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Greetings!

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HOT! **THIS SUNDAY**
HUB ON WHEELS CITYWIDE BIKE RIDE AND FESTIVAL!

Come support bicycling!

MAYOR MENINO SPEAKING AT 11:30 in Franklin Park--
we need you there!

Upcoming Events

Longfellow Bridge Restoration Project-- Public Information Meeting
(TODAY Thursday 9/22 7:00 pm, see below)

Muddy River Environmental Film Festival
(Starts today! 9/22-9/28)

T-Riders Union action demanding bike racks on the #111 bus to Chelsea
(Friday 9/23 6-6:30pm, see below)

Public Open-house & hearing on Romney 20-year Transportation Plan (Tuesday 9/27 3pm & 6pm, see below)

MassBike MetroBoston Chapter meeting- presentation by MBTA bike advisory committee
(Wednesday 9/28 6:30 - 8:30pm, see below)

Lady K Memorial Bike Ride-- in memory of Kirsten Malone
(Saturday 10/1, 3:00pm, see below)

BIKES AND BEER SOCIAL AT HARPOON!
(Thursday 10/6, 5:30pm-7:30pm, see below)

The Boston Globe

Bicycling:
if not now, when?
By Will Kilburn
September 18, 2005

Tired of fighting traffic after a $50 fill-up? Next Sunday, the Hub on Wheels Bike Ride and Festival has an in-town solution: Ditch your car, grab your bike, and head for Franklin Park, where you can ride around the city in loops of 15 to 40 miles, watch a tricycle parade and BMX trick riders, learn how to fix your bike, and get your face painted, while eating ice cream and listening to live music.

A project of the Boston Digital Bridge Foundation (best known for the "Technology Goes Home" program, which provides low-cost computers and training to Boston families), the organizers of Hub On Wheels see the festival as a fun way to solve

(details on these events are provided at end of this e-bulletin)

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front- page problems.

"Given the energy crisis [and] given the public health issues about obesity, people really see cycling as an important and useful response," says Steve Miller, who spent 10 years working on bringing Web technology to schools before becoming executive director of the event. "This is an attempt to bring together the whole spectrum of people from the serious bicyclists to the recreational bicyclists, to the people who just want to make Boston a happier place to live."

Agencies from the Boston Public Health Commission to the BRA to the police and transportation departments will take part in the event organizers plan to hold annually, along with cycling groups like Bikes Not Bombs, the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition, and the New England Mountain Bike Association. The morning rides will be led by experienced guides who will provide food, water, and mechanical help. The routes, Miller says, promise visual surprises.

"Part of the pleasure of this whole thing is having people discover or rediscover wonderful parts of the city that they had forgotten or didn't

NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER! Haven't registered yet for the ride? No problem. Save a few dollars with our easy **on-line registration** system (available until 11:59pm Friday night). Or just register at Franklin Park before the ride. REMINDER: The post-ride festival (11 am - 3 pm) at Franklin Park is FREE and open to all! No registration required.

The Boston Bicycle Planning Initiative has negotiated with the Hub On Wheels Citywide Bike Ride and Festival to obtain a 40% discount on registration for those receiving this newsletter!! Use "Cyclist Appreciation Discount code": **grpje** -- use online until midnight Friday night, or just mention the discount code at the registration table on Sunday and register then! *(Low income? Contact steve@hubonwheels for a fee waiver)*. Click here for more information!

Hub On Wheels is an effort by Mayor Menino's office to show renewed commitment to improving conditions for bicycling in Boston. **We need you to support this event!** This is a demonstration by the community that cycling is an vital part of life in Boston and must not be ignored. **The Boston Bicycle Planning Initiave strongly believes that this event is the turning point for a new era of attention to bicycling by the Mayor.** We must mobilize as many cyclists and our supporters as we can for this event. Please spread the word. Please volunteer.

THE RIDE (7am): Loops of 10, 15, or 40 miles travel through many of the city's most scenic parks and neignborhoods-- from a perspective you've never had before! Volunteers will be stationed throughout the route to provide assistance. Routes have been carefully designed with your safety and enjoyment in mind. Come on your own or as part of a team. There will be groups of tandem bikers, physically challenged riders, sports teams, organizational teams, and more.

THE FESTIVAL-- FREE! (11am - 3pm): Festival day in Franklin Park will be a magnificant celebration of bike riding, healthy eating, creative arts, and city life. Something for everyone: games, short kid and family bike rides, cycling sculptures and music, workshops, informational sessions, bike arts, music, food, bike products, and more.

NOTE: SOME ARE CONFUSED BY SIMARITY IN NAMES. HUBONWHEELS IS THE BIKE RIDE AND FESTIVAL, BIKE THE HUB IS US, THE BICYCLE ADVOCACY GROUP. HOPE THAT HELPS!

Click here for more information and to register

TUE SEPT 27: IMPORTANT MEETING ON THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION IN MASSACHUSETTS

know," he says. ''People will go through parks and forests, they'll go down river banks, they'll see views of the Boston skyline that will just be amazing."

Rides leave Franklin Park in groups of 50 starting at 7 a.m.; festival events at the park begin at 11.

More information . . .

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September 25, 2005

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The Executive Office of Transportation (EOT) has organized a series of events to provide information and **solicit public input** on the draft Plan.(Click here for the invitation letter). The LivableStreets Alliance would like to commend Mr. Miller for his forward thinking comments regarding bicycling and his announcement that the Commonwealth will be updating the 1998 Statewide Bicycle Plan to create a plan that takes bicycling to the next level: "We need to look at bicycling on a network basis. **We need to think about bicycling just as we think about highways and think about transit.**"

IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEARING! SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, September 27, 2005 3:00pm and 6:00pm (each time-slot includes both an open house and a formal meeting) Boston Public Library: Copley Square, Boston

Click here for more information

BUSYCLE LAUNCHES THIS SUNDAY!

Naked Busycle Unveiled on the Streets of Boston!!!

What: Maiden Voyage of the Busycle
When: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sunday, September 25, 2005
Where: Route starts at the Hub on Wheels Festival at the Giraffe Entrance of Franklin Park, then continues to downtown Boston as part of the city's 375th Birthday Parade (parade begins at 1pm in Copley Square, finishing at City Hall).

The Berwick Research Institute is pleased to announce the maiden voyage ride of the Busycle on September 25th in conjunction with city wide celebrations of Boston's 375th Birthday. For its inaugural journey, the Busycle (a 15 person pedal powered bus), in a stripped down, "naked" state that exposes its inner mechanical workings, will traverse the city of Boston, raising awareness about sustainable transportation alternatives, and opening up new spaces for conversations to occur between Boston's diverse neighborhoods. The Busycle is the first public art project to be piloted as part of the Berwick's Public Art Satellite Program, the mission of which is to bring innovative work that engages public spaces on both social and aesthetic levels.

Busycle creators, Heather Clark and Matthew Mazzotta, invite riders to escort the Busycle on their own bikes from the Hub on Wheels festival at Franklin Park Zoo to the intersection of Boylston Street and Mass Ave. The Busycle will be parked at Playstead Field by the White Stadium in Franklin Park starting around 11:00 AM. At noon the Busycle will depart across the city (traveling down Columbus Ave left onto Ruggles right onto Fenway and right onto Boylston) to rendezvous with the City of Boston's 375th Birthday Parade at the intersection of Boylston and Mass Ave. at 1:00 PM. The Parade begins at Copley Square, runs up Boylston and then Tremont, and finishes at City Hall.

Click here for more information

MAPC BICYCLE SURVEY: WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency for 101 cities and towns in the Boston metropolitan area. MAPC is in the process of updating the 1997 Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This survey will help them better understand regional opinions and activities related to bicycling. Your responses will be reflected in the new Regional Bicycle Plan due out this Fall! Survey only takes 5-10 minutes.

Click here for the survey

FALL BICYCLE FILM FESTIVAL SEEKS FILMS

Two nights (October 21 & 22). Three towns. Lots of films. A juried competition. Lots of fun. Spread the word. Submit a film.

Click here for more information

BIKE THE HUB T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

O.K., we're not really serious about driving your car over a cliff. But you have to admit it's a really cool graphic, and it sure gets people's attention!

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$15 minimum donation (plus $3.50 for shipping or pick up in Central Square) gets you a shirt. High quality fabric and not using sweatshop labor.

This is a fundraiser for our advocacy efforts (Boston Bicycle Planning Initiaive), so please consider contributing as much as you can.

Click here to contribute and get a shirt

CALENDAR

SEP 22 (THU): Longfellow Bridge Restoration Project-- Public Information Meeting
Shriners Hospitals for Children Shriners Burns Hospital; 51 Blossom Street, Boston. 7:00pm.

SEP 23 (FRI): T-Riders Union action demanding bike racks on the #111 bus to Chelsea
meet up at 5:45 at the bus stop in front of the Williams School, 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea. 6:00 - 6:30 pm. Email tjhellmann@chelseacollab.org for more information.

SEP 22-29: Muddy River Environmental Film Series

Each night has a different focus: Kids, Coastline, Food & Agriculture, Climate Change, Toxic Waste, Water, Sustainability, Brookline Parks & Open Spaces, Conservation, Urban Environment. Click here for the schedule.

SEP 25 (SUN): Hub On Wheels Citywide Bike Ride and Festival
http://www.hubonwheels.org
(See above article)

SEP 27 (TUE): Boston Public Open- house & hearing on Romney 20-year Transportation Plan
Boston Public Library: Copley Square, Boston. 3 pm and 6 pm.
(See above article)

SEP 28 (WED): MassBike MetroBoston Chapter meeting- presentation by MBTA bike advisory committee
State Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, 2nd Floor. 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm.

OCT 1 (SAT): Lady K Memorial Bike Ride
Friends of Kirsten A. Malone and members of the cycling community will celebrate Kirsten's life. The event will raise awareness of bicycle safety issues and raise funds for the Kirsten Malone Scholarship Fund for young women at Mass Art. Click here for more information on riding or sponsoring. Also, Click here to read a Phoenix article about Kirsten.

OCT 6 (THU): BIKES & BEER SOCIAL HOSTED BY HARPOON!
Bike The Hub is a co-sponsor of this event organized by MassBike. A donation of $5-$10 is requested, and you'll be treated to free Harpoon beer and treats from the Blue Frog Bakery in Jamaica Plain. 5:30—7:30 p.m. at Harpoon's HQ, 306 North Avenue, South Boston Waterfront (near Harborlights/Bank of American Pavilion).

OCT 21 & 22 (FRI & SAT): Boston Bicycle Film Festival
The Boston Bike Film Festival is unique in that it gives not only filmmakers, but cyclists a chance to express themselves through film and give them exposure to a diverse audience. http://www.bostonbikefilmfest.org

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