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## Bikes Not Bombs' Spoke & Word, February 2025

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# SPOKE - & - WORD

## BIKES NOT BOMBS

February 2025

### Registration for the Youth Bike Summit is Open!

**DATES: MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AGES: 8 - 24 YEARS OLD +**

**YOUTH BIKE SUMMIT** Beyond the Bike

Explore Boston Bike Day Trips Youth Led Workshops

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**

Open NOW through April 7th

Go *Beyond the Bike* with us this summer and join 8 - 24 year old leaders in workshops, bicycle rides, and a weekend of fun at the 2025 Youth Bike Summit in Boston. For the last 10 years, the [Youth Bike Summit](#) has been an inspiring event dedicated to engaging young leaders in the future of transportation and cycling advocacy.

[Early bird registration](#) is now open until April 7th, 2025, starting at \$75 for youth and \$100 for adults. Tickets cover two lunches, one dinner, snacks, and bike rental (if not bringing your own!). For visitors traveling from out of town, dorm rooms at Emerson College are also available to book now. For questions regarding registration, please reach out to [event@youthbikesummit.org](mailto:event@youthbikesummit.org).

Workshop proposals are still open: [check out this form](#) to learn more and to submit your ideas today! Proposals will be reviewed & accepted on a rolling basis until April 1st.

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### BNB Community Advisory Council

Love biking and want to make a real difference? Bikes Not Bombs needs you! We're looking for dedicated individuals to join our **Community Advisory Council**. This is your chance to support vital youth programs, work to improve bike infrastructure, and collaborate with other passionate community members. Get involved and help us create a better biking future! [Learn more and apply today!](#)



We're hosting an **info session/open house** for prospective council members on [Wednesday, March 26th](#), from 6 to 8 pm at Bikes Not Bombs. This will be an introductory meeting where we'll discuss the council's goals, introduce members, and begin planning for the year ahead. [RSVP here!](#)

**Save the date:** our first open-house **Community Meeting** is on [Wednesday April 30th!](#)

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## Apprentices in Action: Refurb Mechanics Training



*Apprentices Eliana and Blisson working on refurbishing a bike*

Our Apprentices are making incredible strides in their Bike Refurb Mechanics Training! They've been hard at work picking bikes, overhauling rotational systems, and many are already wrapping up their first full bike rebuild—a huge milestone!

This month, they've tackled threadless headsets, wheel truing, and rotational systems, sharpening their technical skills with every turn of the wrench. But it's not just about the mechanics—our apprentices are also honing their personal elevator pitches, building confidence in how they share their skills and experiences.

**FYI:** applications for [Summer Youth Apprenticeships](#) will open on **Monday March 3rd!**

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## Spring Cleaning? Host a Bike Drive!

Getting started on your spring cleaning? BNB is looking for any used bikes that you're willing to part with (just make sure it meets [our guidelines](#)). Consider hosting a [Bike Drive](#) at your school, place of workshop, or your workplace and help us collect bicycles for our programs.

We're gearing up for three container loadings this year, sending **1,500+** used bicycles to our Global Partners, and more for refurbishment and use in your youth programs! Learn more about [Bike Drives and Bike Donations](#) on our website and [reach out to the team](#) if you're interested in hosting a Bike Drive this spring!

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## Free Bike-A-Thon Registration



Free registration is still going on for the [2025 Bike-A-Thon](#)! Until March 31, you can register for free, just by using the Promo Code **RIDEWITHUS** at checkout when you register. June 8th is the 38th annual Bike-A-Thon, and will feature the 10, 25, and 50 mile routes.

If you went the full distance in past years, we are also hosting our Century Challenge this **September 7th**, which includes both the 63 and 100 mile rides! More information and registration for these September rides coming soon. Stay tuned.

If riding isn't for you, registration slots for [volunteering](#) at the Bike-A-Thon are now live!

**Register to Ride Today!**

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## Bike Shop News

We're stocking up and getting ready for spring in the Bike Shop. Check out our [latest refurbs](#) and all of our [current stock of accessories](#) online, before you head down to the shop.

If you're thinking about upgrading your performance road or gravel bike this season, make sure to check out [Orbea bikes, now available at BNB Shop](#). The worker-owned Spanish brand makes top notch performance bikes with fully customizable colors and componentry, and we have every size in stock so you can find your perfect fit. Bring your shoes for the test ride!



*Refurb of the week: [55cm State Gravel Bike](#)*

If you're thinking about exploring off-road a little bit more this season, or just looking for a more relaxed mode of riding, check out our great deals on [past season MTB and hybrid bikes](#).

This is also the perfect time to beat the rush and [get your bike tuned up](#), before everyone else comes out of hibernation. No appointment necessary, just come by during shop hours and ring the doorbell. We'll be right out!

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## Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities



Free bike repair at the South Boston Winter Ride

### **March Winter Group Bike Ride: East Boston**

Saturday March 8th, 10:30am to 12:30pm

*\*Free bike repair and hot chocolate!\**

### **Community Advisory Council Meeting**

Wednesday March 26th, 6 to 8pm

### **Tool Time**

Friday March 28th, 4 to 7pm

### **Bike Drive at The Fessenden School**

Saturday April 5th, 10:30am to 2:30pm

## Staff Spotlight: Wheelie of the Month

Each month, we honor an employee for outstanding performance, teamwork, or exceeding expectations. We are delighted to announce **Joseph Pires** as the "Wheelie of the Month" award recipient! Joseph is an alumni of our Youth Apprenticeships program and currently works on our Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action (B.O.C.A.) initiatives.

In his role as the **B.O.C.A. Associate**, Joseph has stepped up to tackle the new initiatives and events we're planning for 2025! Joseph has worked closely with our CEO, Elijah Evans, to bring these ideas to fruition, showing excellent leadership skills in his work with our Youth Apprentices in particular. He has also taken a lead on bike mechanics training for Apprentices, facilitating engaging presentations and discussions, and showing up as a mentor for youth. Coworkers highlight his "infectious presentation style" that has been a boost at events, helping to communicate BNB's work to our community members. Thank you for your hard work, Joseph!



Joseph Pires, B.O.C.A. Associate

## 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](mailto:elijah@bikesnotbombs.org) in order to receive an official application form.



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**Bike Shop & Training Center Hours:**

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