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Bikes Not Bombs
October 2022

**November 16th Book Talk at Lamplighter Brewery
to Benefit Bikes Not Bombs**



Join Anne Winkler-Morey, a Minneapolis author and bicyclist for a book talk at Lamplighter Brewery in Cambridge, MA on Wednesday, November 16th at 7 PM. Anne rode the contiguous perimeter of the United States, 12,000 miles, and wrote a book about their experience.

Allegiance to Winds and Waters: Bicycling the Political Divides of the United States is a personal/political memoir that advocates for solidarity across all kinds of borders. Free admission, and **Bikes Not Bombs** receives **\$10.00 for every book sold**.

Wednesday, November 16th, 2022
7:00 - 8:30pm
Lamplighter Brewery
[284 Broadway, Cambridge MA](#)

BNB is Hiring for Multiple Positions



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 teaching is what you love, working on bikes as a mechanic is a skill you have, or ensuring Bikes Not Bombs can sustain itself in the future speaks to you, Bikes Not Bombs has positions open across multiple teams.

Positions are listed below.

Grants Manager:

Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) is seeking a full-time 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.

40 hours/week

Annual salary of \$55,000 - \$60,000

Repair & Refurbish Mechanic:

(Multiple positions available)

Bikes Not Bombs is seeking full-time Repair & Refurbish Mechanics to work in our organization's flagship social enterprise, the Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop and Vocational Training Center. Join the squad of mechanics here in our workroom if you want to be part of a bike shop that is driven by a real social mission, and help us deliver the best value possible to our community.

A Repair & Refurbish Mechanic's duties include, but are not limited to, executing repairs and rebuilds of customer-owned bicycles; refurbishing donated bicycles for sale; assisting operations with sorting, refurbishing, and processing donated bicycles, components, and accessories; mentoring and modeling professionalism for apprentices; training other staff, volunteers, and youth in bicycle mechanics; and assisting sales team members with the correct estimation of repair quotes.

40 hours/week

Hourly wage: \$19.23 - 24.04

Training & Service Coordinator:

The role of the Training & Service Coordinator is to work alongside the Training & Service Manager in providing oversight to the service team and to participate in the daily activities of the service department at the Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop and Training Center. The Training

and Service Coordinator's primary responsibilities include external customer communications, supplies ordering, repair process tracking and customer and staff support when needed.

40 hours/week

Hourly wage: \$21.63 - 26.44

Please consider applying or help spread the word!

View Open Positions at Bikes Not Bombs

Bike Drive (South Church, Andover, MA) Saturday, November 5th 9 AM - 12 PM

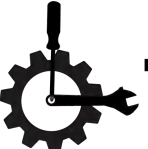


Bikes Not Bombs staff 'flattening bikes' at our most recent bike drive in Waltham, MA

Do you live near Andover, MA and have a bicycle to donate to Bikes Not Bombs? South Church will be hosting a [Bike Drive](#) in Andover, MA on **Saturday, November 5th from 9 AM - 12 PM.**

Bikes Not Bombs staff and volunteers will be there to collect bikes so we can donate them to people in need and to our programs. We ask you to provide a \$20 bike donation for processing and storage of the bicycle.

Please reach out to Andrew Ahern (andrew@bikesnotbombs.org) and Santos Carrasquillo (santos@bikesnotbombs.org) with any questions. See you there!

Tool  Time
at BIKES NOT BOMBS
Mondays, 5-7 PM

Tool Time is back! Starting **Monday, November 7th from 5 PM to 7 PM**, the Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop & Training Center at [284 Amory Street](#) will be open to the public to drop in and 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.

Bike Shop Promotion: Timber Bike Bells

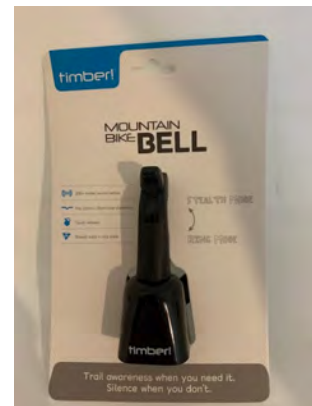


Bolt-on Model

As the days get darker, bike safety becomes that much more important. This includes accessories like lights and bike bells.

At the Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop, we have two brand new bike bell models from [Timber!](#)

One is a [bolt-on model](#) for extra security while the other is the [quick-release](#) model that can be put on your bike easily. Each model has a stealth and ring mode to turn the sound on and off at your convenience. The sound also reaches a 200+ meter radius! Come down to the [BNB Bike Shop](#) and pick one up yourself!



Quick-release model

Even as we enter late fall and there are fewer daylight hours, it is still important to wear glasses that can shield your eyes from wind and debris. Tifosi glasses (starting at \$25) feature lenses that adjust to the environment or clear lenses, making them perfect for dark days or nighttime riding while still offering UV protection.

Visit the Bikes Not Bombs bike shop to try a pair of Tifosi glasses today!



Volunteer Spotlight: Rani Schloss



Rani Schloss (right) at Volunteer Night

Since we started Volunteer Night back in the summer, we have had volunteers who show up week after week to help with shop operations, sorting parts, stripping bikes, and much more. One of those volunteers is Rani Schloss (she/her).

Whether she is exploring a new skill, helping less experienced volunteers with tasks, or just being someone to talk with, Rani is a cornerstone at Volunteer Night at this point. After learning to ride a bike five years ago, Rani immediately got involved with local bike activism. With the Covid-19 pandemic halting meetings and gatherings, Rani pivoted to focus more on the mechanics and access to bicycles. She told us, "My volunteer efforts shifted towards things I felt had a more immediate impact, helping others to have access — a few shifts at Youth Enrichment Services helping them maintain their youth bike fleet, and a few shifts at Cambridge Bike Give Back, fixing up bikes for them to give away. Someone told me that their bikes were sourced from Bikes Not Bombs, and that BNB also had a volunteer night. I now live in the neighborhood and love BNB as a bike shop and a community resource, so I jumped at the opportunity to shift those volunteer hours here instead."

Since joining us this summer, Rani has found Volunteer Nights to be a highlight of each week. "I love meeting other people who also like bikes or just want to be helpful. I just started helping out with Sisters in Action (SIA) as well, and whether I'm coming for Volunteer Night or SIA, it's the highlight of my day. Being in a supportive, welcoming space, focused on sharing

knowledge in a non-judgmental way, and contributing whatever I can, however I can be of use — even if that's scrubbing coolers or disassembling wheels — that's what's rewarding."

For Rani, Volunteer Nights are a source of community, sharing and learning skills. "Every week I learn something new, whether it's about bikes or about the excellent people who come here to work on them." Fortunately for us, we continue to learn from Rani as well. She's been an amazing person to get to know, to be in community with, and to advance Bikes Not Bombs' mission of using the bicycle as a vehicle for social change. There will always be a spot open for you at Volunteer Night, Rani! Thank you for your dedication to Bikes Not Bombs.

Boston Halloween Bike Ride



The annual Boston Halloween Bike Ride is back! Get spooky with the Boston bike community this coming Halloween for the annual Boston Halloween Bike Ride. Bring your lights, costume, and good vibes as we ride off into Halloween Night.

Riders will meet at the [Green Street T Station](#) in Jamaica Plain on **Monday, October 31st at 7:30 PM**. Visit the [Boston Halloween Bike Ride](#) website for updates and more information.

This is not an official Bikes Not Bombs event.

Everyday Revolutions Tour Saturday October 29th, 10 AM - 11 AM



Everyday Revolutions Tour

Learn about Bikes Not Bombs & get inspired!

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, October 29th, 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 so that we can limit the number of participants.

Partnership Spotlight: Solstice Community Solar & Bikes Not Bombs



For the past year, Bikes Not Bombs has served on the Community Advisory Board of the [Solstice Initiative](#). Solstice is a nonprofit whose aim is to bring affordable, renewable, solar energy to historically marginalized communities based on a community ownership model. As Solstice describes, "Community solar enables households to subscribe to a portion of a solar farm in their community, allowing them to reap the benefits of local clean energy and monthly energy bill savings."

Solstice has committed to a multi-stakeholder approach that brings together community organizations (like Bikes Not Bombs), solar development contractors, and members of the community we serve. **One of our Youth Apprentices, Joseph Pires has been involved as an Advisory Board Member** and representative on behalf of Bikes Not Bombs.

The organization's first project is the [Dorchester Food Co-op](#) which is a proposed full-service grocery store/food co-op with a solar array that not only addresses the issue of Dorchester being a food desert, but will allow community members to transition to a renewable energy source by becoming member-owners.

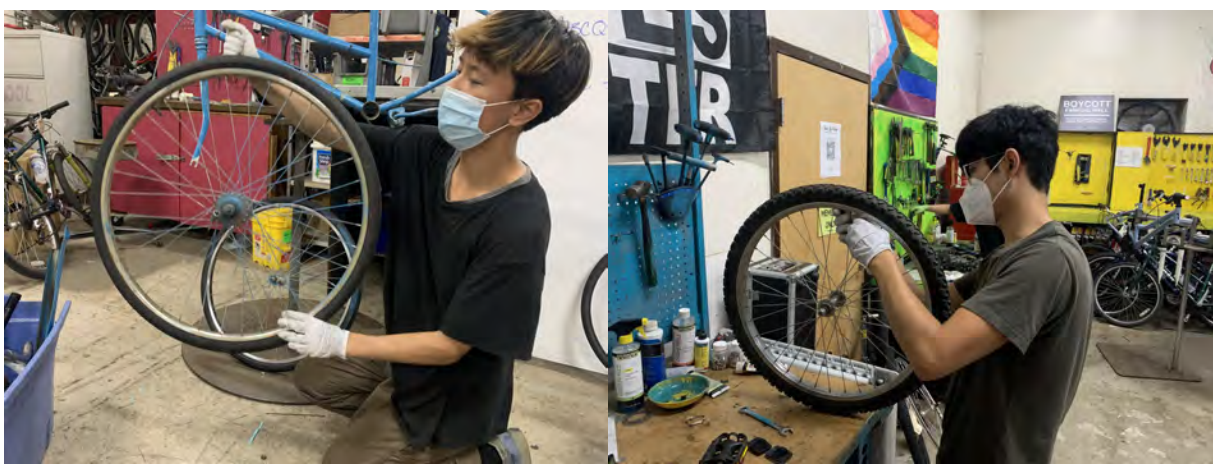


Bikes Not Bombs Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action team at the Dorchester Food Co-op (DFC) groundbreaking event -- the DFC is a proposed full-service grocery store and food co-op with a solar array.

Joseph believes **this effort will change people's lives by increasing food access, reducing their energy bills and cost of living, thereby helping enfranchise members of the Dorchester community.** "I enjoy the emphasis on keeping the money in the community. Keeping ownership in the community," Joseph says.

Bikes Not Bombs is honored that we get to participate in an effort outside our direct focus area, but that still helps our target population like those in Dorchester. **Such a collaboration reveals the ways in which much of our struggles are so interconnected:** food insecurity, the climate crisis, the affordability of energy, community ownership, and how the bicycle can foster social change. As the project develops, we will make sure to keep the Bikes Not Bombs community aware and informed about the progress we are making. In the meantime, visit Solstice's [website](#) to learn more about their unique nonprofit design and how you can get involved.

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



The weather is getting cooler which means you might find yourself spending more time indoors. During these months, the importance of community spaces becomes that much more necessary. Join us for a Volunteer Night, happening every Wednesday from 6-9 PM to work on bikes, help BNB get organized, and immerse yourself in the local Boston bike community.

[Sign-up here!](#) Registration is required. No experience necessary.

Please reach out to Andrew (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!

Donate to Bikes Not Bombs



Bike Shop & Training Center Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm
Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm
Thursday: 12pm - 7pm
Friday: 12pm - 7pm
Saturday: 11am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed