



Spoke & Word, April 2025: Ride into Bike Month with BNB!

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April 2025

Youth Bike Summit: Register, Ride, Volunteer!



The [National Youth Bike Summit](#) is coming to Boston from **May 30 to June 1** at Roxbury Community College. Join young cyclists and advocates from across the country to explore "Biking and Beyond." Join us for workshops & activities from presenters across the country, including:

- Safety in Numbers - Why Group Riding Matters
- Bicycle Accessibility: Interactive Urban Mapping Workshop
- Bikes go to College
- Biking tour along the Neponset River Greenway
- Beyond the Bike: Discovering Mechanics, Art, and Community
- 10 mile group bike ride through Boston

Purchase your [tickets online today](#) or help out as a [volunteer](#). **We can't wait to see you there!**

E-Bike Giveaway for Bike-A-Thon Riders



Have you registered for the Bike-A-Thon yet? [This is your opportunity to register today!](#) All riders who reach their fundraising minimums & ride with us on Sunday June 8th will automatically be entered into the drawing for a brand-new [Troxus Explorer Step-Thru E-Bike](#) valued at \$1,800 retail!

Ride alongside friends and family on our **10-mile**, **25-mile**, or **50-mile** routes. Each route will be fully supported with rest stops and route markings along the way.

We also offer additional rider incentives for extra fundraising, catered breakfast and lunch, prizes for top fundraisers and teams, and an expanded **after-party!**

Register to Ride Today!

Riding not your thing? We still have plenty of volunteer opportunities! [Learn more & sign up to volunteer here.](#)



Use the Bike-A-Thon as a great way to train for our **Century Challenge Ride** in September! Challenge yourself to go further on a 100 kilometer or 100 mile ride on some of the best roads in eastern Massachusetts. **Mark your calendars for Sunday September 7th!**

Community Meeting Series

COMMUNITY MEETING



May 14 2025
6:00-8:00pm



BIKES NOT BOMBS
284 AMORY ST
JAMAICA PLAIN, MA 02130



We're excited to launch our 2025 series of **Community Meetings & Transportation Forums** at Bikes Not Bombs! This is your chance to share your insights on biking, infrastructure, and safety in Boston.

[Join us](#) for a discussion on transportation equity, biking, mobility justice, youth organizing, and more as we plan our advocacy efforts for 2025 and beyond.

RSVP Here!

Can't make it? We still want your input! [Take our transportation survey here.](#)

Applications Open for Summer Youth Apprenticeships

[Applications are currently open](#) for our Summer 2025 cohort of Youth Apprentices!

We hire youth and young adults to work as paid Youth Apprentices, who receive hands-on training in bike mechanics, entrepreneurship, and career development.

Questions about Youth Apprenticeships? Check out our [program page](#) for more information, or contact Elyse Oliver, Chief of People and Programs, at elyse@bikesnotbombs.org



Bike Shop News



BOSTON E-BIKES INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Who is eligible to apply?

CITY OF BOSTON RESIDENTS:

- Seniors 60+
- Adults with chronic or permanent disabilities
- Income-eligible residents, at or below 40% of AMI

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It's not too late to apply for a City of Boston E-Bike voucher! [Boston E-Bikes Incentive Program](#) is still accepting applications through tomorrow, April 30th - so act now! View their website for full details on eligibility and how to apply.

You might also be eligible for an E-Bike voucher through the [Massachusetts Clean Energy Commission \(MassCEC\)](#)! The Program assists low-and-moderate income residents across the state by providing a voucher of \$800 to \$1200 (depending on eligibility) to reduce the cost of an e-bike. Vouchers will be awarded via random selection. **The next round of applications will be accepted between May 12th - 27th.** [Check out their website for more information!](#)

Looking for something self-powered? [Check out our stock of Surly bikes!](#) We've got a solid size range of [Surly Stragglers](#) and [Preambles](#) in stock for you, so make a trip to our shop for a spring test ride today!

If you're not looking for a new bike, we've got you covered with limited edition **Panaracer Gravel King tires**, available in Cranberry or Honey Butter. Both are in limited stock and **available in person only**, so stop by now to snag a pair!



Upcoming Events

May is Bay State Bike Month! View events all across Massachusetts with [MassBike's bike-friendly event calendar](#). Don't forget to save the date for [events by BNB](#) and our partners:

Volunteer Night: New Times!

Wednesdays from 4 to 7pm
April 30th, May 21st, May 28th, June 4th

Fairmount Greenway Bike Ride

Saturday May 3rd, 1 to 3pm, Upham's Corner

Wake Up the Earth Festival

Saturday May 3rd, 12 to 6pm, Jamaica Plain

Bike Month Kick-Off

Sunday May 4th, 1 to 4pm, Aeronaut Brewery in Somerville

Mother's Day Walk for Peace

Sunday May 11th, 7 to 10:30am, Dorchester

First Community Meeting

Wednesday May 14th, 6 to 8pm, BNB

Bike to Work Day Festival

Friday May 16th, 7 to 9am, City Hall Plaza

Tool Time

Friday May 23rd, 4 to 7pm, BNB



Community Advisory Council Meeting Recap



We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us on March 26th to learn more about our **BOCA (Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action)** campaigns and how you can make a difference. A special shoutout to our incredible community members **Sneha Adhikari, Bob Nesson, Maggie Cohn, Vivian Ortiz, Shavel'le Olivier, Rodney Eason, and Monty Khaldi**, our supportive Board members **Cynthia Perry, Jay Vilar, Khris Nicholas, Peter Cheung, and Lee Archung**, and BNB staff members, including our Youth Apprentices!

The evening was a resounding success, covering a lot of ground, from campaign overviews and CAC structure to interactive surveys and ecosystem mapping in a truly collaborative and insightful way. **We invite all Greater Boston community members, especially bike enthusiasts to our next Community Meeting on May 14th, 6-8 PM** to further contribute to the conversation about shaping the future of biking in Boston.

New Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer Bike Donations Processor

Join us in processing bike donations that support our mission and help those in need!

When: Thursdays from 12-2pm or 5-7pm

Requirements: Volunteers should possess basic bike part knowledge, must attend an orientation session, and have volunteered at three volunteers nights or one container loading. Ideally, volunteers should be able to handle or lift bikes, be comfortable with working at our warehouse, and available for occasional Saturday events.



[Learn More Here!](#)

Staff Spotlight: Wheelie of the Month



Each month, we shout out a different employee to highlight their work and contributions to BNB and award them as our “Wheelie of the Month.” This month’s winner is Bike Shop Associate **Diego Vides Curnen!**

Diego has been super engaged with operations and keeps bringing great ideas to the table. He’s been on a steady climb at BNB and beyond, and it’s been really encouraging to see his growth. Since returning to BNB, Diego has been absolutely indispensable in the Bike Shop. He jumped into a full-time mechanic role and has helped us keep things running smoothly, even with reduced staffing. His honest and hilarious approach to the work helps keep the vibe positive, no matter what’s going on. **We appreciate you, Diego!**

Seeking Board Advisors



Bikes Not Bombs is seeking candidates to serve as board advisors. Board advisors provide guidance to the organization, participating in strategic planning and fundraising, and other responsibilities.

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.

We are **currently recruiting folks who possess knowledge or expertise in the following areas: human resources, finance, 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.

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



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Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm
Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm
Thursday: 12pm - 7pm
Friday: 12pm - 7pm
Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: Closed