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As the air gets crisper and the leaves start turning gold, we're buzzing with activity here at Bikes Not Bombs! This month, we've got exciting news on the youth and international fronts, big discounts in the Bike Shop, and some critical ways you can step up to support our mission right now. Scroll down—you won't want to miss the details on our **BIGGEST sale of the year!**

Pedal-Powered Potential

Welcoming Our New Youth Apprentices!

We are thrilled to introduce the newest [cohort of Youth Apprentices](#)! These incredible young adults are diving deep into the world of bike mechanics, advocacy and social justice, and professional development. Get ready to see some new faces turning wrenches and learning the ropes!

We are so grateful for support from the City of Boston [FutureBOS/Success Link](#) program that employs teens all around the city, providing transformative and foundational work experiences.

A Note from Elijah, BNB CEO: "Seeing the energy and dedication of this new cohort is truly inspiring. They're not just learning to fix bikes; they're learning to build community and careers. Come by the shop and give them a high-five!"

Your Support Fuels Our Mission! Every donation helps us empower youth, promote sustainable transportation, and build stronger communities.

Invest in Change: [Make a financial contribution](#) today and help us keep our programs rolling and growing! Your support is needed now more than ever!"



BNB CEO Elijah Evans with Our New & Returning School Year 2025-26 Youth Apprentices

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Global Wheels Turning

International Partner Report & Shipments

Our international work is in full swing! Here's an update from our partners at [CESTA](#) (Centro Salvadoreño de Tecnología Apropiable) in Salvador who **celebrated their 45-year anniversary this month**. The report is overwhelmingly positive. We're proud to share the impact your donated bikes are making across the globe, learn more about CESTA's work [in this video!](#)

Up Next: We're planning the next container shipment, heading to **Village Bicycle Project in Ghana & Sierra Leone**. That's hundreds of bikes ready to empower people in the Global South!

Bike Shop Buzz: Sales & Steals



Woom Bikes are in stock

Mark Your Calendars: The Big Holiday Sale!

Get your holiday shopping started early (and save big!). The [shop is stocked with fresh gear and major discounts](#). Stop by our location at [284 Amory Street](#) or check out our online store!

November 22nd is our BIG HOLIDAY SALE! This is a **ONE DAY ONLY** event with deals across the entire store—bikes, parts, apparel, and more. Trust us, you don't want to miss it. Plan to arrive early!

HUGE Gear & Shoe Sale! Bags on Sale!

40% OFF bags from **Clinch and Yugo!** Snag a commuter favorite or a travel essential for a steal. We even have some BNB logo bags that are sure to impress.

Kids Bikes In Stock!

Woom kids bikes are in stock—the absolute best lightweight bikes for the little rippers in your life. Come check out the brand new Woom WOW bikes for kids 9 to 36 months. In stock at the shop now.



Footwear Frenzy

ALL 2024/2025 Footwear is 25% OFF! Shimano and Vittoria (both mountain and road) shoes are on sale and ready to go. Some of our new Shimano 2026 models have already arrived but those are not eligible for this sale (but we will sell them to you though!). Come try on some shoes today!

New Gear Alert

Wolf Tooth Clipless Pedals have arrived! We have two new styles: the **ALT XC** and the **CTRL TRAIL**. Both are available in Black and Purple machined pedal bodies. Big shoe contact patch and adjustable spindle length make these stand out. Come check them out!

Celebrating Advocacy: Bikes Not Bombs Honored at City Hall

We're thrilled to share that **Bikes Not Bombs** was recently honored by the **City of Boston City Council** during Pedestrian Safety Month, thanks to an invitation from Councilor Enrique Pepén, with BNB CEO Elijah Evans proudly representing the organization.



BNB's CEO Elijah Evans with Councilor Pepén

This recognition highlights the critical work being driven by our **BOCA (Bicyclists Organizing for Community Action)** campaigns, which are essential to our mission for transportation justice. Our advocacy efforts include **Bikes 4 All**, ensuring cycling access for everyone; **Wheels to Wellness**, promoting health through safe transit to essential services; the **Safer Streets Now** campaign, pushing for vital infrastructure changes like protected bike lanes; and our **Community Advisory Council**, which holds monthly meetings to ensure our actions are directly guided by community needs.

We celebrate this honor as a testament to the power of our community to create a safer, more equitable city for all cyclists and pedestrians.



BNB's Elijah Evans and Peter Cheung along with Councilor Weber, Dot from CargoB, and WestRox Bikes



Bikes Not Bombs, Boston Cyclist Union, Walk Massachusetts, Transportation For Massachusetts, West Roxbury Bikes, Councilors Weber and Pepén, among other pedestrian safety and advocacy individuals and groups



Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month at the Boston City Council on October 29, 2025

BNB Celebrates Record-Breaking Century Challenge & Bike-A-Thon



Angela speaks to BNB supporters about her transformative 8-year tenure at the organization

The spirit of community and the thrill of the ride filled **Spontaneous Celebrations** in early October as Bikes Not Bombs honored its dedicated Century Challenge and Bike-A-Thon participants. Riders, volunteers, staff, Board members, and donors gathered to share inspiring stories of their riding adventures and the myriad reasons why riding for Bikes Not Bombs matters, from promoting sustainable transportation to empowering youth through cycling programs. The event also served as a heartfelt tribute to our long-time employee, Angela Phinney, celebrating her extraordinary tenure and significant contributions to BNB's mission.

While winter approaches, we're already looking ahead to our 2026 major ride events! **SAVE THE DATE! Mark MAY 17th on your calendars for the 2026 Bike-A-Thon and SEPTEMBER 27th for the 2026 Century Challenge.** Stay tuned for exciting details on how you can join us and continue to support Bikes Not Bombs' vital work!

Thanks Blue Cross Blue Shield!



BNB Program Coordinator Neil leads a group of volunteers from Blue Cross Blue Shield

Earlier this month BNB was thrilled to host [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts](#) employees for their 2025 Day of Service at our warehouse in Dorchester. Thanks to them, our warehouse is freshly reorganized and our inventory system is up to date! Over the course of four hours: volunteers "flattened" dozens bikes for efficient storage, scanned & sorted hundreds of bikes into our inventory system, and physically moved hundreds of bikes into organized bays. Thank you for supporting us and we hope to see you again soon!

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Night

Wednesday November 12th, 4 to 7pm
Wednesday November 19th, 4 to 7pm

Become A Refurb Volunteer

Orientation: November 4 & 18, 5-7pm

Recruiting Candidates for BNB's Board of Directors



Bikes Not Bombs is seeking candidates to serve as board members. Board members 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, legal, human resources.** 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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Tuesday: 12pm - 7pm
Wednesday: 12pm - 7pm
Thursday: 12pm - 7pm
Friday: 12pm - 7pm
Saturday: 10am - 5pm

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