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July 2024

Reflecting on 40 Years of Bikes Not Bombs

July 2024 officially marks the 40th anniversary of Bikes Not Bombs and has been a month full of celebration and reflection. Our July Unity Ride theme was all about sharing our history, taking riders on a tour of historic BNB sites, both past and present, in Jamaica Plain, Roxbury, and Dorchester.

We were thrilled to kick off the ride with an official resolution in recognition of 40 years of service from Councilor Weber! Thank you to all of our community members, supporters, volunteers, staff, and donors who help make our work possible.



As we reflect on the possibilities of the next forty years, we want to highlight our Core Values with the BNB community. This month's theme is Racial Equity, the heart of the mission of Bikes Not Bombs. [Read our rationale and priorities in upholding this value in our full statement here.](#)

The Youth Bike Summit is Coming to Boston!



Bikes Not Bombs is thrilled to announce that we will be co-hosting the **2025 Youth Bike Summit!** Working closely with our partner and co-host **Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition** (MFFC), we are eager to bring the Youth Bike Summit (YBS) to Boston and invite youth from Boston and across the country to join us.

Mark your calendars for **May 30th to June 1st, 2025** for a weekend filled with workshops, group rides, and networking opportunities for youth and young people involved with biking and bike advocacy. Our theme for 2025 is **Biking and Beyond**, highlighting the intersection of biking with numerous topics: mobility justice, sustainability, healthy living, identity, and more!

[View the full press release here](#) and [check out the WCVB segment Better By the Mile](#) for a look into our partnership with MFFC and our plans for YBS 2025!

Bike Shop News

Breaking news - we are now an **Orbea** dealer! Our first shipment of Orca, Orca Aero, and Terra bikes are now on the floor. Customers (and staff!) have zoomed around on test rides, enjoying these lightweight and efficient bikes that are perfect for road or gravel cycling. Come by today and test one out for yourself!

We of course have our signature refurbished bicycles for sale, each one completely overhauled by our skilled mechanics. Check out some of our featured bikes in the shop or online!



Orbea Orca, now at BNB!



The Troxus Lynx Cargo is one of many E-Bikes you can test ride with us!

Speaking of test rides, are you E-Bike curious? Earn a **\$50 credit** towards an E-Bike purchase at Bikes Not Bombs when you test ride an E-Bike with us! Our staff will walk you through the different brands and models and get you set up for a test ride.

You may also be eligible for the **Boston E-Bikes Incentive Program**, offering eligible residents vouchers towards the purchase of an E-Bike at the point of sale. [Check out the website for full details, including eligibility requirements.](#)

Staff Spotlight: Meet Andrew

Hello! My name is Andrew Dodoo, a 24-year-old from Ghana. I joined BNB in April, inspired by a friend's suggestion. From the moment I learned about the organization, I knew I had found my place. Bikes have been my passion since I was 14, and moving to the US only strengthened my resolve to pursue this path. Landing a job here has been a dream come true for me. The process of assembling and repairing bikes is incredibly rewarding. Despite the challenges, the satisfaction of overcoming difficulties and seeing a bike come together is unmatched. The supportive community at BNB makes it even more special. Every morning, I wake up excited to go to work, knowing I'm surrounded by such encouraging colleagues.

Some days ago, a devastating explosion and fire ravaged our apartment building in Boston. We were shocked to come home from work to find fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars surrounding our building. We weren't allowed inside that night, and since then, our lease has been terminated. I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported us during this difficult time.

Despite both working hard—myself at BNB and my partner, Reshma, at Planet Fitness—we urgently need funds to secure a new apartment and replace what we lost in the fire.



Andrew and Reshma at their wedding last year

[Please consider donating here to support Andrew and Reshma](#)

Fall Bike School Applications Open August 2nd

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



Participants keep their newly refurbished bikes after completing Bike School!

[Learn more here!](#)

Get Ready for the Bike-A-Thon with Us!



Join Us!

50 MILE GROUP TRAINING RIDE

Meet: 7:30am | Depart: 8:00am
284 Amory Street Jamaica Plain

Our [37th annual Bike-A-Thon](#) is right around the corner and we can't wait to have you ride or volunteer with us on **Sunday September 8th!** In the meantime, we want to help you get ready and have two great events coming up!

Join our [Bike-A-Thon Fundraising 101](#) event online or in person on Thursday August 22nd from 6:30 to 7:30 to learn more about fundraising tips and tricks from BNB staff and your fellow riders!

Our last training ride of the summer is on [Saturday August 24th](#) - come tackle the 50 mile route with us! We will meet and return to Bikes Not Bombs.

Sign up for the Bike-A-Thon today!

Staff Spotlight: "Wheelie of the Month" Award

Each month, we honor an employee for outstanding performance, teamwork, or exceeding expectations. We are delighted to announce **Abeo Powder** and **Phil Gay** as the "Wheelie of the Month" award recipients at Bikes Not Bombs.

Abeo Powder is celebrated for her supportive leadership and relationship-building skills. Her meticulous approach, calm demeanor, and empathy have strengthened our community. Abeo's ability to foster connections and her dedication to youth-centered leadership make her an invaluable asset. A coworker noted, "Abeo leads with gentle strength and empathy, effortlessly connecting with our youth apprentices."



Phil Gay is recognized for his initiative, professionalism, and strong collaboration. His innovative solutions for Bike School, exceptional judgment, organizational skills, and flexibility have significantly improved our programs. A coworker noted, "Phil has garnered the trust of his team and leads with grace, humor, and humility."

Congratulations to Abeo and Phil for their well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your invaluable contributions to Bikes Not Bombs!

Bluebikes: Learn More with BNB



Are you interested in using **Bluebikes** or curious about membership? We're here to help you with all things biking related - including using bike share! Stop by our regular [Tool Time](#) or [Chain Reaction](#) events to learn more about reduced cost memberships, the basics of how to use a Bluebike, and more!

We're also hosting a [Bluebikes 101](#) drop-in info session before our next Unity Ride: come to BNB at 10:00am on August 3rd to learn more about membership, practice docking / undocking a bike, and go for a short ride!

[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.

Funder Spotlight: Tufts Medical Center

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Join us in thanking [Tufts Medical Center](#) for continued support through the [Community Health Initiatives](#) grant program!

Their grant supports Bikes Not Bombs' Youth Pathways program, which includes Bike School programming and Youth Apprenticeship opportunities. Tufts Medical Center is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of, and reducing health disparities and inequities in, the communities they serve.

Upcoming Events

Unity Ride: Boston's Black History
[Saturday August 3rd, 11am meet-up](#)

Tool Time
[In JP: Friday August 9th, 4pm to 7pm](#)
[In Roxbury: Friday August 23rd, 4pm to 7pm](#)

Everyday Revolutions Tour
[Saturday August 17th, 10am to 11am](#)

Bike-A-Thon Fundraising 101
[Thursday August 22nd, 6:30pm to 7:30pm](#)

Bike-A-Thon Training Ride: 50 Miles
[Saturday August 24th, 7:30am meet-up](#)

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UNITY IN COMMUNITY RIDE SERIES		
Exploring Boston's Black History Join Bikes Not Bombs on Saturday August 3rd for an enlightening and empowering experience celebrating the heritage and contributions of Roxbury's Black community. Explore the legacy of activism , art , and resilience that continues to inspire and uplift.		
	SATURDAY AUGUST 3RD 11am meet up @BNB 11:30am ride start 8 mile route	
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Mark your calendars for lots of Chain Reaction dates this month!

Our signature mobile bike repair services are offered free of charge at pop-up events in our target communities & special events hosted by our partners.

New! Open Newbury with Patagonia Boston

Sunday August 4th, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Sunday August 25th, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Mattapan Farmers Market

Saturday August 17th, 11am to 1pm

Saturday August 31st, 11am to 1pm

East Boston Farmers Market

Wednesday August 14th, 4pm to 6pm

Dorchester Food Coop

Saturday August 24th, 11am to 1pm

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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Bike Shop & Training Center Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm

Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm

Thursday: 12pm - 7pm

Friday: 12pm - 7pm

Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: Closed