

DANVERS BI-PEDS NEWS

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DANVERS BI-PEDS, INC. IS NOW OFFICIALLY A NON PROFIT CORPORATION

Pete Maddocks did a detailed, precise job of filing our application for 501c3 non profit status with the federal government. It went through smoothly and quickly. That means that all donations are now tax deductible and qualify for company matches if you work for a company which follows that procedure.

This status should be very helpful when we finally reach the point where the Bi-Peds can raise funds for the construction and maintenance of the pathway and other projects.

LOCUST /WENHAM STREET INTERSECTION

Work seems to be moving right along on the improvements to the corner of Wenham and Locust Streets. The installation of sidewalks, especially on the curve, for those going to the convenience store, Agway, and the play ground will make the area much safer for pedestrians. We will have to wait and see if the patrons to the businesses refrain from parking their cars on the sidewalk. . The new sidewalks look great but they sure are a sharp contrast to the old ones they connect with. According to David Lane, Director of Operations of the DPW, they "are looking at the old sidewalks and are planning to improve them next summer."

Once the work is complete, it will leave a section in front of only 8 properties without a sidewalk on the entire east side of Locust Street from downtown to Wenham St. Since Locust St. is one of the busier streets in town, it is hoped that the town will soon see fit to complete the sidewalk in that area as it seems like an unnecessary danger to have people, especially children and elderly, have to cross the street twice in order to stay on the sidewalk on their way to destinations on Wenham St.

MBTA LEASE: Progress as we know it

In the last news letter it was reported that the town manager felt that by the end of the year, he would have a lease in final form to present to the Selectmen. That was before the big November explosion and the ensuing disruption which it caused. During the Jan. 16th Selectmen's meeting Mr. Marquis will report on the current status of lease negotiations. .

RAIL REMOVAL

The section of rail bed which parallels Cabot Rd. looks much different since November when Danvers Electric contracted to have the rails removed. By all appearances, it looks like the beginning of a great linear park but in actuality, it has nothing to do with a rail trail or park. The work was done to allow trucks access to work which is required in connection with the large electric substation being built next to the high school. It is clearly visible from the Chestnut Street section between Locust and Cabot Rd.



Rail bed as it appears today looking toward Chestnut Street

HELP SPREAD THE WORD AROUND TOWN. USE A DANVERS BI-PEDS WATER BOTTLE. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER, THEY ARE FREE FOR THE ASKING AT WESTERN CYCLE SHOP, 22 MAPLE STREET, DANVERS, MA. JUST BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU. REMEMBER - YOUR CARD ALSO GETS YOU 15% ON MERCHANDISE, EXCEPT BICYCLES.

CHECK OUT THE LATEST AT DANVERSBIPEDS.ORG

Matt Duggan has been tending to our web site, making changes to make it more user friendly. There is a new photo section. If you have visited a rail trail and taken photos, send them to Mattduggan@danversbipeds.org and he will add them to the site.

If you have a web site you feel promotes walking, biking, or trails; let him know and it can be added to the links list to help others.

We would like more events listed on the calendar, share any ideas you may have.

DANVERS BI-PEDS WATER BOTTLES

Free to members

Western Cycle has gone in with the Bi-Peds to purchase water bottles imprinted with both logos. To get your free bottle, show your membership card at **Western Cycle**, 22 Maple St., Danvers. Family memberships can receive one for each member of the family. While you are there, don't forget that your card also entitles you to a 15% discount on everything except bicycles.

Using your Bi-Peds water bottle will help to make the name better known. If it leads to any questions from others, it will give you an opportunity to spread the word about Bi-Peds goals. Spring will be here before you know it. Be ready with a new Bi-Peds water bottle.

HOME OWNER SIDEWALK DUTIES

Spread the word - vegetation planted by the homeowner should not hang over the sidewalk or grow on top of it. Trees over the sidewalk should clear it by 8 feet. Accumulated leaves and dirt on the walk should be removed. The sidewalk was no doubt 5 feet wide when it went in and it should remain that way. Broken sidewalks should be reported to Public Works at 978-762-0231 or go to www.danvers.govoffice.com and fill out the contact form under public works.

RECENT EVENTS

On a chilly October 29, Danvers Bi-Peds hosted a family **Halloween Walk** at Endicott Park. Through the diligent work of Keelin Dawe who advertised, organized, and led the walk, there were Halloween creatures along the way and numerous goodies given to the children. The Bi-Peds appreciated the donations of many including Goodie Ice Cream and Dr. Nicholas Senzamici which helped make the event possible.

The **Danvers Holiday Walk**, December 2, found some dedicated Bi-Peds volunteers at a table in front of Western Cycle Shop greeting participants with gifts of magnets bearing the Bi-Peds logo for the adults and candy for the children. Information on Bi-Peds' goals was also given out. It is always encouraging to learn how many Danvers residence are anxious for the rail trail to begin. 'What is the town waiting for?' is an often heard question. The response usually includes encouragement to contact the Selectmen and town manager.

BI-PEDS GOALS FOR 2007

Members present at the recent meeting on Jan. 8th. discussed goals for the coming year. They set the following goals:

- Ask the Selectmen to sign the Border to Boston resolution and appoint an official representative to the Border to Boston Coalition.
- Under the MAPC Regional Bike Parking Program, promote and assist in the installation of 6 bike racks in and around downtown Danvers.
- Greatly increase the e-mail list of residents who are in favor of our goals so we can inexpensively and quickly communicate needs and event information to them.
- Get a monthly bicycle safety article in the Salem News and the Danvers Herald.
- Set up a program, hopefully working with the town, of volunteers who may help people clear their sidewalks of any obstructions to safe passage.



WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS SINCE SEPTEMBER

Become a member or
ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN

FAMILY
Bettie Jervah

CORPORATE
Syd Allan

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RENEWED SINCE MAY

Thomas and Marjorie Leonard	Matthew Duggan
Francine Flint	Irene Slater
Christine Watson	Ingrid & Tom Barry
Scott & Brenda Ferris & family	Maxine Taymore
Jonell Glass/ Arthur Johnson	Ralph & Martha Ardoff
Alan & Ruth Shactman	David & Sarah Symmes
Margaret & John Bailey	

**YES! I want to help make Danvers
a safer place to bike and walk.**

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name

Address

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Phone.....

E-mail.....

- Sponsor
- \$100 Corporate
- \$50 Proponent
- \$35 Supportive
- \$20 Family
- \$10 Adult
- \$5 Youth (under 18)

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

One way that strong support for an idea is shown is by the size of membership in the organization promoting it. Some of you maybe receiving this newsletter as an invitation to join the Bi-Peds. The membership secretary hopes you will accept this invitation by filling out the membership form and mail it in to the address shown.

If you have not renewed your membership, please consider doing so. We believe we are closer to getting the town to move forward on the pathway. Such pathways take years to get developed. Don't get discourage. Continue to show your support. Membership gives you the satisfaction of showing support for a cause you believe in; safer biking and walking in Danvers.

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President:	Ingrid Barry	978-774-8159
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**IS YOUR PROPERTY FRONTED BY A SIDEWALK?
HAVE YOU CHECKED THE CONDITION OF THAT SIDEWALK LATELY??**



3 Riding Club Road
Danvers, MA 01923

DO YOU HAVE A BIKING OR WALKING CONCERN OR SUGGESTION?

Please let us know about it. Call any board member.

Together we may be able to work on it.

THANK YOU TO -

- **Matt Duggan** for his work on the web site.
- **Keelin Dawe** for her work on the Halloween Walk.
- **Charles Lincicum** for getting the water bottles and magnets ordered.
- **Western Cycle** for helping with the water bottle purchase.
- **Steven Cotter** for leading the weekly walks to the end of day light saving time.
- **Pete Maddocks** for taking over the job of treasurer.
- **Pat Gagnon** for her work as treasurer.
- All those who helped with the Holiday Walk table.

FOUND WHILE WONDERING THE INTERNET

From the Governing Sourcebook 2005 in a list by state of parks and recreation spending per capita- Massachusetts ranks 49 th, second from the bottom. In parks and recreation spending per income - Massachusetts is dead last. (Isn't that sad?)

A NOTE FROM THE 'EDITOR'

I could identify with this found at a trail related web site:
Unintentional errors are likely!

UPCOMING EVENTS, SCHEDULED TO DATE

February 12, March 12, and April 9:
7:00 pm in the Carriage House at Endicott Park, the regular monthly meeting. Everyone is always welcome. Bring your ideas, concerns, and questions.

May 14: Danvers Bi-Peds Annual Meeting, location to be announced

WISH LIST -

- Volunteers to help contact adjacent homeowners.
- All work and no play is not fun - if you have a community or family event idea that you would like to see happen related to walking or biking, let us know.