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BIKES NOT BOMBS

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Bike-A-Thon Registration is Open!



Dust off your bikes and get ready to ride! We're excited to announce that registration for the 2024 Bike-A-Thon is now live. [Check out our website](https://bikesnotbombs.org) for all of the details and registration info.

What is the Bike-A-Thon? The Bike-A-Thon is our biggest annual fundraiser, bringing together more than 500 riders and 120 volunteers in a ride for social change!

If riding isn't your cup of tea, then consider [volunteering!](#) Our 120+ volunteers make the Bike-A-Thon possible, so check out the listings here and join us for a day filled with fun!

[Click here to learn more & register today!](#)

Upcoming Container Loading to Rwanda



Bikes Not Bombs is scheduled to ship a container of bicycles and parts to our partner **Learn, Work, Develop (LWD)** in **Rwanda** Thursday April 11th through Saturday April 13th and **we need your help!**

Join us at our warehouse in Dorchester to prepare the bikes for shipping & load them into the container!

[Check out the event page here](#) for more details on what to expect, how to sign up, and information about our partner LWD.

Sign up to volunteer!

Applications are Open for Summer Youth Apprenticeships

Youth Apprenticeships are designed to place graduates of **Bike School** in various work roles in the Bike School, Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action (BOCA) program, and the Bike Shop & Operations teams.

Our summer cohort offers the opportunity for youth to begin their journey at BNB as Youth Apprentices, including the possibility of employment beyond the summer.

[Applications are open now](#) and will close by July 1st, 2024.



Learn more and apply here!

2024 Unity in Community Ride Series

April Ride
Thawing & Blooming: Spring Social

We are opening the season with a spring social ride! Dust off your bike and join us for a 7-mile scenic loop through Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park.

Saturday April 13th
Time: 11 AM - 1 PM

Bikes Not Bombs
284 Amory St.
Jamaica Plain, MA

Rain date: Sunday April 14th

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Our [April Unity Ride](#) is the first of seven! Join us on these monthly, social-pace group rides in Boston.

[View the full lineup here!](#)

Get your bike ready for a season full of riding and join us on this family-friendly and beginner-friendly ride, passing through Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park to take in the spring blooms! This social paced ride is a 7-mile loop, starting and ending at Bikes Not Bombs Hub in Jamaica Plain.

Bike Shop News: Surly is Back at BNB

Surly needs little introduction. They are self-confessed bike nerds who *'make serious steel bikes for people who don't take themselves too seriously'*, and are synonymous with adventure.



Their bikes are distinct, to-the-point, functional and wonderfully made – you can spot them a mile off, and for all the right reasons. Come check out and test ride the Preamble, Straggler, Disc Trucker and Lowside.

We have Surly's mid-size e-cargo, the Skid Loader, in stock, too. Coming later this season: their full-size e-cargo bike, The Big Easy.

Surly is truly a unique experience. You will love their utility, versatility, and durability.

[Check out the Bike Shop online!](#)

Upcoming Events

Winter Group Ride Series: East Boston

Join BNB and Boston Bikes for the fourth and final ride of the series, this time in East Boston! We will have **free bike adjustments** (air, brakes, chain) from BNB mechanics and the beginner-friendly 3.5 mile includes a stop for **free hot cocoa**.

Tool Time

Want to work on your bike but don't have the tools? You bring the bike and the parts you need, we have the tools, guidance, and the space. **No experience is necessary!**

- **Friday April 12th**, 4 to 7pm, in Jamaica Plain
- **Friday April 26th**, 4 to 7pm, in Roxbury

Container Loading to Rwanda

Thursday April 11th to Saturday April 13th, BNB Warehouse in Dorchester

Unity Ride #1: Thawing and Blooming, Spring Social

Saturday April 13th, 11am meet up at Bikes Not Bombs

Weekly Volunteer Night

Volunteer Nights are happening this April on the 3rd, 17th, and 24th from 6 to 9pm!



WINTER GROUP BIKE RIDES!

April 6 in East Boston | 10:30am-12:00pm
Ride will start and end at Central Square Park (Liberty Square).

A family and beginner friendly bike ride through the neighborhood, with **free hot chocolate** provided!

Don't have a bike? Register online to request a free Bluebike for the ride!

Learn more and register at boston.gov/bikes

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Highlights from Youth Apprentices

A huge round of applause to our Youth and Associate Advanced Mechanics planning team as we wrapped up our last week of **Advanced Mechanics**! This team has been showing an impressive dedication to learning new skills, leading, and supporting our newer Youth Apprentices as they completed their first-ever, three-month long Advanced Mechanics course.

As we move into the spring, many of our Youth Apprentices are transitioning into their new cohorts: four of our **Bike School Youth Apprentices** have finished their first year with us and transitioned to the **Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action (BOCA)** team! Simultaneously, three BOCA Apprentices finished their second year and moved up to the **Bike Shop** for their third year! Thank you for being leaders in our community. Keep up the fantastic work!



Come Visit Us!

We are thrilled to announce the kickoff of our annual site visits: **Everyday Revolution Tours!**

During the tours, you will learn about our vision and our programs, and have the opportunity to meet with some of our Youth Apprentices and staff members. We are confident that by seeing our community's work in action, you will understand the important role you can play in helping us promote social change with our bikes.

Don't hesitate, [sign up](#) and join our next tour scheduled for **Saturday April 27th** from 10am to 11am at Bikes Not Bombs.

Other dates for 2024 are Saturdays 5/18, 6/29, 7/27, 8/17, 9/28, 10/19, and 11/23, scheduled from 11am to 12pm.

Introducing Bloomerang Volunteer

This month we launched a new volunteer management platform, Bloomerang Volunteer! With Bloomerang Volunteer, you can:

- View and sign up for shifts
- Pick specific jobs and tasks within one shift
- Track your hours, waivers, qualifications, and contact information all in one place!

[Learn more about volunteering!](#)



Volunteers at a Container Loading

BNB is Hiring!



Do you or someone you know have a passion for social justice, youth development, and bicycles? Lucky for you, Bikes Not Bombs is hiring!

Research suggests that qualified women and Black, Indigenous and people of color may self-select out of opportunities if they don't meet 100% of the job requirements. We encourage individuals who believe they have the skills necessary to thrive at Bikes Not Bombs to apply.

Repair & Refurbish Mechanic

Primary duties include executing repairs and rebuilds of customer-owned bicycles; refurbishing donated bicycles for sale; assisting operations with sorting, refurbishing, and processing donated bicycles, components, and accessories; mentoring and modeling professionalism for apprentices; training other staff, volunteers, and youth in bicycle mechanics; and assisting sales team members with the correct estimation of repair quotes.

Full-time, 40 hours / week

Starting wage \$21/hour

[View Open Positions at Bikes Not Bombs](#)

Join the Bikes Not Bombs Board of Directors!



The Bikes Not Bombs Board of Directors is seeking candidates to join our dynamic team.

The Board of Directors is responsible for guiding and providing oversight to the organization as a whole, including approving the annual budget, hiring and supporting the Executive Director, participating in strategic planning and fundraising, and other responsibilities.

We are currently recruiting folks who possess knowledge or expertise in the following areas: human resources, program development, managing change, 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.

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.

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