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BIKES NOT BOMBS

June 2024

Ride with Bikes Not Bombs this Summer!

[Join us on July 6th](#) for a celebratory ride, as we stop at the different key points of BNB's history in Jamaica Plain and beyond. This casual-pace ride is around 10 miles and involves some riding in the street.

[Click here for full event info!](#)

In addition to our Unity Rides, mark your calendars for our [three group training rides](#) to prepare for the 2024 Bike-A-Thon!

- 20 Mile Ride: Saturday, June 29th
- 35 Mile Ride: Sunday, July 14th
- 50 Mile Ride: Saturday, August 24th

[Register for a group training ride today!](#)

And don't forget to sign up for our biggest rides of the year, our **2024 Bike-A-Thon** on **Sunday September 8th!** Check out our full [Bike-A-Thon page here](#) for all the latest info, including links to [register](#), [volunteer](#), or [donate](#) today.

40 YEARS OF
BIKES NOT BOMBS

CELEBRATORY
GROUP BIKE
RIDE AND TOUR

10
MILES

SATURDAY
JULY 6TH
11AM

2024 Youth Bike Summit



BNB was thrilled to attend the 2024 Youth Bike Summit, hosted by Community Bike Works in Allentown, Pennsylvania earlier this month! At the first summit gathering since 2020, we were delighted to connect with youth from all over the country. We participated in workshops over the weekend that were centered around advocacy for bikeable & walkable cities, learned about different youth bike programs, and participated in group rides that showcased the freedom of cycling.

Team members from BNB also led workshops of their own: our CEO, Elijah Evans, co-led a workshop on fundraiser bike ride events, and Youth Organizer Monty Khaldi presented on the influence of cars and their effects on society.

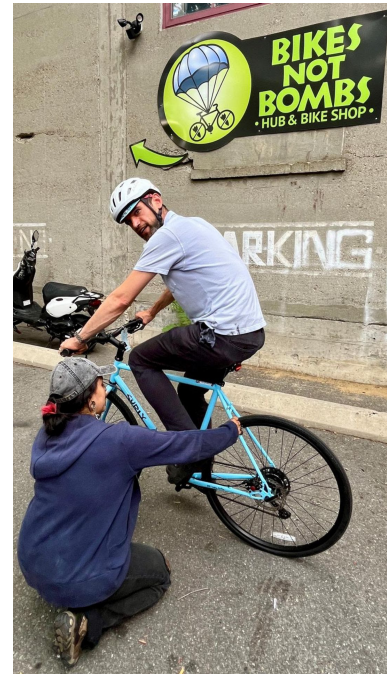
BOCA Associate Joseph Pires helped kick off the event, sharing his experience as a leader in the bike space on a panel, where the discussion was centered around their involvement, achievements and their favorite aspects of being in the cycling space. We wrapped up the weekend with an exceptional group ride alongside hundreds of youth and adults, celebrating the power of bicycling as a catalyst for empowerment!



P.S. Stay tuned for exciting news on the 2025 Youth Bike Summit soon!

From the Bike Shop: Get a Bike That Fits!

We believe the most important quality of any bike, ultimately, is how it fits the rider. So, how do you choose one that will fit YOU well? Start by reading our latest entry on the bike shop blog: [**How To Choose a GREAT Fitting Bike**](#). In it, we explain how to size up any bike and see if it's potentially a fit, as well as some clues that can tell you a bike may be too large or small. We also explain some of the sizing terminology used in the bike industry, so you can translate your size between different styles. Then come pay us a visit at the Hub and take a test ride on a GREAT fitting bike!



Meet Our Staff!

My name is Wilki Diaz Medina and I am from Baní, Dominican Republic. I moved to the United States in January 2023. I found BNB online and, with the help of a friend who lent me a bike, I came to buy a helmet to learn about the organization. While exploring BNB, I discovered that they had volunteer opportunities, so I started helping out in the warehouse. Afterwards, I learned about the programs for children and met Phil, who supported me in getting the job I have now: Repair and Refurbish Mechanic. I started working in May!

[You can read more about Wilki here!](#)
¡También lo puedes leer en español!



Wilki Diaz Medina, Repair and Refurbish Mechanic

Upcoming Events

In addition to our Unity Rides and Bike-A-Thon Group Training Rides, we have events off the bike too! Check out some highlights below, including **Chain Reaction**: our signature mobile bike repair service, offered free of charge at pop-up events in our target communities.

Everyday Revolution Tours

[Saturday June 29th, 10am to 11am](#)

[Saturday July 27th, 10am to 11am](#)

Chain Reaction Events:

Dorchester Food Coop

Tool Time

[In JP: Friday July 5th, 2:30pm to 5:30pm](#)

[In Roxbury: Friday July 26th, 4pm to 7pm](#)

Bike-A-Thon Training Rides

[20 Miles: Saturday, June 29th, 8:00am](#)

[35 Miles: Sunday, July 14th, 8:00am](#)

Unity Ride: Celebrating 40 Years of BNB!

[Saturday July 6th, 11am](#)

[Saturday June 29th, 11am to 1pm](#)

[Saturday July 20th, 11am to 1pm](#)

East Boston Farmers Market

[Wednesday July 10th, 4pm to 6pm](#)

Mattapan Farmers Market

[Saturday July 13th, 11am to 1pm](#)

Open Streets Jamaica Plain

[Sunday July 21st, 10:30am to 4:30pm](#)

Staff Spotlight: "Pedal Power" Award

We are thrilled to announce **Elyse Oliver** as the inaugural recipient of our Pedal Power award at Bikes Not Bombs. Elyse embodies our organization's core values of equity, youth empowerment, and collaboration through her leadership approach, which blends wisdom, compassion, humor, and authenticity. Her commitment to continuous learning and expanding her perspective sets her apart as a true role model within our team. This Spring, Elyse completed the [Institute for Nonprofit Practice's](#) Community Fellows program, further investing in her own growth as a leader.

Elyse's exceptional qualities have not gone unnoticed by her colleagues. Her trustworthiness, mutual respect, and dedication to creating a positive work environment have earned her respect and admiration from everyone she works with.

Elyse's thoughtfulness, professionalism, and graciousness in all interactions reflect her commitment to excellence and set a high standard for her peers to follow. Congratulations to Elyse on this well-deserved recognition, and thank you for your outstanding contributions to Bikes Not Bombs.



"Wheelie" of the Month



We are proud to announce **Dan Seiden** as the deserving recipient of our "*Wheelie of the Month*" award at Bikes Not Bombs. Serving as the Bike Shop Director, Dan's exceptional adaptability, leadership, and unwavering dedication have significantly contributed to the shop's success. His ability to stay calm amidst challenges, go above and beyond in his role, and support the organization through transitions has truly set him apart.

Dan's commitment to listening, problem-solving, and supporting his team members exemplifies his outstanding qualities as a supervisor, bike mechanic, and tech help. His positive attitude and tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on our organization.

Congratulations to Dan on this well-deserved recognition, and thank you for your invaluable contributions to Bikes Not Bombs.

Spring Bike School Graduation



Our spring Bike School participants in Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, and at the Department of Youth Services (DYS) just celebrated the completion of their programs! **Six separate cohorts** were led by a team of adult staff, Youth Apprentices, and Volunteer Instructors who guided them through the ins and outs of refurbishing a bicycle from top to bottom. After ten weeks of hands-on learning and interactive workshops, our **20** program graduates are ready to ride away confidently on their newly refurbished bikes!

Thank you to all of our spring Bike School participants for your eagerness to learn and hard work!

Funder Spotlight: SuccessLink

Join us in thanking the [City of Boston Office of Youth Employment & Opportunity](#) for awarding Bikes Not Bombs a grant through the 2024 SuccessLink employment program. This grant will support the employment of 20 Youth Apprentices and 2 Youth Leaders who will earn wages, build critical workplace skills, and establish sustainable, meaningful long-term career pathways in the bike industry and beyond.



City of Boston
Youth Employment
and Opportunity

The **SuccessLink Employment Program** is funded mainly by the City of Boston and is designed to provide youth with a meaningful employment opportunity, as well as provide the necessary tools to learn valuable skills for future employment and transition into adulthood. Thank you, SuccessLink!

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