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BIKES NOT BOMBS

August 2024

It's Bike-A-Thon Time: Sunday September 8th!

Gear up for the Bike-A-Thon you know and love!

[Register to ride](#) one of **five well-supported, scenic routes**: 10, 35, 50, 63, or 105 miles! All riders get breakfast, t-shirts, chances to win prizes, goodie bags, and an after-party with a catered lunch and live music in the heart of Jamaica Plain.



Photo of 2023 Emerald Necklace riders by Bike-A-Thon volunteer Donrick Pond

Refer a Friend, Get \$25 Gift card to our Bike Shop:

We want to reach even more riders this year, and we need your help! From now until the event, if you refer someone to sign up for the Bike-A-Thon, we'll reward you with a \$25 gift card to our Bike Shop in Jamaica Plain. To claim your gift card, just email maura@bikesnotbombs.org with your name and the name of the new rider. We'll verify their registration and send a gift card your way!

Riding not your thing? **We need more [volunteers](#)** – join us in supporting the cause!



Photo by Bike-A-Thon volunteer Artemisia Luk

Riders and event supporters help raise critical funds to support Bikes Not Bombs mission through:

- The reclamation of bikes for use in local and international social justice projects;
- Opportunities for youth and adults to gain hands-on skills while working to build a more sustainable world;
- Meaningful jobs and professional mentorship for Boston teenagers and young adults; and
- The expansion of a thriving, equitable bike culture, locally and globally.

Register for the Bike-A-Thon today!

Fall Bike School Applications are Open!

If you're interested in learning about the anatomy of the bicycle, developing bike mechanic skills, and even getting to take a bike home with you, then sign up for Bike School with BNB!

You can find the dates, times, applications, and more information for all classes [here](#). Please note that programs are only available at our Jamaica Plain location for Fall 2024.

Questions? Contact the Bike School team at bikeschool@bikesnotbombs.org



Learn more and apply [here](#)!

Bluebikes: Ride with BNB



We're here to help you with all things biking related - including using bike share!

Are you interested in using **Bluebikes** or curious about membership? Stop by our regular [Tool Time](#) or [Chain Reaction](#) events to learn the basics of how to use a Bluebike, including practice docking & undocking a bike or going for a short ride!

We can help you sign up on the spot for affordable memberships: **\$60/year** for Boston residents or **\$5/year** for income-eligible residents. [Contact us to get your membership today!](#)

[We want to hear from you!](#) Share your feedback on access, ease of use, and new station placement in the survey here. Questions? Reach out to julia@bikesnotbombs.org.

Bike Shop News

The first round of signups for the City of Boston's E-Bike incentive program closed and voucher recipients are being contacted now. If you are one of the lucky recipients, get in touch and let us help you find your perfect ebike! [Shop eligible bikes IN STOCK on the BNB Shop webstore](#), then swing by the hub to test ride different models.

We'll even give you - and all customers! - an extra **\$50 credit** towards your ebike purchase, just **for test riding with us!**



This [Troxus](#) is one of many E-Bikes available!

We also have every kind of accessory you need to make your bike safe, secure, and convenient, right here in the shop. Check out our [online collection](#) and come down to the Hub to browse through even more new and used accessories and parts. We'll help you find the right stuff!

Staff Spotlight: "Wheelie of the Month" Award



We are thrilled to announce **Zak Papatsoris** as our “Wheelie of the Month” at Bikes Not Bombs. Since joining our team, Zak has demonstrated an incredible commitment to customer satisfaction, consistently going above and beyond to ensure that every customer has the best experience possible. His thirst for knowledge drives him to learn more, making him a reliable and highly valued member of our bike shop team. Zak has also taken on a leadership role on the sales floor, inspiring our youth apprentices with his enthusiasm and dedication. Congratulations, Zak, on this well-deserved recognition!

BNB Goes to Vieques



Beginning in January, we have expanded our work to **Vieques**, an island in Puerto Rico that has been affected by past bomb testing. Bikes Not Bombs is working closely with the community in building a strong biking culture and reliable, sustainable transportation options.

Our signature ‘Chain Reaction’ bike repair events have provided services directly to over 50 youth and adults over the course of our visits, offered at no cost to recipients.

Because the island lacks a local bike shop, our ability to provide access to parts and supplies has enabled us to fill a need in this environmental justice community. Our efforts highlight the importance of biking and sustainability, aligned with our goal to create lasting change in Boston and the Global South. We look forward to further strengthening this partnership, highlighting the importance of biking in sustainability efforts.

La Colmena, the small non-profit in Vieques that has significantly helped in our work there, is in need of support following Tropical Storm Ernesto. As [outlined in this document](#), please **consider making a donation** to help them rebuild & repair.

Upcoming Events

37th Annual Bike-A-Thon!
[Sunday September 8th, all day event](#)

Unity Ride: Urban Nature
[Saturday September 28th, 2:30pm meet-up](#)

Tool Time
[In JP: Friday September 27th, 4pm to 7pm](#)

Chain Reaction: Free Bike Repair Events:

@ the Mattapan Farmers Market
[Saturday September 14th, 11am to 1pm](#)
[Saturday September 28th, 11am to 1pm](#)

@ the East Boston Farmers Market
[Wednesday September 18th, 4pm to 6pm](#)

BIKES NOT BOMBS UNITY RIDE SERIES

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28
2:30 PM MEET-UP
3:00 PM ROLL OUT
8 TO 10-MILE ROUTE, SOCIAL PACE



[BIKESNOTBOMBS.ORG/UNITY-RIDES](https://bikesnotbombs.org/unity-rides)

Core Values: Local & Global Solidarity



As we continue to celebrate our **40th Anniversary**, we want to use this opportunity to both emphasize and expand on our **Core Values**. We are excited to announce an important update to Bikes Not Bombs' core values: **"Local and Global Solidarity."** This value embodies our commitment to fostering unity and collaboration across communities.

"We deeply value the collective knowledge and lived experience found in local and global communities. We believe in the transformative power of solidarity that transcends borders, fostering unity and collaboration, especially for Black and other marginalized communities. By amplifying the contributions of Black and Brown individuals and communities worldwide, we create a vibrant network of mutual support that enriches us all. Together, we harness our collective knowledge and power to drive meaningful change and promote a more equitable world."

Funder Spotlight: REDF



*Leah Budson, 2024 Farber
Summer Fellow*

BNB was thrilled to host Farber Fellow **Leah Budson** as part of [**REDF's Growth Portfolio**](#) program! Leah joined BNB in late May after completing her first year at MIT Sloan. Prior to grad school, she was a consultant at Boston Consulting Group (BCG), during which she spent some time on secondment with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as an Associate Strategy Officer.

At BNB, Leah focused on a Bike Shop profitability analysis and constituent segmentation. She brought insight to our products and services; and tailoring communications to our diverse audience. **Join us in thanking Leah for her hard work!**

Make Your Voice Heard

TuftsMedicine
Tufts Medical Center

Tufts Medical Center is soliciting feedback through their Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) survey. This [**10-15 minute survey**](#) is designed to understand the health needs of the community members they serve.

[**Please take the survey**](#) if you live in or spend a significant amount of time in the following areas: **Chinatown, Dorchester, South Boston, South End, Malden, and Quincy**. A significant amount of time refers to going to school, working, volunteering, attending health programs or social services in these areas. The survey will be open throughout the fall, with a raffle drawing for \$25 gift cards when the survey closes.

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