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Spoke & Word, Mar. 2023: Register for the Bike-A-Thon!

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**BIKES NOT BOMBS**  
*March 2023*

**Registration is Open:  
2023 Bike-A-Thon  
Sunday, September 10th, 2023**



**36th Annual**  
**BIKE-A-THON**  
*A bike ride for social change*  
**BIKES NOT BOMBS**

**Sunday**  
**Sept. 10th, 2023**

*Choose from 10, 35, 50, 63, or 105  
mile supported routes!*



Visit **BIKESNOTBOMBS.ORG**  
for more information



[Register now](#) for the 36th annual Bike-A-Thon on Sunday September 10th, 2023!

The Bike-A-Thon is our biggest annual fundraiser, bringing together more than 500 riders and 120 volunteers in a ride for social change.

We're back for 2023 with five scenic routes to choose from: 10 mile, 35 mile, 63 mile, or 105 mile road rides! Use the promo code **FREEBAT2023** for free registration through the end of April. [Click here to register](#) or check out our [website for more information](#).

Want to join us but don't want to ride? Our Bike-A-Thon would not be possible without the help of 120+ wonderful volunteers and we have roles for everyone! Volunteer roles include: assisting with our valet bike parking, setting up the event materials in Stony Brook, or staffing the rest stops along our routes. Learn more about volunteering here. We can't wait to see you on September 10th, 2023!

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# Volunteer Opportunity: Container Loading Thursday, March 30th - Sunday, April 2nd



Bikes Not Bombs is **scheduled to ship a container of bicycles and parts** to our partner, the El Salvadoran Center for Appropriate Technology (CESTA) in El Salvador this Thursday, March 30th through Sunday, April 2nd and **[we need your help!](#)**

Join us on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at our warehouse in Dorchester (10 Harvard Street in Dorchester, MA 02124) to help us with this extremely important work. Volunteer roles will consist of stripping bikes, sorting parts, inventory tracking and counting, and much more. Bikes Not Bombs staff will be present to guide and direct volunteers. More information can be found below.

**Location:** The Bikes Not Bombs warehouse at 10 Harvard Street in Dorchester, MA 02124.

**Date and Times:** Thursday, March 30th to Sunday, April 2nd during any of the following times:

- 9 AM to 12 PM
- 12 PM to 3 PM
- 3 PM to 5 PM

For more information, please visit our [volunteer sign-up page](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Andrew Ahern, Community Engagement Coordinator ([Andrew@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:Andrew@bikesnotbombs.org)). We hope to see you there!

**Volunteer for the Container Loading**

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**BNB presents: *Unity in Community Ride Series*  
Launches on Earth Day, April 22, 2023**



*Bikes Not Bombs riding in community, Spring 2022*

Have you ever wanted to plug in to the Boston bike scene? Are you interested in community-based solutions and healing in response to violence? Do you want to see youth thrive, celebrate Black and Brown joy, and have a safe outlet to showcase their bike skills?

As an organization dedicated to fostering community, **Bikes Not Bombs is thrilled to announce our new community ride series, "Unity in Community"!** Rooted in our history of bringing folks together and cultivating youth leadership, Unity in Community rides highlight the amazing, diverse social justice work of BNB and our partner organizations across our target communities of Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan.

If this sounds exciting, this series is for you! **Join us for our first ride on April 22nd** and every third Saturday through the cycling season. All you'll need is a well functioning bike, helmet, and signed waiver.

Keep an eye on your inboxes for more news to come very soon!

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## **Apply to Spring 2023 Earn-A-Bike**

**Application Deadline: May 7th, 2023**



Applications for [spring 2023 Earn-A-Bike](#) are still open until May 7th!

Do you know any 12-18 year olds who are interested in learning about bikes and developing bike mechanic skills, and even getting to take a bike home? Check out Earn-A-Bike!

Earn-A-Bike is a program for youth who have little to no previous experience working on bicycles. Over the course of multiple months, you will leave our program with a greater understanding of the bicycle, how it can be used as a vehicle for social change, and how you fit in with the Greater Boston bike community.

You can find the dates, times, applications, and more information for Earn-A-Bike [here](#). Programs are available in both our Jamaica Plain and Roxbury locations. If you have any questions, please contact our Bike School Program Specialist Phil Gay ([phil@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:phil@bikesnotbombs.org)).

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**Bike Shop Sale:**  
**10% Off Peak Design Phone Mounts**



Picture this: You're riding your new-to-you commuter bike to meet some friends, trying to hold your phone in one hand and follow directions. Suddenly a person steps off of the curb in front of you, and you grab the brake with your one hand... whoops! Over the bars.

Don't let this happen to you! [Go hands free with a phone mount](#) that securely attaches your phone to your handlebars and keeps it where you can see it at a glance. We have great ones from Peak Designs and Nite-Ize that look great, hold tight, and won't break the bank. Control the music, get directions, talk hands free. Just remember to watch your speed and keep both hands on the bars!

[All Peak Designs mounts and accessories are 10% off during April. Click here to shop phone mounts!](#)

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## Bivo Water Bottles on Sale



Choose a Bivo, and get the last bicycle water bottle you'll ever need. Made of stainless steel, they're precision crafted, lightweight, and have an ingenious gravity dispensing system. Bivo bottles are easy to use, easy to clean, and ready to serve a lifetime. Available in non-insulated 21 or 25 oz sizes, or 21 oz insulated. **Bivo Bottles are 10% off for the whole month of April!**

[Shop water bottles and cages](#)

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## New Bike Shop Saturday Hours

We're **opening an hour earlier at 10 AM each Saturday**, beginning from April 1 (no joke)! Our regular weekly hours going forward will be: Tuesday - Friday, 12 PM to 7 PM, Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM. We look forward to seeing you down at the Hub & Bike Shop on Saturdays!

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### Bike Match Spotlight: Adriana



When COVID-19 hit Boston, Bikes Not Bombs immediately tried to find ways to help people meet their need for reliable transportation. What we soon found was how much the pandemic caused an increase in the demand for bicycles. With supply chain shortages for new bikes, the only other option for many people was to find used and refurbished bikes that could satisfy their daily needs while other modes of transportation slowed down. During this time, Adriana reached out to us about receiving a bike through our Bike Match program.

A graduate student, a resident of Dorchester, and a disabled Native American, Adriana told us about the struggles she has faced over the last couple of years and how a bicycle could change her life. Like many graduate students, Adriana could not necessarily afford to buy a new bike with her cost of schooling and other expenses. After speaking with a Boston local who told her about Bikes Not Bombs' work, Adriana decided to contact us and see if we could help her out. She was in luck. After one of our recent Bike Institute programs, one of our staff members who participated in the Bike Institute program was able to give Adriana a refurbished hybrid bike that fit her size and style. This was truly an "in-kind" donation straight from Bikes Not Bombs staff.

Upon meeting Adriana, she was full of energy and laughter, and as soon as she hopped on that bike she radiated joy. She told us, "the bike has been a positive influence in my life. Being able to have greater independence in my travel around town: being able to get to school and work while exercising has been wonderful. Although losing weight was not my intention, I have lost 37 pounds by incorporating physical activity to my daily routine with the bicycle BNB provided." That is the magic of bicycles: there are so many benefits such as providing mobility, exercise, and reducing our impact on the environment. We are so grateful to increase the opportunities people have to own a bike. That is the essence of the Bike Match program. In the end, Adriana could not be more happy with her bike and the work we do: "I want to thank BNB for providing a bike that not only helps me get around town but also builds independence and promotes an opportunity for

an active and healthy alternative to travel, while being friendlier for the environment by reducing my carbon footprint.”

If you have a bike that is in good condition and you would like to be able to give it to someone in need, please visit [bikematch.network/boston/donate](https://bikematch.network/boston/donate) to donate your bike to Bikes Not Bombs. By doing so, you will be able to help people like Adriana live their lives to the fullest!

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# Tool Time at **BIKES NOT BOMBS**

**DATE CHANGES:**

**Second and Fourth Fridays, 4-7 PM**

Join us **every second and fourth Friday** from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop & Training Center ([284 Amory Street](#)) to work on your bike with the help of trained youth mechanics. No experience is necessary; we welcome anybody who wishes to work on their bike or explore their curiosity in how tools and bicycle components interact!

You bring the bike and the supplies; we have the tools and the space!

Please note: Bike repair stands and benches may be held for a maximum of one hour if there are others waiting.

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## Join the Bikes Not Bombs Board of Directors!



**The Bikes Not Bombs Board of Directors is seeking candidates to join our dynamic team.**

The Board of Directors is responsible for guiding and providing oversight to the organization as a whole, including approving the annual budget, hiring and supporting the Executive Director, participating in strategic planning and fundraising, and other responsibilities.

**We are currently recruiting folks who possess knowledge or expertise in the following areas: human resources, program development, managing change, fundraising, nonprofit leadership management, and racial equity.** We know that there are many more skills that aren't on this list, but these areas are critical for developing an effective Board of Directors.

Racial equity is central to the mission of BNB and is highlighted in our [2025 Strategic Plan](#). We seek to more fully represent our community and constituencies, particularly **Black and other marginalized people in Boston** so as to amplify those voices ensuring equitable participation in

the overall leadership and direction of the organization. We actively encourage people with a strong connection to our programs, mission, and the communities we serve to apply.

If you are interested in applying, please send an email describing your interest, and a copy of your resume to [elijah@bikesnotbombs.org](mailto:elijah@bikesnotbombs.org) in order to receive an official application form.

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## BNB is Hiring: New Jobs Available!



Do you or someone you know have a passion for social justice, youth development, and bicycles? Lucky for you, **Bikes Not Bombs is hiring!** Whether you love teaching, you have bike mechanic skills you want to put to use, and/or you want to be part of a team that advances the Bikes Not Bombs mission, Bikes Not Bombs has a position for you.

Positions are listed below.

### **Bike School Mechanic Instructor - Roxbury Hub:**

BNB seeks a full-time Bike School Mechanic Instructor with experience working in a bike shop to assist with our bike education and training programs that engage BIPOC youth in Boston. Primary duties include supporting our Bike School, Bike Match, and Tool Time programs in Roxbury, completing repairs and rebuilds (refurbishing donated bicycles for sale), setting clear performance standards and providing training for how staff and volunteers do business with customers, work on repairs, and rebuild bicycles for sale or distribution.

40 hour/week  
\$19.23 - \$24.04/hour

### **Alumni Engagement Coordinator:**

The Alumni Engagement Coordinator supports the re-engagement of Bike School and Youth Apprenticeship alumni. The Alumni Engagement Coordinator will work closely with our Youth Pathways team, with input from current alumni to develop strong relationships with our vast alumni network and support graduates in advancing their career aspirations. The Alumni Engagement Coordinator understands and communicates the benefits of being part of a BNB alumni network that includes jobs, volunteer opportunities, discounts at our Bike Shop, community connections, events and rides, and career and workforce development support.

40 hour/week  
\$21.63 - \$26.44



Please consider applying or help spread the word!

**View Open Positions at 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