



Bicycle Indiana eNews

Creating a Bicycle-Friendly Indiana
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Welcome to the Bicycle Indiana e-News. The Bicycle Indiana e-news is sent monthly to bring you up to date information on Indiana bicycling news.

News from Headquarters

Greetings Bicycle Advocates, Enthusiasts and Friends!

I have two important updates to share with you. License plate - I would like to express my gratitude for the support we received on the license plate petition. We ask for your support, and you gave it in volumes. On Wednesday, April 29th, I submitted over 1,100 signatures to the BMV, one day ahead of schedule and with over twice the names required for the application.

Although we have met the requirements for the application, there is no guarantee our application will be approved for a license plate. We expect to be notified by June 1st regarding the approval decision. I was truly touched by the support we received from our members, friends and bicycle retailers throughout the state.

SB553 - I am thrilled with the progress that was made with this bill. Most bills do not make it out of committee, let alone have a vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Unfortunately, the bill was not read during the final legislative session and is now "dead".

Bicycle Indiana will continue to work on developing public policy that will create a bicycle-friendly Indiana. I thank you

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for contacting your Senators and Representatives to voice your opinion on this bill.

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Leading the Pack

Mitch Barloga is the Non-Motorized Transportation & Greenways Planner for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). Mitch is a bicycle advocate and works to promote greenways and bikeways throughout the Northwestern Region of our state.



Mitch offers seminars, bike rides and counsel on all things bicycling for his region. Most recently, Mitch is working with the Calumet Citizens for Connecting Communities (C4), Folks on Spokes, and the Active Transportation Alliance to promote and host a 100-mile bicycle ride from Lake Forest, Illinois to Michigan City, Indiana. The ride is June 6th, National Trails Day. For more information, contact Mitch at mbarloga@nirpc.org.

Bicycle Indiana congratulates Mitch for Leading the Pack!

Bike-to-Work Month

May is Bike-to-Work Month. Cities and towns throughout Indiana are planning celebrations to promote bicycling as a form of alternative transportation. May 10th through May 16th is Bike-to-Work Week and May 15th is Bike-to-Work Day. Bicycle Indiana's calendar has a listing of many Bike-to-Work events around the state. Please contact us at 317.466.9701 if you need additional information. [Bike-to-Work](#)

IBC Funding Rides

May

[May 1-3, 6th Annual Northern Indiana Fat & Skinny Tire Festival](#)

[May 9, Tippecanoe & Bicycles, Too](#)

[May 16, Coach Hep Indiana Cancer Challenge](#)

[May 16, 4th Annual Tour de Trails Bicycle Challenge](#)

[May 16, Tour de Max](#)

[May 17, 26th Orchard Country Tour \(O.C.T.\)](#)

[May 17, May Madness Bike Tour](#)

June

[June 6, Annual Wheels of Compassion Bike-A-Thon](#)

[June 6, North Webster St. Jude Bike Ride](#)

[June 6, Circus City Metric Century](#)

[June 20, Jackson County Ride to Recycle](#)

[June 20, FCHS BikeFest](#)

[June 21-27, Touring Ride in Rural Indiana \(TRIRI\)](#)

For the most up to date listing of Indiana rides, races and events...
[click here](#).

Bicycling News Around Indiana

- Help save the Recreational Trails Program
AmericanTrails.org
- U.S. Secretary of Transportation states "Bicycling is an important factor in less carbon-intensive commuting"
[Official Blog of US Secretary of Transportation](#)
- Fort Wayne creates bicycle task force:
InsideIndiana.com
- [South Bend Announces Bike/Ped Coordinator](#)
- Mark Stosberg, Richmond Indiana, discusses bicycle advocacy in the face of declining budgets. [BLOG](#)

Upcoming Events & Notes

- Chesterton Bicycle Blast May 16th, 2009 [DuneBig.com](#)
- Support IBC with the purchase of our new 180's eco fleece hat, sporting the IBC logo. Check it out on our [home page](#).
- Safe Routes to School will be accepting applications April 1st - May 29th. For more information, click [here](#).

Remember, *Share The Road* means more than riding your bicycle, it's spreading the word!

Sincerely,

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