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Ride into 2025 with BNB!

The 38th annual Bike-A-Thon on Sunday, June 8th is our biggest annual fundraiser, bringing together more than 500 riders and 120 volunteers in a ride for social change!

On **June 8th**, you can 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, breakfast and catered lunch, prizes for top fundraisers and teams, and an expanded community after-party!

[Register to ride now!](#) Free registration through March 15th with promo code **FREEBAT2025!**



Community Bike-A-Thon After Party

Riders, please invite your family, friends, neighbors and your Bike-A-Thon sponsors to join us after you complete your BAT ride for the Bike-A-Thon community after-party! As always, we will have a delicious catered lunch for all Bike-A-Thon riders and volunteers. For everyone else in the broader community, this year we will also have food and ice cream trucks, live music, lawn games, a bike expo with booths and demos from local bike clubs as well as bike industry partners, and community-oriented booths and activities from partner organizations.

We'll have something for everyone - all you have to do is show up and spread the word. Our after-party will run from 12:30pm to 4pm at Stonybrook Field - we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Save the Date: Century Challenge Ride!

On **Sunday, September 7th**, we will host the “**Century Challenge**” rides. This includes a metric century (63 miles) as well as the imperial century (105-mile) routes you know and love! Please mark your calendar; more information and registration coming shortly.

Winter Ride Series



Thanks to all of our riders who braved the cold to join us on a beautifully sunny ride in Dorchester and Mattapan! Riders had their bikes adjusted by BNB's mobile mechanic before setting out on a breezy ride on the Neponset Greenway, and we all warmed up with hot chocolate at Flat Black Coffee after the ride.

There's still two more rides left, so don't miss out! Join us on [Saturday February 8th](#) in South Boston and on [Saturday March 8th](#) in East Boston for more winter fun.

Take Action: Safety on Hyde Park Ave

We're asking our community members to [sign on to this letter](#) calling on the city to support quick-build safety improvements on Hyde Park Avenue in JP. This should take less than 30 seconds.

A few weeks ago, dozens of community members joined an open house for the [Hyde Park Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project](#). This project will likely take time before it is completed. In light of the recent death of Glenn Ingrham, neighbors in Forest Hills have drafted this letter, calling for urgent upgrades to improve safety as soon as possible.

Bike Shop News

Yup, it's cold outside - but the Bike Shop is still hard at work, cranking out fresh refurbis! [Check out the latest ones here.](#)

While business slows down in the winter, we are able to turn around repairs relatively quickly. Beat the rush and get your bike tuned up early so you'll be ready when the weather turns warm. Or treat yourself to a pair of fenders or bar mitts, if you're riding through the winter. The Bike Shop has [everything you need](#) to be winter ready.

Do you follow the Bike Shop on social media? [Check out our Instagram](#) for fun and informative reels about bikes and BNB!



Check out our in-stock refurbis, like this [carbon Trek 2300](#)!

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities



[February Winter Group Bike Ride: South Boston](#)

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

[Bike Refurb Volunteer Mechanic Orientation](#)

Wednesday February 19th, 6 to 7pm

[*Registration required!*](#)

[Volunteer Night](#)

Wednesday nights, 6 to 9pm

[*Except for the last Wednesday of the month*](#)

[Tool Time](#)

Last Fridays of the month, 4 to 7pm

Partner Highlight: Bowdoin St Health Center

BNB was thrilled to partner with [Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's Bowdoin St Health Center](#) in 2024! The Center was awarded a grant to give bikes and provide bike education to youth in Dorchester during the summer, fall and winter months, and we were excited to support the endeavor.

June and September participants received basic bike maintenance and safety tips, and assistance with assembling their new bikes. A younger group of participants received their bikes in December, all outfitted with lights, bottle cages, helmets, and locks.



Youth learned how to securely lock up their bikes. They also learned safe riding techniques from BNB staff, taking laps around the Dorchester Teen Center gymnasium to practice their new skills!

Staff Spotlight: Wheelie of the Month

Each month, we honor an employee for outstanding performance, teamwork, or exceeding expectations. We are delighted to announce **Sam Archer**, our **Assistant Bike Shop Director**, as the "Wheelie of the Month" award recipient!

If you've ever inquired about an e-bike at BNB, chances are high that Sam encouraged you to take a test ride! Sam's commitment to spreading the joy of biking and his dedication to training staff on the ins and outs of our products has been invaluable. He has taken a lead role in bringing more e-bikes to BNB, including through Boston's e-bike voucher program, expanding our sales and service options to serve this growing market.



Sam in his natural environment at the BNB sales counter: enjoying good coffee and talking about bikes!

His work has paid off with a robust year for sales in the shop, not only generating revenue, but directly contributing to overall bike-positive morale for the communities we serve as a bike shop. His commitment to keep customers and employees excited and enthused is unmatched here. Thank you for your hard work Sam and congratulations!

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