit the New Bikes Not Bombs Website!



Click [here](#) to visit the newly launched, newly redesigned BNB website!

Bikes Not Bombs is proud to announce the launch of its **newly redesigned website**. The website is now mobile-friendly for all types of devices and we hope that it offers a clean viewing experience for all browsers.

Our [online store](#) has also been updated to include all the refurbished bikes that are available for sale at our bike shop. Bookmark our website to keep an eye out for the special bike you've been looking for!

Thank You to the Conine Family Foundation



Bikes Not Bombs is delighted to share the news that the Conine Family Foundation has recently awarded us a grant of \$100,000! This gift will enable us to expand our community engagement team in 2022, increasing our reach and capacity to collect, process, and distribute bicycles across all of our programs — in Jamaica Plain and at our new Roxbury Hub. Our efforts to reclaim bicycles out of the waste stream ensures:

- Young people in our programs have access to bikes to refurbish and keep as their own
- Youth Apprentices have access to bikes to refurbish for people experiencing economic hardship
- The Bike Shop has bikes to refurbish and sell to our neighbors
- Our international partners have bikes to power their environmental and social justice initiatives

For nearly two decades, the Conine family has supported green spaces for recreation and conservation. In the past year their focus has been working in partnership with the local community to build and maintain a bike network in the Boston area that would safely and reliably connect people and places.

Thank you, Conine Family Foundation, for your generosity and powerful commitment to a more sustainable and equitable world.

Programs Update: Advanced Mechanics Thank You City of Boston Environment Department



Program coordinator Zoe Hill working with Youth Apprentices during a Thursday afternoon session of Advanced Mechanics, funded by the City of Boston's Environment Department

On Friday, January 21st, 2022, Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu announced Bikes Not Bombs as one of the recipients of the [City's Catalyst Grants for Green Job and Mobility Training](#), to help connect residents with career opportunities in the green economy.

The City of Boston's Environment Department awarded Bikes Not Bombs **\$138,232** to run its Advanced Mechanics program, which provides **hands-on training and career development to 21 Youth Apprentices**, ages 15-24. Over the six-month funding period, Youth Apprentices will participate three hours per day, three days per week, for twelve-weeks, in an 108-hour Advanced Mechanics course held at the BNB Retail Bike Shop and Vocational Training Center located in Jamaica Plain. With the support of peer leaders and two instructors — a professionally trained mechanic, and program coordinator, participants will build professional competencies in all operations of the BNB Bike Shop including, customer service, bike builds (new/used), bike repair (new/used), product inventory, sales, bike fitting, shop protocols, and work etiquette.

“With the City of Boston's funding, **Bikes Not Bombs will give Boston youth the opportunity for apprenticeship, skill building, and career development.** BNB uses the bicycle as a vehicle for social change – and this funding will open the door for Black and marginalized Boston residents to achieve economic mobility, build relationships, and work towards a healthier Boston,” says Elijah Evans, Executive Director of Bikes Not Bombs.

We're Hiring!



Bikes Not Bombs is hiring for *three* new full-time positions. Job descriptions and application instructions are available on our [Careers](#) page.

- [Development Associate](#)
- [Lead Youth Organizer & Partnerships Coordinator](#)
- [Youth Development & Transitions Manager](#)

Volunteer of the Month: Luke Evers

Our Volunteer of the Month is Luke Evers.

Luke, a full stack developer based in San Francisco, CA, has been working with Bikes Not Bombs since September 2020 to build out and modernize the BNB website. He reached out to Bikes Not Bombs after viewing a listing on a portal called *Build for Black Lives* that requested support for the old website. **For nearly a year and a half, Luke has worked pro-bono to lead our team through the website building and migration process. Not only has Luke donated his time, but he has also covered the cost of building and hosting the site for the next few years.**



Luke Evers, January 2022 Volunteer of the Month

Luke says, “My name is Luke, I’m a software engineer and I was born in the San Francisco Bay area. I grew up mountain biking in the surrounding hills and am slowly migrating my way on to the pavement. I’ve enjoyed working with the Bike Not Bombs team; they’re an awesome group of people.

It's been fun to learn about the history of the organization and see how they've impacted lives all over the world and continue to do so.”

Thank you, Luke! We truly cannot thank you enough for your time and dedication.

Join Bikes Not Bombs for an Everyday Revolutions Tour

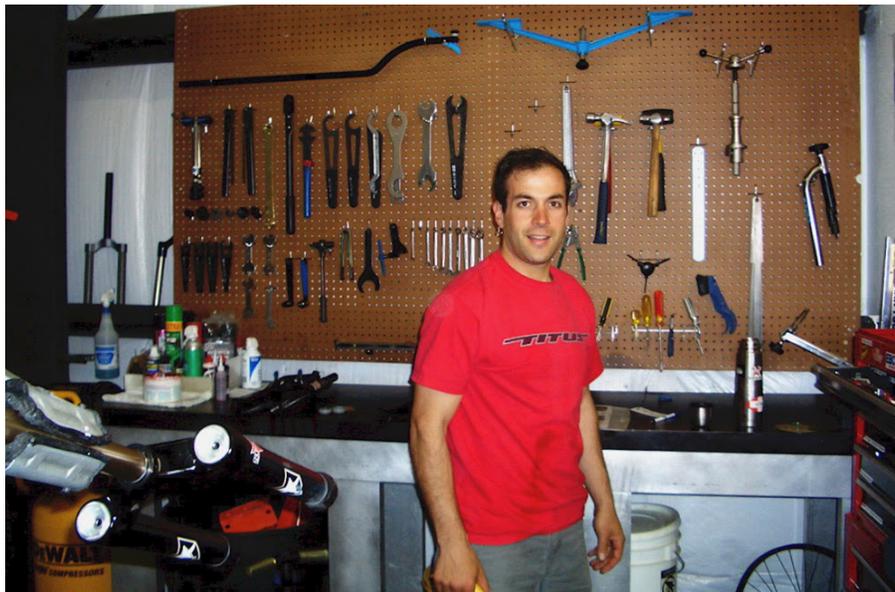
Learn more about Bikes Not Bombs and get inspired!

Bikes Not Bombs will be opening its doors to members of our community for an inspiring **Everyday Revolutions Tour** on **Saturday, February 26th, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM**. This event takes place at the BNB Hub at [284 Amory Street](#) in Jamaica Plain.

You will be part of an in-depth discussion of BNB's incredible 37-year history, powerful mission, and innovative programs. Meeting with BNB staff, board members, and supporters, you will get an insider's view into what makes Bikes Not Bombs such a mighty community organization.

This is not a fundraising event. All are welcome, but we do ask that you RSVP to angela@bikesnotbombs.org so that we can limit the number of participants.

Donors of the Month: Janice and Joe Maienza



*Matt Maienza, son of Janice and Joe Maienza
January 2022 Donors of the Month*

Bikes Not Bombs is particularly honored to recognize **Janice and Joe Maienza** as our donors of the month. **Janice and Joe support Bikes Not Bombs in loving memory of their son, Matt.** The Maienzas remember Matt with their support of Bikes Not Bombs because of Matt's devotion to bicycles and the connection between Matt's life with BNB's mission and programs.

The Maienzas love BNB's model, where we train youth in bike mechanics. "It reminds me so much of Matt," said Janice, "he just loved bicycles." Matt was a hands-on learner who was self-taught. Taking advantage of every opportunity that came his way to learn about bikes, Matt attended the prestigious Barnett Bicycle Institute in Colorado on his way to becoming an expert bike technician, eventually gaining both skills and recognition. Matt became a specialist in shock systems in mountain bikes. He fine tuned this expertise as a technical advisor at the Fox Racing division. Fox sponsors its own

World Cup mountain bike race team, and Matt would travel with the team throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe as a bike technician.

For Joe and Janice, BNB's alignment with Matt's life is mixed with their own feelings about how the world should be. Joe remarked, "we are children of the 1960s and have always wanted peace in the world. It is better to send a bike than a bomb. Bikes Not Bombs is such a good model to send things that help people rather than destroy their country."

The Maienzas are now working with Bikes Not Bombs planning a memorial, virtual bike ride in May. Stay tuned for more details! We are so honored to be a small part of celebrating Matt Maienza's life.

View All Refurbished Bicycles on our Website!

Please check out our [online store](#) to see the latest refurbished bikes that are available for sale at our bike shop. Every dollar spent with Bikes Not Bombs supports our youth and international programs.

Did You Know? When You Buy a Bike With Us, You Receive...

- A free 30 day check up: cables stretch and components can go out of adjustment. Bring in your recently purchased bike soon to keep things running smoothly.
- 10% off all parts and accessories one year after your purchase.
- Special accessory packages are ready for you at time of purchase. Save some time and money when you buy one of our new packages!

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-  **Buy one, get one free**
All donated parts & items (\$40 limit on items)
-  **10% off**
All lights, helmets, and apparel
-  **Drop a Black History fact and get a free sticker & t-shirt!***

*While supplies last.
Sale runs until 2/28/2022.

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Broadway Bicycle School is Hiring!

Broadway Bicycle in Cambridge is hiring mechanics for the 2022 season! Broadway Bicycle is a collectively-run and locally-owned bicycle shop that has been in operation since 1972. Obtain more

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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