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Spoke & Word, March 2022 - Save These Dates!

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*Bikes Not Bombs*  
*March 2022*

## Latest From the Shop

Bikes Not Bombs is proud to stock e-bikes by [Batch Bicycles](#) and sports nutrition by [UnTapped](#). Stop by soon to grab a quick mid-ride pick me up and test ride one of our e-bikes!



*Batch Step Thru Plus, available at Bikes Not Bombs*

The Bosch Active Line Plus motor and 400wh Powerpack battery on the Step Thru Plus offer optimal support for short cruises and longer tours alike. The pedal assist power of the Bosch motor will help you go farther on your everyday commutes with less effort!

UnTapped nutrition products,



made with organic maple syrup from Vermont, are available in many different flavors. Choose from energy gels or waffles!

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## Bike Shop & Training Center closed 4/1/2022

The Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop & Training Center will be **closed on Friday, April 1, 2022** for staff development. As always, the full inventory of bicycles and accessories can be viewed on our [online shop](#).

Thank you for your continued support of the bike shop and its associated programs!

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## Bike Match: BNB Stands with Refugees



*Since the beginning of March 2022, Bikes Not Bombs and the International Institute of New England have distributed over 30 bicycles, locks, and lights to refugees from Afghanistan seeking asylum in Boston.*

Bikes Not Bombs stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, and against powerful nations forcefully imposing their authority over smaller countries.

Wars will always produce refugees, and the effects of wars will continue to affect innocent civilians and families even after the battles are long declared over. On that account, BNB also stands against all instances of imperialism and the invasion of other countries, including when the United States is the main perpetrator. We support all refugees – regardless of race, nationality, or religion.

Earlier this month, in partnership with the [International Institute of New England](#), Bikes Not Bombs has distributed over 30 bicycles to refugees from Afghanistan seeking asylum in the Greater Boston area. Because access to reliable transportation is essential to living a decent, independent life, we will continue doing all we can to equip refugees and other marginalized populations with bicycles.

If you are able, please consider donating your bicycle to [Bike Match](#), growing our movement and momentum.

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## We're Hiring: Join Our Team!

Are you looking for a new opportunity? Are you passionate about social justice and providing transformative opportunities for youth? **Bikes Not Bombs is hiring multiple full-time positions across our bike shop, community engagement, development, and Youth Pathways teams.**

Consider applying or help us spread the word!

[View Open Positions at Bikes Not Bombs](#)

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## Save These Dates: Building Momentum Breakfast & 35th Annual Bike-A-Thon



Annual [Building Momentum Breakfast](#)



35th Annual [Bike-A-Thon](#)

Saturday, June 18, 2022  
Devine Golf Course Clubhouse, Franklin Park

Sunday, September 11, 2022

*Look for invitations, registration, and further details coming soon.*

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## Thanks to the Boston Public Health Commission



Bikes Not Bombs is incredibly grateful to the [Boston Public Health Commission](#) for selecting us to receive a Social Determinants of Health Organizational Sustainability Grant in the amount of \$50,000. These funds are supporting the costs of operating during the pandemic. These funds from the Boston Public Health Commission will have a tremendous impact, ensuring that Bikes Not Bombs is able to continue to use the bicycle as vehicle for social change to achieve economic mobility for Black and other marginalized people — particularly in the wake of a pandemic that has only deepened the need for safe, vibrant spaces for young people to learn and grow.

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## Now Accepting Applications: Earn-A-Bike May 17 - June 16, 2022



Applications for Bike Institute and Sisters In Action are officially closed.

We are [accepting applications for Earn-A-Bike](#) in Jamaica Plain and in Roxbury. *Applications close May 3, 2022.*

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## Join Bikes Not Bombs for an Everyday Revolutions Tour



### Everyday Revolutions Tour

Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM

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, April 16, 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 38-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](mailto:angela@bikesnotbombs.org) so that we can limit the number of participants.

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## Welcoming Julia Karr and Joey DiZio



Julia Karr (she/her)  
Bike-A-Thon Coordinator

Julia has always been interested in how people move around their communities — by train, by car, by foot, and of course, by bike. She is passionate about the intersection of social justice, transportation, and sustainability and is thrilled to join BNB as the Bike-A-Thon Coordinator. Prior to joining BNB, she worked as an event planner, logistics coordinator, and a researcher of bike mobility in Mumbai. Julia earned her B.A. in International and Global Studies and German Studies from Brandeis University in 2019. In her free time, you can find Julia biking along the Charles, baking cakes and cookies, studying maps, and learning how to make ceramics.

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Joey loves Bikes Not Bombs because it ties together his love of biking and his passion for education and youth empowerment. He believes that education and an ability to understand one's emotions are the best way to empower youth. When he's not biking, Joey can usually be found playing music, creating art, or playing board games. Joey has over nine years of experience working with youth in the area of social emotional growth. He has worked running a worker-owned pedicab co-op in Providence, RI, developing youth summer camp programs, and working as a Registered Behavioral Technician. Joey holds a degree in Studio Art with a minor in Psychology.



Joey DiZio (he/him)  
Bike School Program Manager at  
Roxbury Hub

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## Volunteer of the Month: John Xia



*John Xia, March 2022 Volunteer of the Month*

Bikes Not Bombs is proud to acknowledge John Xia as our March 2022 Volunteer of the Month. John started working as a Volunteer Bike Recycling Apprentice in early March. When he first moved to Boston, he heard about Bikes Not Bombs through friends and was initially interested in Volunteer Night (currently suspended).

Presently, John has been sorting through donated items, figuring out what is usable and useful for Bikes Not Bombs programs, and stripping bikes for parts.

John says, "It's fun. It's a much different environment than my job as an engineer. It's like making order out of disorder. The experience is hands on, and everybody is really nice. It's a great opportunity to engage and interact with people across the organization, in different contexts."

“There is consistently a large inflow of donations; having more volunteers around to organize it would be really helpful,” adds John.

Are you interested in volunteering with Bikes Not Bombs? Please view the [Volunteer](#) page on our website.

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[Donate to Bikes Not Bombs](#)

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### Our Contact Information

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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