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BIKES NOT BOMBS

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Launching our Century Challenge Fundraising Ride

Join BNB for our first ever **Century Challenge** - a new fundraising ride that celebrates the best components of cycling in New England, without the crowds or higher fundraising commitments of other charity rides.



The Century Challenge is a low-key, semi-supported ride with one staffed rest stop and a roving mechanic for support; plus suggested cafe, water, and bathroom stops along the route for you. Take your choice of the **100 kilometer (63 mile)** or **100 mile routes** that you know and love from our Bike-A-Thons! Spend time with us over the course of the summer on **group training rides**, then rise to the challenge on September 7th!

All riders will be welcomed to a post-ride party, celebrating the hard work of our community, on and off the bike. Your fundraising efforts contribute directly to our work locally and globally, at a time when your support is needed to help us advance our critical work. **Challenge yourself to go further and register to ride with us today!**

Register to Ride Today!

Volunteers Needed: Container Loading to El Salvador

We're getting ready to load a shipping container headed to **CESTA** in **El Salvador** (Centro Salvadoreño de Tecnología Apropiable) for their campaign **Sin Bicicleta No Hay Planeta**, a movement that promotes bicycles as a sustainable alternative to car-based transport. Help us prepare for the shipment and attend our container loading: [join us from Thursday July 10th to Sunday July 13th!](#)

Join us at our [warehouse location in Dorchester](#) to help us with this extremely important work! Shifts are available on:

- **Thursday July 10th**
 - 10 AM to 1 PM* (*general preparation*)
- **Friday July 11th and Saturday July 12th**
 - 9:30 AM to 1 PM
 - 12:30 PM to 4 PM
- **Sunday July 13th**
 - 10 AM to 2 PM** (*may be cancelled if we finish the container loading ahead of scheduled*)

Sign Up to Volunteer!



Volunteer roles will consist of stripping bikes, sorting parts, inventory tracking and counting, and much more. Bikes Not Bombs staff will be present to guide and direct volunteers. [Sign up for shifts](#) or [read more about what to expect on our website](#).

2025 Bike-A-Thon Recap & Thank You



All of us at Bikes Not Bombs extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to you for supporting our **38th Annual Bike-A-Thon** on June 8th! It was truly a special day for Bike Not Bombs friends, youth, staff, volunteers, and supporters to come together, in solidarity, to build a more just, equitable, and sustainable world, from the ground up.

Thanks to your support, we were able to raise **over \$140,000** - and still counting!

Over **100 volunteers** and **staff** hauled tables and chairs, served food, registered riders, fixed bikes, staffed rest stops, drove supplies, shot photos, played music, led, swept, and marshaled rides, and so much more! Our annual event would not be possible without our incredible team and community. **Mark your calendars for the 2026 Bike-A-Thon on Sunday June 7th, 2026!**

Bike Shop News: Now Open on Sundays!

Your favorite local bike shop is now open Saturdays AND Sundays! Just by our shop on **Sundays** from **12 to 5pm**. We're excited to offer more weekend flexibility for our customers, providing a convenient spot for you to stop by for all of your biking needs all weekend long. Ever been out on a long Sunday ride and needed a quick flat fix or an accessory? Bikes Not Bombs is here for you!

Summer is here: stay hydrated with top of the line water bottles from **bivo**! We've got plenty of options for you: **a rainbow of colors to choose from**, two different styles, and your choice of insulated or non-insulated. Bivo bottles are known for the fresh & clean taste from the stainless steel body, avoiding any plastic tastes. The universal bike cage fit & gravity-flow feature (no need to squeeze the bottle) make bivo a top choice for any cyclist. **Come by our shop to get your bivo in person!**



Make sure to note our new summer schedule in full: **after the July 4th weekend, we will be closed on Tuesdays.**

Our new schedule begins on Wednesday July 9th:

Wednesday to Friday: 12pm to 7pm

Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Sunday: 12pm to 5pm

Funder Spotlight: Barr Foundation



We are thrilled to announce the [Barr Foundation](#) has awarded Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) a grant of \$250,000! The Barr Foundation was also a key support for the Youth Bike Summit, providing the event with an additional grant for our collaboration with Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition in hosting the national event in May. The Barr Foundation's mission is to invest in human, natural, and creative potential, serving as thoughtful stewards and catalysts.

As stewards, Barr nurtures vital community assets. As catalysts, the Foundation advances breakthrough ideas to shape our collective future. Based in Boston, Barr focuses regionally and selectively engages nationally. We work in partnership with nonprofits, foundations, the public sector, and civic and business leaders to elevate the arts and creative expression, advance solutions for climate change, and connect all students to success in high school and beyond. Please join us in thanking the Barr Foundation for their partnership.

Upcoming Events

After hosting two successful major events this spring, we are not hosting our usual Building Momentum Breakfast in 2025. **Instead, we are asking our supporters to help advance our mission in other ways:** riding, volunteering, or donating to our **Century Challenge**; volunteer at our upcoming **Container Loading**; or attend our **Community Meetings**!

Volunteer Night: New Times!

Wednesdays from 4 to 7pm

Next dates: July 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Tool Time

Friday June 27th, 4 to 7pm

And in July & August: weekly on Fridays from 1 to 7pm!

Container Loading to El Salvador

Thursday July 10th to Saturday July 12th

Community Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday July 30th, 6 to 8 pm

Century Challenge Fundraising Ride

Sunday September 7th



Staff Spotlight: Wheelie of the Month



June's Wheelie of the Month goes to **Charlie Tannert-Lerner**, our Inventory & eCommerce Coordinator in the Bike Shop! Charlie is a familiar face at BNB, having started as a Youth Apprentice before coming back to work as a full time staff member in our Shop. We've had a busy spring season, and Charlie has done a great job keeping our shop running smoothly despite staffing challenges and handling a larger workload. Charlie's colleagues note that they have completely and enthusiastically stepped into a variety of different roles, willing to chip in wherever they are needed. They have really grown over the years they've been with BNB, proving to be a real asset with their wide range of knowledge, mechanical skills, and flexibility. **Congratulations Charlie and thank you for your hard work!**

Youth Bike Summit Recap

Bikes Not Bombs (BNB), the National Youth Bike Council (NYBC), and Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition (MFFC) are filled with gratitude as we reflect on this year's Youth Bike Summit — and we couldn't have done it without your support!

Check out some of the press coverage from the event on [Streetsblog Mass](#) ([twice!](#)) and on [Boston Local 25 News](#), as well as our full [impact report](#) for all of the details. Some key highlights from the 2025 Youth Bike Summit:



Attendees from El Puente presenting a workshop about their journey - by bike! - from NYC to Boston

- We welcomed **203 youth and adult participants** from **52 cities & towns** in **17 states**;
- Attendees chose from over 27 unique workshops & presentations to learn from their peers;
- **BNB Youth Apprentices** planned our 10 mile group ride through Boston & provided key route support along the way;
- **MFFC Vigorous Youth** designed & planned the Friday evening welcoming reception, bringing together participants for an evening of community building and fun;
- **45% of participants were local** from Massachusetts, making this summit even more rooted in community;
- We **doubled our scholarships** from last year's summit, improving access for more local and out of state youth to attend!

Thank you to all of our volunteers, supporters, staff, sponsors, funders, and partners for making this event such a success!

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: 12pm - 5pm