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**Spoke & Word, August 2022**

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*Bikes Not Bombs*

*August 2022*

## 35th Annual Bike-A-Thon: A Ride for Social Change



**There's still time to register for the 35th Annual Bike-A-Thon!**

Join us on Sunday, September 11th at Stony Brook Field in Jamaica Plain for our biggest annual fundraiser, a bike ride for social change. View all routes, volunteer information, and event details at our Bike-A-Thon [website](#).

If you are not interested in riding but would like to be involved we have many [volunteer opportunities](#) available! Roles include registration, marking routes, food service, and much more. Please reach out to Julia Karr ([julia@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:julia@bikesnotbombs.org)) if you have any questions.

Are you registered but not sure how to raise the minimum fundraising amount? Want to ride but are intimidated by how much money you need to collect? Here's a word of advice from long-time Bike-A-Thon rider Stephen Greene:

"Registration for the Bike-A-Thon is easy and setting up your fundraising page is easier. Just send your fundraising page link to family, friends, coworkers, classmates and social media

contacts. Raising the adult \$200 minimum is as easy as coaxing ten of your contacts to contribute \$20 or whatever they can afford...and there you are, 10 x 20 = \$200 and you exceed the minimum. Be sure to thank your donors!"



*Bike-A-Thon Rider Stephen Greene in Bogota, Colombia*

This year, all Bike-A-Thon riders will receive an official Bike-A-Thon rider bib! You can use the QR codes on the bib to easily view the route maps and then bring it to the Bike Shop for a discount after the ride.

**Bring your bib to the Bikes Not Bombs bike shop between September 13th and March 31st 2023 to receive a 20% discount on new and used parts, accessories, or merchandise.** Discount does not apply to new or used bikes, or services. One discount per person.

[Register for the Bike-A-Thon](#)

#### Thank You to our 2022 Bike-A-Thon Sponsors:

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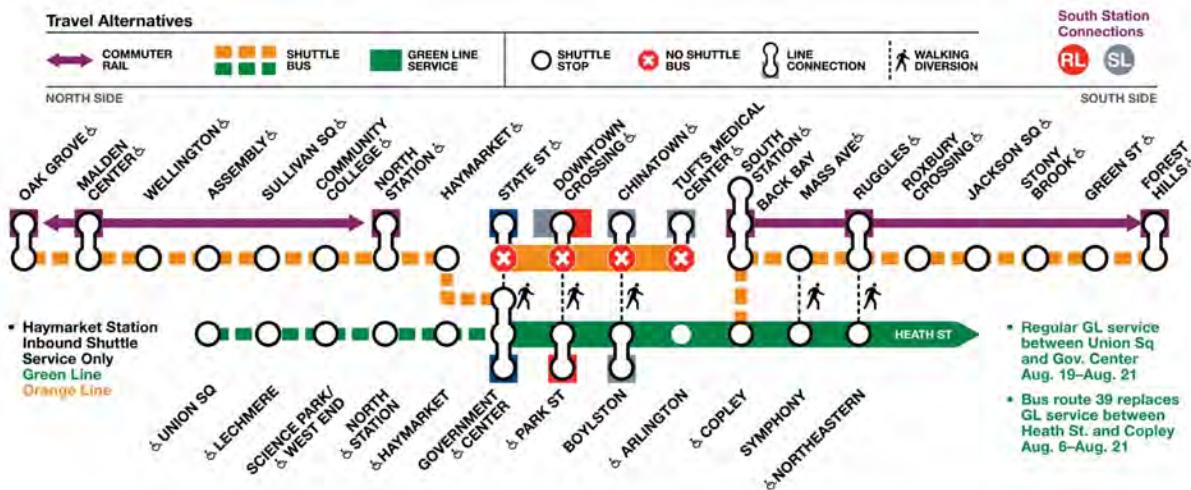
[bikesnotbombs.org/bike-a-thon-/sponsors](http://bikesnotbombs.org/bike-a-thon-/sponsors)

## Bike-A-Thon Training Ride Recap:



Bikes Not Bombs would like to give some serious kudos to the 38 riders who woke up early and rolled out with us at 7:00 on a Sunday morning for our Bike-A-Thon training ride. Approximately half of the riders completed a 30 mile loop, and the other group of riders completed a hilly 62 mile “metric century” route. Both of the routes followed the official routes planned for this year’s ride. These riders are ready for the Bike-A-Thon!

## Orange Line Shutdown From August 19 to September 18: Information, Resources, and Opportunities for Your Commute



The MBTA created a diagram of what service will look like on the Orange Line during the shutdown.

– MassDOT

**From Friday August 19 to Sunday September 18th, the Orange Line will be shut down for maintenance and repairs.** While this is an inconvenience to many people, fortunately organizations and groups are providing opportunities for people to use bicycles and other modes of transportation to make this transition as easy as possible.

We have compiled a list of [resources and information](#) that will help you navigate this shutdown. You can find resources and opportunities from Bikes Not Bombs, Boston Cyclists Union, Bluebikes, and many more by [visiting our webpage here](#). Please reach out if you have questions or opportunities you would like us to publicize.

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## We Ride With You, Mayor Wu!



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with Bikes Not Bombs Staff and Youth Apprentices.

Photo by Isabel Leon, City of Boston

With the Orange Line shut down, Bikes Not Bombs and the Boston bike community has risen to the challenge. This community included Mayor Michelle Wu who Bikes Not Bombs accompanied on her commute to work during the month of August.

Mayor Wu has always been a champion of public transportation. Even as a Boston City Councilor, she was nationally known for taking the T to work. Since being elected as Mayor of Boston, Wu has put climate and transportation justice on the top of her agenda, and this includes her embrace of safe and accessible bicycle infrastructure.

We are honored to have a mayor who understands these problems and takes it upon herself to lead by example. We know this month will be hard, especially for workers, people of color, and students: but Boston is in good hands with a mayor who empathizes and has direct experience with the challenges we face. We look forward to working with Mayor Wu and her team over the coming years!

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## Recap: Ride for Black Lives XIII: Youth Lead the Way



BOCA Youth Apprentices Antonio and Raheim speaking at the August 20th Ride for Black Lives

**On Saturday, August 20th, we rode in tribute to our youth.** At the 13th edition of the Ride for Black Lives, we had a robust program featuring youth speakers, free bike checks, and a ride through the neighborhoods of Roxbury and Dorchester. One of our speakers, Joseph Pires, who is a Youth Apprentice with Bikes Not Bombs, gave an impassioned speech titled "Domino Effect." Joseph spoke about coming to terms with a troubled history and the need to uplift people, for people to organize, and to take power. Here is one excerpt from his speech:

*"Begin the marches. Begin the legislation. Begin the rallying. Begin the recruitment. Begin the revolution. Begin the empowerment. Begin the conversations. Begin the construction. Begin the long overdue process. Begin now and do not let it die out till we're done!*

***Begin, and let the rest fall into place.***

You can view Joseph's entire speech by clicking below.



# **Save the Date: Ride for Black Lives XIV September 24th, 2022**

**Our September Ride for Black Lives will happen on Saturday, September 24th starting at White Stadium, Franklin Park. Arrive by 10 AM where we will begin with important anti-racism programming and a series of speakers followed by a prompt ride-out.**

Please visit our website, social media, or the [Ride for Black Lives Facebook page](#) for updates and information.

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## **Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action (BOCA) Summer 2022 Recap**



As the summer winds down, we would like to take a moment and share some of the many accomplishments our Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action (BOCA) have achieved

over the past 3 months.

Youth Apprentices in BOCA have involved themselves in a variety of topics and advocacy issues including: creating and distributing a racial equity survey at Bikes Not Bombs, learning about bicycle safety and commuting, fixing bikes at Boston Open Streets, organizing our monthly Ride for Black Lives, and much more. In such a short time period, these young people have become community leaders, developed as young adults, and gone through the highs and lows that come with being change-makers on some of the pressing socio-economic issues of the day.

We want to thank Karisma, Joseph, Anna, Antonio, Devin, Steve, Jeramie, Raheim, Connor, Monty, Abeo, and Sara for all of their hard work, perseverance, and vision for creating social change. You are an inspiration to us all!



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## Bike Overnight Trip: Three Days to Wompatuck State Park



On August 23rd, 2022, three Youth Apprentices from Bikes Not Bombs set off on a three-day bikepacking trip from the BNB Hub and Bike Shop in Jamaica Plain, MA to New England Base Camp in Milton and Wompatuck State Park in Hingham. **Two of the apprentices had never been camping before – another apprentice recalled their longest singular ride being 17 miles. Over the course of three days, they rode 60 miles!** After camping in the state park and a quick detour to Nantasket Beach, the apprentices rolled back to the hub the afternoon of Thursday, August 25th.

We were only caught in a few showers on the first day, and we had plenty of tents to keep our seating, cooking, and dining areas dry. The second and third days were filled with sunshine and all of our gear worked perfectly with no major hiccups!

Bikes Not Bombs would like to thank the [Adventure Cycling Association](#) and [REI Co-op](#) for their generous gear donations and support of our trip. We couldn't have done it without their help!





## BNB is Hiring for Multiple Positions

Bikes Not Bombs is hiring for a few full-time positions. Read below for more information:

### **Bike School Coordinator at Jamaica Plain Hub:**

The Bike School Coordinator at Jamaica Plain Hub leads the effort to promote and recruit participants for our Bike School programs, and teaches the curriculum on site at Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) in partnership with our Youth Apprentices. The ideal candidate for this role has a passion for working with youth by helping them discover their potential, has bike mechanics and urban commuting skills, and experience with curriculum development and managing people. 40 hours/week. Hourly wage: \$19 - \$24.

### **Grants Manager:**

Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) is seeking a Full-Time (40 hours weekly) Grants Manager. The person filling this position will be a critical member of the Development Team. The Grants Manager plays a major role in keeping the Development Team organized to achieve our fundraising goals and plays a key role managing our growing portfolio of foundation grants and government contracts. Annual salary of \$55,000-\$60,000.

### **Mechanic & Sales Associate:**

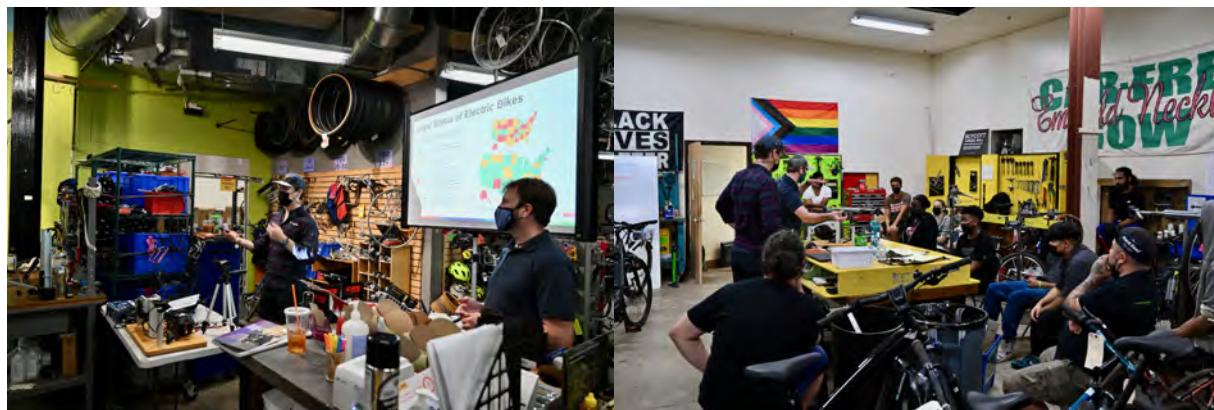
BNB also seeks a full-time bicycle mechanic with experience working in retail shops to assist with retail and service operations at our Roxbury location. Primary duties include completing repairs and rebuilds (refurbishing donated bicycles for sale), setting clear performance standards and providing training for how Bike Shop staff, Youth and Volunteer Apprentices do business with customers, work on repairs, and rebuild bicycles for sale. 40 hours/week. Hourly wage: \$19 - \$24.

Please consider applying or help spread the word!

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

## E-Bikes at Bikes Not Bombs

Our staff just performed extensive e-bike training and will be ready to match you up with a bike that will work best for you! Come down to the [Bike Shop today](#) to see the latest in **Bosch powered e-bikes**. We have models from Bianchi and Batch ready to look over and test ride as well.



September is [Bike-A-Thon](#) Month!

Make sure you come out and support the riders if you can't ride yourself. We will have a bike expo featuring brands such as Bern Helmets, Bianchi Bikes, Kryptonite, Clinch, Bivo and more. Cheer on the riders and check out the latest items for your bike at the same time!

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## Weekly Volunteer Night: Wednesdays, 6-9 PM



New fall dates have been added for our weekly Wednesday Volunteer Night from 6-9 PM!

If you are interested in contributing to our mission, working with your hands, or getting more familiar with bicycles, [sign-up here](#). Registration is required!

Please reach out to Andrew ([andrew@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:andrew@bikesnotbombs.org)) with any questions. If you register and end up not being able to attend, please remove yourself from the sign-up list or reach out to Andrew who will remove your name. This allows us to open up spots for other interested volunteers. Thank you!

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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