

Pick Up Your BWWW T-Shirt at Earth Day

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Dear PedNet Coalition member,

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PICK UP YOUR BIKE, WALK, AND WHEEL WEEK T-SHIRT AT EARTH DAY (APRIL 20)
The weather's going to be beautiful, so come out to Columbia's 2008 Earth Day Festival this Sunday, April 20 from noon to 7 pm. The PedNet Coalition and GetAbout Columbia project will have booths on the north side of Elm Street. If you have already signed up for Bike, Walk, and Wheel Week, come by and pick up your free BWWW t-shirt; if you haven't signed up yet, come by and sign up, or sign up online at www.pednet.org. The Earth Day Festival will feature a street fair, two music stages, kids' park, Eco Avenue, Volunteer Way, West Village activities and much more. It's all free, so come join us for this Celebration of the Earth. Info. at www.columbiaearthday.org.

BIKE, WALK, AND WHEEL WEEK (MAY 3-10) HIGHLIGHTS

Another great free event is the Seventh Annual Mayor's Challenge: Bike, Walk, and Wheel Week (May 3-10). The Week kicks off on Saturday, May 3 with a family bike ride from the Forum trailhead to Flat Branch Park, where the Kick-Off Celebration takes place. Mayor Darwin Hindman and Honorary Chairs, Patty and Richard King, will emcee this event which will include the Celebrity Bike-Car Challenge, the dedication of the new Chamber of Commerce footbridge, and live music from Ironweed Bluegrass Band. Later in the week, on Wednesday, May 7, from 4-7pm its the GetAbout Columbia Open House at 101 N. 7th St. next to the Boone County Courthouse downtown. You can check out the plans for Columbia's new bike/ped infrastructure and sign up for one of the educational programs. Contact Ted Curtis, 442-7189x25, for more information. Full, detailed scheduled of all the events and sign-up at www.pednet.org.

CONTENT WRITER AND EDITOR NEEDED

Here at the PedNet Coalition, we're re-vamping our web site and we need a content writer and editor to research and write new articles, and adapt existing information. The job features part-time, flexible hours, working from your home or office base - approximately 20-40 hours/month for the first 1-2 months to prepare the web site for launch; then 6-8 hours/month to maintain and update content. We're looking for someone with an interest in bicycle/pedestrian advocacy and promotion, an engaging writing style, and attention to detail. Please call Ian Thomas (239-7916) for more information and send your resume and a writing sample (no more than 300 words) to ian@pednet.org.

UPCOMING INTERESTED PARTY MEETINGS

The City of Columbia is holding two "Interested Parties" meetings and one "Public Information" meeting during the next two weeks, concerning bicycle/pedestrian/wheelchair improvement projects. Come along and provide your input.

- Wednesday, April 23, 5:30-7:00pm, in the Mezzanine conference room, Daniel Boone Building (City Hall), at Broadway and Seventh downtown: Interested Parties

meeting to discuss non-motorized intersection improvements for Providence Rd./Business Loop 70, Garth/Business Loop 70, Providence Rd./Green Meadows Rd., and College Ave./Rogers St. These intersections will be among the first projects to be built with the federal GetAbout Columbia funding. For more information, call Mary Hooley at 442-7189x27.

- Thursday, April 24, 5:30-7:00pm, in the Friends' Room, Daniel Boone Regional Library at Broadway and Garth: Public Information meeting to discuss conceptual improvements along Providence Road, between Stewart Road and Stadium Boulevard. The general area being considered includes Stadium Boulevard, Carrie Franke Drive, LaGrange Court, LaGrange Road, Kentucky Boulevard, Maryland Avenue, Turner Avenue, Stewart Road, Garth Avenue, Clarkson Road, Burnam Road, Burnam Avenue, Bingham Road, and Brandon Road. Both motorized and non-motorized transportation issues will be considered. For more information, call Columbia Public Works at 874-7250.
- Thursday, May 1, 5:30-7:00pm, in the media center, Russell Boulevard Elementary School, 1800 W. Rollins Rd.: Interested Parties meeting to discuss sidewalk projects on Manor Dr. (Rollins Rd. to Broadway), Fairview Rd. (east side, Highland to Broadway), and West Blvd. (west side, Westwinds to Stewart Rd.). For more information, call Mary Hooley at 442-7189x27.

CALENDAR:

- Sunday, April 20, noon-7:00pm, at Peace Park, Elm and 8th, downtown: Earth Day Festival
- Wednesday, April 23, 5:30-7:00pm, at City Hall, Broadway and 7th, downtown: Interested Parties meeting to discuss non-motorized intersection improvements
- Thursday, April 24, 5:30-7:00pm, at the Daniel Boone Regional Library, Broadway and Garth: Public Information meeting to discuss Providence Road improvements
- Thursday, May 1, 5:30-7:00pm, at Russell Boulevard Elementary School, 1800 W. Rollins Rd.: Interested Parties meeting to discuss sidewalk projects

Bike, Walk, and Wheel Week Event Schedule:

- Saturday, May 3, 12:30pm at Forum Trailhead: BWWW Kick-Off Family Ride
- Saturday, May 3, 1:00-4:00pm at Flat Branch Park, downtown: BWWW Kick-Off Celebration
- Sunday, May 4, 1:00-3:00pm at Columbia Boone County Health Dept., 1005 W. Worley: Cycle-Recycle
- Sunday, May 4, 2:00-4:00pm on the Katy Trail in Rocheport: Trail to a Cure Bike Ride/Walk/Run
- Monday, May 5, 6:30-8:00pm at the GetAbout Columbia office, 101 N. 7th St., downtown: Bicycle Maintenance and Commuting Tips
- Monday, May 5, 6:30-8:30pm at the Empire Roller Rink, 1305 Business Loop 70 East: Skate Party
- Tuesday, May 6, 5:30-7:30pm at the ARC: Spring Health & Fitness Expo
- Wednesday, May 7, 4:00-7:00pm at the GetAbout Columbia office, 101 N. 7th St., downtown: GetAbout Columbia Open House
- Wednesday, May 7, 6:30-8:00pm at Tryathletics, 1605 Chapel Hill Rd.: Women's Bike Repair and Maintenance Class
- Thursday, May 8, all day throughout Columbia: Columbia Try Transit Day
- Thursday, May 8, 6:00-8:00pm at Grill One 5, 15 S. 6th St., downtown: PedNet Scavenger Hunt
- Friday, May 9, 7:00-9:00am throughout Columbia: Breakfast Stations Day
- Saturday, May 10, 11:00am at Twin Lakes Picnic Shelter: Mothers' Day Bike Ride

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