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Welcome to Cycle Toronto's Ring & Post newsletter, your guide to Toronto cycling news.

At right: Cycle Toronto rides the Pan Am Path celebrating the finale of the Pan Am Games

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## August 2015

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## About Us

We are Toronto's largest member-based cycling advocacy organization working toward creating safer streets. The more people we represent, the more power we have in creating a safe cycling city. Please [join Cycle Toronto](#) to make Toronto a better place to ride, and save money with [member discounts](#) around the city.



### Bloor Loves Bikes & Danforth Loves Bikes campaign update

Our campaigns to bring bike lanes to Bloor St and Danforth Ave are picking up steam! We launched our Bloor Loves Bikes and Danforth Loves Bikes pledges

in early July and since then have had canvass teams out on Bloor and Danforth talking to pedestrians, cyclists and business owners about the benefits of bike lanes. We're thrilled that **more than 2,800 people have now signed the Bloor Loves Bikes pledge** and **more than 1,900 have signed the Danforth Loves Bikes pledge!** This fall, City staff will bring forward the first part of the new 10-year bike plan and we want to make sure Bloor & Danforth are not only included in the plan but that pilot projects are launched as soon as

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possible. Are you interested in getting involved? Attend an [upcoming campaign info session](#)! Can't make the session but still want to support our work? [Donate](#) or [join our more than 3,000 members today!](#)



## Installation of extension of Richmond Adelaide cycle tracks to Parliament to begin soon

With the Pan Am / Para Pan Am Games behind us, we're thrilled that the installation of the extension to the Richmond Adelaide cycle tracks is set to begin in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) feeds for further

updates.

## Scarborough Cycles: building bike culture beyond downtown

Funded by the Metcalf Foundation Cycle City program, we've partnered with the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), Toronto Cycling Think & Do Tank, and CultureLink, to launch an innovative project called Scarborough Cycles: building bike culture beyond downtown. The goals of the project are to create and disseminate new knowledge about cycling in the suburbs; build capacity to support cycling; address barriers and create new cyclists; and engage with residents and stakeholders about the benefits of improved cycling infrastructure. Scarborough Cycles will identify two areas in Scarborough with strong potential for increased cycling and develop partnerships with two local organizations interested in becoming a 'Bike Hub'. Through these hubs we will offer access to bicycles and tools, workshops and repair clinics, mentorship activities and rides, bikeability audits, and civic engagement and neighbourhood strategy workshops. For more information contact: Marvin Macaraig, Scarborough Cycles Project Coordinator at 416-392-0260 or [mmacaraig@tcat.ca](mailto:mmacaraig@tcat.ca)



A pedal powered parade of music!

## Join us at the 6th Annual Toronto Bicycle Music Festival

On September 13th, 2015 Cycle Toronto is proud to be a presenting partner of the 6th Annual Toronto Bicycle Music Festival hosted by the great folks at [Tune Your Ride](#). This is a FREE mobile concert series bringing pedal-powered music right to your

saddle! This year's route will take festival-goers to the Allan Gardens, Grange Park, and Christie Pits Park and features some amazing performers such as Bry Webb and the Providers, Tanika Charles, The Heavyweights Brass Band, Maya Killtron, Moon Runners Dance Tournament and Girls Rock Camp. Between the venues, riders can enjoy the mobile musical stylings of Great James and Willow Rutherford right from their saddles! Learn more about this unique festival on the [Facebook event page](#). Want to volunteer at the festival? email [info@cycleto.ca](mailto:info@cycleto.ca)

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## Cycle Toronto Board of Directors update

It may be summertime, but there is no shortage of opportunities to advance safe cycling through advocacy, education, and strategic planning. Our Board of Directors has prepared a mid-year update on some of the developments we've been working on in the last few months, such as changes to our governance structure, fundraising goals, new education programs and more. The full report is available on our [website](#).

## Ward Advocacy in action!

We dream of seeing bike lanes right through the heart of Parkdale! To make it happen, we need solid arguments that rest on sound research. Cycle Toronto Ward 14 is looking for volunteers to help with a transportation study on Queen Street between Dufferin and Roncesvalles. The study is being conducted with support from other policy and research groups, and will be similar to the studies conducted by TCAT in the [Annex](#) in 2009, and along [Bloor West Village](#) in 2010. They will be providing volunteers with training in data collection for a transportation survey, qualitative research methods, and the opportunity to get involved with some amazingly dedicated people. For more information, contact Laura and Aliza directly at [surveyparkdale@gmail.com](mailto:surveyparkdale@gmail.com).

## Cycling in the news

Check out these recent news stories on cycling:

- [Toronto woman blames condo management for fourth bike theft in 14 months](#) (Toronto Star)
- [Dead cyclist's father wants jail time for hit-and-run drivers](#) (Toronto Star)
- [Rise in Toronto bike deaths cause for concern](#) (Post City Toronto)
- [This Is What Happened When Bicyclists Obeyed Traffic Laws Along The Wiggle Yesterday](#) (SF Weekly)
- [\\*VIDEO\\* How to protect your bike from theft](#) (City News)
- [Is Queens Quay West too confusing? These 9 sign changes may help](#) (Toronto Star)
- [New Greenbelt Route boasts nearly 500km of cycling trail in Ontario](#) (Global News)
- [\\*VIDEO\\* How to overtake cyclists – the video all drivers should watch](#) (The Guardian)
- [It's really a village, not a freeway](#) (Gleaner Community Press)

## Upcoming Events

**Aug 27-30** - [Bike Valet powered by the Downtown Yonge BIA at Buskerfest](#)

**Fri Aug 29** - [Brompton Urban Challenge: Toronto](#) - Starts at City Hall, 10am

**Mon Aug 31** - [Bloor Loves Bikes & Danforth Loves Bikes Infoession](#) - CSI Annex, meeting room #4 (3rd floor), 6:30-8:00pm

**Sun Sep 6** - [Open Streets TO](#) - 9am-1pm

**Sun Sep 13** - [6th Annual Toronto Bicycle Music Festival](#) - 1:00-8:00pm

**Mon Sep 14** - [Bloor Loves Bikes & Danforth Loves Bikes Infoession](#) -

CSI Annex, meeting room #1 (2nd floor), 6:30-8:00pm

**Sat Sep 19** - **Cycle Toronto at the Toronto East Bike Festival** - Warden  
Hilltop Community Centre, 10am

**Sun Sep 27** - **10th Annual Greg's Ride** - Milton, ON, 9:30am-3:00pm

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