

BikeWalkVirginia News

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May is Bike Month Proclamation Events Planned

Williamsburg, VA, April 10, 2008 - Governor Timothy Kaine has officially proclaimed that May is Bike Month in Virginia. Citizens are invited to join bicycling advocates at the Proclamation Event at the Virginia Capitol in Richmond on Thursday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m. for the reading of the Proclamation, either on the Capitol steps or at the bell tower.

Attendees will receive a copy of the Proclamation to carry to their county, city, or town to present and be read by elected officials. If are unable to attend, watch the BikeWalk Virginia website for a link to a copy of the Proclamation when it becomes available.

Bike clubs that wish to participate should call BikeWalk Virginia at 757-229-0507. Richmond, Roanoke, and Williamsburg area bicycle club members plan to participate. The Blue Ridge (Roanoke area) Bicycle Club will bike the Proclamation back to Roanoke afterward. To bike part or all of the distance with them, contact Barbara Duerk at barbgary@cox.net.

The May is Bike Month Proclamation event is an endeavor of BikeWalk Virginia, the Virginia Bicycling Federation, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

***BikeWalk Virginia** was founded as a 501 (c)(3) organization in 2000. Originating in 1988 as a bicycling event, BikeWalk Virginia continues to organize [nationally recognized Bike Virginia rides](#) to fund education and advocacy work for non-motorized transportation safety and access. BikeWalk Virginia holds an annual conference as a forum for legislators, planners, educators and advocates on key issues critical to pedestrians and cyclists. In 2004, the Virginia Trails Association joined BikeWalk. The group's mission was broadened to include on and off road riders, hikers, kayakers, canoeists, and equestrians.*

***BikeWalk Virginia members and chapters** keep in touch with local issues and provide local policymakers and planners with information on best practices from around the state, nation, and world. They are helping communities make changes to become more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. BikeWalk Virginia chapters have formed in the Williamsburg, Alexandria, Roanoke, New River Valley, Fredericksburg, and Northern Neck areas. New chapters are forming in Norfolk, Central Shenandoah Valley, and Middle Peninsula.*

To follow national, state, and local issues affecting non-motorized transportation and to work with BikeWalk Virginia to improve recreation and transportation options for Virginians and visitors to Virginians, visit www.bikewalkvirginia.org to become an individual or business member or sponsor.

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