



Community Bike Culture

Updates, Updates, Updates

Long overdue recap, changes to our programs, and how we're addressing Covid-19.



by Heather Gentry on March 29, 2020

Greetings all! It's been a while since our last post, so we have some updates and general information about the 4th Street Garage. But first, we'd like to thank you for your continued support of our organization! While we may still be small, we've been able to help dozens of community members (including children) obtain and maintain bicycles for transportation and recreation. We've also been a leading voice in our community in advocating for cyclists and pedestrians. Our local leaders have been extraordinarily receptive to our requests and see the value in connecting our surrounding communities. So next time you see a freshly painted bike lane, new trail signs, or more visible crosswalks, know that you had a part in making that happen. **Thank You!**



Bicycle Shops Deemed “Essential” During Self Quarantine

Last week (March 24th, 2020), it was announced that bicycle shops would be allowed to continue operations so long as they follow social distancing requirements. Many shops are hosting hours by appointment only or pick up and delivery for bike tune ups. **The 4th Street Garage will be closed to the public**, as we are volunteer-run. But, if you or anyone you know is in need of a bicycle for transportation due to the local shut down of our transit system, contact us at info@gbbicycle.org and we will help you.

9th Annual Bike Banquet Postponed

For those of you who've attended any of our annual Bike Banquets, you know how important this event is to us. The Annual Bike Banquet is our yearly kick-off, membership drive, and fundraiser for our community bike shop and Earn A Bike program. This event sets us up for the year and determines the growth of our programs. We are by no means the only non-profit affected by these strange times, but until the quarantine is lifted, we'll have to wait and see what the repercussions are. In the meantime, you can purchase memberships and t-shirts online at our store [Green Bay Bicycle Collective: Home](#). We are in the process of ordering water bottles and designing new t-shirts and will keep you updated when they are in. If your business would like to donate a raffle item, please email Mike Johnson at mike@gbbicycle.org. Again, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to hosting the Bike Banquet later this year.



Ride Across Wisconsin

This year's Ride Across Wisconsin, hosted by the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin (Wis Bike Fed), is still scheduled for August 14th-16th. This 225 mile adventure starts in La Crosse and ends in downtown Green Bay. Sign up today! Or if you'd like to spectate, the Bike Fed is looking for volunteers to help with this amazing event www.rideacrosswisconsin.com.



Earn A Bike Debut

Last spring we launched our Earn A Bike program for children and teens in the Greater Green Bay Area. We held regular hours every Friday just for EAB and hosted kids from the Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Advocates For Healthy Transitions, as well as children from the neighborhood. The program was funded by a combination of a grant we received from the Greater Green Bay Foundation, donations made by BayCare Clinic Foundation, private donors, and our fundraising efforts. We hosted EAB on Fridays all summer and taught them bike safety and maintenance. By the time school started, we had 14 kids earn bikes! This is a really fun program and we look forward to it this year. We will post hours once the quarantine is lifted.

Wisconsin Bike Week

Wisconsin Bike Week has been postponed to September 12th-19th. Wisconsin Bike Week invites people who enjoy cycling or are just getting started with a full week of group rides, workshops, and other bike related events, including Bike To Work Week. Visit www.wisconsinbikefed.org/events.

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