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*Bikes Not Bombs
September 2022*

The 2022 Bike-A-Thon Was a Major Success!



Photo by James Wang

Click [here](#) to view the full 2022 Bike-A-Thon photo album.

After months of organizing and preparation, we had our 35th annual Bike-A-Thon this past September 11th! Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) was joined by:

- **529** enthusiastic riders and **53** teams who collectively rode 26,015 miles — that's longer than riding around the Earth at the equator!
- Over **120** volunteers who hauled tables and chairs, served food, registered riders, fixed bikes, staffed rest stops, drove supplies, shot photos, played music, led, swept, and marshaled rides, and so much more!
- Over **2,076** donors who contributed to riders, teams, and the event.

We were able to reach our **fundraising goal of over \$200,000**, thanks to the riders, donors, and volunteers who showed up for social change. Because of you, we continue to innovate

programs that uplift, give voice, and empower historically marginalized people, recognizing that those most impacted by the root causes of inequity are best positioned to build lasting, meaningful change.

We were also able to host our first-ever Bike-A-Thon Expo — thank you to **Bern, Bianchi, Bivo, Clinch,** and **Kryptonite** who joined the Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop for this special addition to our event! We extend a huge thank you to our **Bike Shop** staff for their hard work on getting riders ready to ride! Riders, be sure to bring in your **rider bib** to use as a *one-time 20% off coupon* in our Bike Shop for merchandise, accessories, and new or used parts. Please note that this coupon does not apply towards new bikes, used bikes, or labor.

Thanks to our talented volunteer photographers Donrick Pond, Garrett Hoffman, and James Wang — who even stepped in to help guide a rider through a flat fix over the phone! Make sure to check out our [Bike-A-Thon photo album](#). [Sign up for our monthly E-newsletter](#), check back on our [Bike-A-Thon webpage](#), and/or follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates.

Donations continue to come in and **fundraising will close by end-of-day Saturday, September 30th**. Thank you so much for your hard work and your awesome fundraising efforts! As a reminder, riders who reached certain fundraising benchmarks by ride day will be receiving their fundraising incentives soon! Keep an eye out for an email with more details in the upcoming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you at the 36th Bike-A-Thon, come September 2023!



Photos by Garrett Hoffman, Jean Cho, and James Wang, respectively.

New Bern Helmets at the Bike Shop



Bern Libre



Bern Nino 2.0

Looking for a bike helmet from a local company? Bern's got your back!

Bern owner Dennis Leedom recently installed a new display of Bern Helmets at the Bikes Not Bombs Bike Shop. From the sleek Bern Libre, to the sturdy Macon 2.0, we have a variety of sizes, styles, and colors to make sure you ride in safety and style.

Come down to our Bike Shop at [284 Amory St.](#) in Jamaica Plain or [visit us on the web](#) to purchase helmets and more.

YA Spotlight: Tamirah Brown



*Tamirah Brown (She/Her)
Youth Apprentice*

Tamirah Brown is a Youth Apprentice with Bikes Not Bombs working in the Bike Shop. Tamirah started at Bikes Not Bombs in June 2020 after trying to find a summer job. Tamirah was searching for something she had never done before which is how she found out about the mechanics positions at BNB.

Since Tamirah has been involved with Bikes Not Bombs, she has found the experience very enjoyable. She told us, "The people that work at Bikes Not Bombs are kind and friendly and welcoming. I have really learned a lot from the mechanics who have allowed me to grow and become one myself even though I am still a Youth Apprentice."

Tamirah is hoping to become a year-round Youth Apprentice mechanic starting in the winter while she attends Northeastern University. She wants to learn more about fixing bikes and the importance of customer service while she is here. Keep it up Tamirah! You're a vital part of the Bike Shop.

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](#)

Bikes Not Bombs in StreetsBlog Mass

Volunteer Nights Have Returned at Bikes Not Bombs

By Christian MilNeil | Sep 22, 2022 |  0 COMMENTS



Youth apprentices at work in the Bikes Not Bombs retail shop.

Bikes Not Bombs was recently featured in the transit blog [StreetsBlog Mass](#) to highlight our weekly Volunteer Nights and discuss the work we do in Boston. [Read the whole article here.](#)

Here is an excerpt from one of our amazing volunteers: "I just believe in bikes in a particular way. So personally, having felt pretty empowered by having access to a bike, and knowing how to work on my bike, I also see that in how Bikes Not Bombs moves through the world. The focus on training and education and skill-building is really rad."

**Bike Match Recipient:
Kathryn Fay**



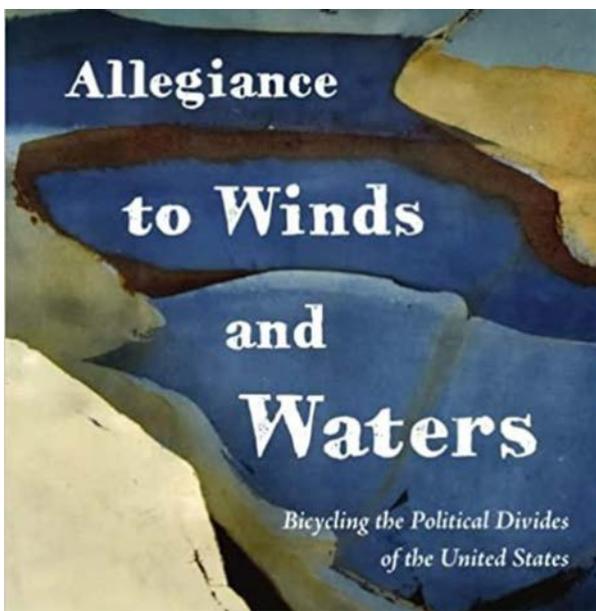
In May of this year, a newly minted OB/GYN who just moved to Boston reached out to Bikes Not Bombs in the hopes we could find her a bike that fit her size and style. A month later we were able to find Kathryn Fay a hybrid bike.

When she had to leave her beloved bicycle at home in Los Angeles, Kathryn was having a difficult time finding an affordable bike that she could use to commute to work with. After signing up for the Jamaica Plain newsletter, Katherine discovered Bikes Not Bombs and kept hearing about the "amazing work" Bikes Not Bombs was doing in the community, including our Bike Match program that provides essential workers with bicycles. She called it "destiny" after finding us.

Katherine has been a committed bike commuter before she moved to Boston telling us, "Throughout my medical training, I biked to work. I think I only missed a couple subzero days biking to work year-round in the eight years I lived in Chicago. When I moved here without a bicycle, it didn't feel right to drive to work. Now, with my matched bike, I finally feel like I 'live here' by finding the last missing puzzle piece of the daily ride to the hospital. The last few years have been hard for everyone. The gift of a bicycle improves my every day. I am so grateful!" We appreciate all the essential work you do Katherine! We hope to catch you on your commute one day.

If you have a bike in rideable condition that you would like to donate to our Bike Match program, [you can do so here](#). Please reach out to Andrew Ahern (andrew@bikesnotbombs.org) with any questions.

**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 it.

[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](#)

Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility Benefit Concert

The poster features a central image of a white dove in flight, carrying a musical staff with notes. The background is a dark, cloudy sky. At the bottom, there is a field of bright yellow sunflowers. In the top left corner, there are logos for GBPSR (Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility) and IPPNW (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War). The top right corner displays the date and time: '7 PM ET SATURDAY OCTOBER 1'. The text on the poster includes the names of the professors being honored, the names of the performing groups (Silkroad Ensemble and Longwood Symphony Orchestra), and the website 'gbpsr.org'.

Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility + International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War invite you to a special event to advance our shared commitment to a world without nuclear weapons

LIVESTREAM PERFORMANCES

7 PM ET SATURDAY
OCTOBER 1

Musicians from the
SILKROAD ENSEMBLE
and the
LONGWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**AN EVENING HONORING PROFESSORS
ALAN ROBOCK · BRIAN TOON · LILI XIA**

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Our longtime supporter, The Greater Boston Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, is in its fourth year of collaboration with **International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War** to create a compelling musical and educational evening. Join them for beautiful music and partake in the work they do to tackle **climate change** and the **nuclear threat on October 1st, 2022 at 7 PM.**

The event is **virtual**, so you need to **REGISTER** in order to receive a link prior to the presentation. **DONATION** is optional, but please do so if you are able to support the cause. Details and **SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS** are on the **EVENT WEB PAGE.**

NOTE: Donors who wish to remain **anonymous** should email info@gbpsr.org.

Please contact Michael Christ at (781) 521-5183 or mchrist@ippnw.org with any questions.

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



Wednesday Volunteer Nights have been a source of joy for staff and volunteers since we restarted them this summer. Come have a laugh, work with your hands, and contribute to social change by joining us Wednesday from 6-9 PM.

[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



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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