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Spoke & Word, March 2025: Last Day for Free BAT Registration!

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BIKES NOT BOMBS

March 2025

Last Day for Free Bike-A-Thon Registration!

No joking matter - we want YOU to ride in our [Bike-A-Thon](#) on Sunday June 8th! **There's only hours left for free registration** - sign up with the promo code **FREEBAT2025** at checkout before 11:59pm TODAY, April 1st!

Attend our First Community Meeting

COMMUNITY MEETING



May 14 2025
6:00-8:00pm

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BIKES NOT BOMBS
284 AMORY ST
JAMAICA PLAIN, MA 02130



We're excited to launch our 2025 series of **Community Meetings & Transportation Forums** at Bikes Not Bombs! This is your chance to share your insights on biking, infrastructure, and safety in Boston.

[Join us](#) for a discussion on transportation equity, biking, mobility justice, youth organizing, and more as we plan our advocacy efforts for 2025 and beyond.

[RSVP Here!](#)

Can't make it? We still want your input! [Take our transportation survey here.](#)

Applications Open for Summer Youth Apprenticeships

Applications are currently open for our Summer 2025 cohort of Youth Apprentices!

We hire youth and young adults to work as paid Youth Apprentices, who receive hands-on training in bike mechanics, entrepreneurship, and career development.

Questions about Youth Apprenticeships? Check out our **program page** for more information, or contact Elyse Oliver, Chief of People and Programs, at **elyse@bikesnotbombs.org**



More Ways to Ride: BNB's Century Challenge



Looking to ride the distance this summer? Join Bikes Not Bombs on **Sunday September 7th** and challenge yourself on our two longest rides: 105 miles or 100 kilometers (63 miles). More details and registration coming soon!

Mark your calendar now. Routes will take you through the most scenic roads in towns west of Boston. Rides will begin and end at Bikes Not Bombs, **[284 Amory Street](#)** in Jamaica Plain.

Don't forget to prepare for your longer ride at our **[June 8th Bike-A-Thon!](#)**

New Volunteer Opportunities

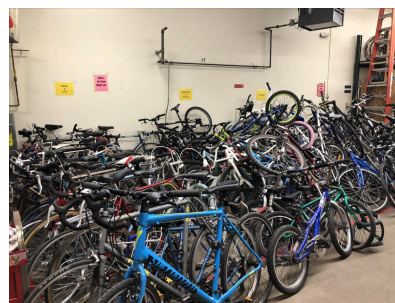
Volunteer Bike Donations Processor

Join us in processing bike donations that support our mission and help those in need!

When: Thursdays from 12-2pm or 5-7pm

Orientation: **[April 16th, 6 to 7pm](#)**

Requirements: Volunteers should possess basic bike part knowledge, must attend an orientation session, and have volunteered at three volunteers nights or one container loading. Ideally, volunteers should be able to handle or lift bikes, be comfortable with working at our warehouse, and available for occasional Saturday events.



[Learn More Here!](#)



Bikes 4 All Giveaway Event Support

Help support our first bike giveaway! You'll assist with recipient check-in, event flow, and supporting the bike rodeo. Share your love of biking by teaching mechanics or riding skills to others in the community.

When: Saturday April 12th, 9:30am to 1:30pm OR 1:30pm to 5:30pm.

Requirements: must be comfortable riding a bike! Basic bike repair skills will be handy, but not required.

Sign Up Here!

Bike-A-Thon Outreach & Marketing Volunteer

Are you interested in marketing, communications, or fundraising? We're looking for a volunteer who can spend a few hours a week (or more!) to support outreach & marketing ahead of our June 8th Bike-A-Thon fundraiser.

When: scheduling is flexible within the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

More info: reach out to [Angela Phinney](#) for any interest or questions!

Bike Shop News

Happy Spring! How's your bike working? Our mechanics are hard at work, cranking out seasonal tune-ups. Whether your bike has been in hibernation, or working through the winter, there's no better time than NOW!

Stop by the shop today for a [repair assessment](#) and scheduling. Some issues can even be fixed on the spot. But our schedule is filling up, so don't wait too long!

Are you e-bike curious? Good news – Round 2 of the Boston E-Bike Incentive starts in April. Boston residents, visit boston.gov/ebikes to see if you qualify and enter to win a voucher worth up to \$1200 towards a standard e-bike!

And that's not all! The Massachusetts statewide E-Bike incentive is also launching this spring - visit [The Massachusetts Clean Energy Council](#) online, to learn more.



This [Troxus](#) is one of the many [eligible e-bikes at BNB!](#)

Global Updates

Have you ever wondered what happens when a shipping container full of bikes reach their destination? We're excited to highlight our global work with this new section of our e-news,

starting with one of our longest active partners: [Centro Salvadoreño de Tecnología Apropiada \(CESTA\)](#) in **El Salvador**.

CESTA runs a sustainable mobility program that refurbishes bicycles and creates pedal-powered machines from bike parts! With the support of [partners like Bikes Not Bombs](#), they work to increase sustainable transportation options, improving quality of life and the environment by raising awareness.

CESTA recently donated 10 bicycles (including four from BNB) to students in El Paisnal, who previously had to walk over an hour to get to school. 15 year-old Milagro Dolores Guevara received a BNB bike in May 2024 from a donor who wished to remain anonymous. She is now able to get to school much faster, giving her precious time back.

Thanks to our new inventory system, we can **track the journey of each bicycle that gets donated to BNB** - including Milagro's! By carefully logging our donations, we are able to follow the stories of how your donations transform lives.



From left: Milagro's mother, Milagro, and Jesus

Do you want to be a part of the story too? Visit or consider hosting a [Bike Drive](#), [donate a bike](#) or pay us a visit at our Hub in Jamaica Plain, and help support our mission to bring transportation access to the Global South!

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities



[Bike Drive at The Fessenden School](#)

Saturday April 5th, 10:30am to 2:30pm

[Volunteer Bike Donations Processor Orientation](#)

Wednesday April 16th, 6 to 7pm

[Tool Time](#)

Friday April 25th, 4 to 7pm

[First Community Meeting](#)

Wednesday May 14th, 6 to 8pm

Staff Spotlight: Wheelie of the Month

Each month, we honor an employee for outstanding performance, teamwork, or exceeding expectations. We are delighted to announce **Sara Parra Gonzalez**, our **Global Partnerships Coordinator**, as the "Wheelie of the Month" award recipient!

In her role as our Global Operations Coordinator, Sara has embraced a growth mentality, always taking initiative and learning new skills. Her collaboration across the organization has helped grow our volunteer opportunities, expand our social media presence, and integrate global work into our youth programming. Colleagues noted that Sara's work on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques "has been outstanding and incredible to watch. The partnerships she's created and the work she's done with youth on the island represents everything BNB stands for." Thank you for your hard work and congratulations, Sara!



Sara Parra Gonzalez

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