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

*At right: Bike to Work Day Ride, 2014
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May 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.

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Kick-off Bike Month with us Monday May 25 and ride for Bike to Work Day

Bike Month begins this Monday with Bike to Work Day, and more than 1700 people have signed up to ride with us! We're giving away a Norco City Glide 3 to one lucky participant, which could be you. Here's how to show your support:

Platinum Business Members

Sign up at bikemonth.ca/biketoworkday to:

- a. commit to bike to school or work on May 25 and/or
- b. join us for the Annual Group Commute & Pancake Breakfast at Nathan Phillips Square from [any of the start points around the city](#) to start off your day.

Bike Month continues until June 25 with hundreds of events including rides, races, workshops, festivals and more. Check out our [online calendar](#) and our print calendar in this week's issue of NOW Magazine. Since Bike Month is nothing if not a celebration, we're hosting our monthly social on June 18 to celebrate all things Bike Month - RSVP to our Facebook event [here](#).

Bike Month is organized by Cycle Toronto and supported locally by the City of Toronto, Live Green Toronto, CP24, McLeish Orlando, Smart Commute, Bike Share Toronto, St. Lawrence Market, Jet Fuel Coffee, NOW Magazine, VIA Rail, and Norco Bicycles.



Bike to School Week promotion at Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI

Bike to School Week: May 25-29

What momentum! In the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, over 110 schools have registered events celebrating Bike to School Week in and around May 25-29. At least 65 of these are in Toronto. Events planned include rides, bike rodeos, clinics with mechanics, bike wash stations, information tables, contests, assemblies, films and more. It's not too late for schools to [sign up!](#)

Bloor Loves Bikes! Danforth Loves Bikes!

Local residents, merchants and cyclists are coming together with a simple message: we want bike lanes on Bloor St and Danforth Ave!

We're working hard to get Bloor St and Danforth Ave included in the new 10 year cycling network plan and pilot projects launched in 2016. Learn more about our campaigns at bloorlovesbikes.ca and danforthlovesbikes.ca

Project Update: City provides update on Richmond Adelaide cycle track pilot project

City staff have proposed an extension of the Richmond Adelaide cycle track pilot project to Parliament, which will come forward to the June meeting of the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee. Read more about the proposal [here](#). Stay tuned for your chance to support the proposal. Expect an Action Alert in June!

We're on Youtube- Jared Rides into the Lake!

Thanks to the generous support of our AGM donors, we raised over \$7,600 at the AGM this year to support our advocacy work! As a result, our brave and fearless





Watch Jared Ride into the Lake on our new YouTube Channel!

launched a new [YouTube Channel](#) - click [HERE](#) to watch Jared Ride into the Lake! Many thanks to Maarten Heilbron for his great cinematography.

Executive Director, Jared Kolb, rode into chilly Lake Ontario in late April sporting spandex and a bright pink cape. If you missed the event, fear not - we've just

The Fundraising Committee is looking for new members!

Are you passionate about helping to ensure Cycle Toronto's good work continues? Do you have experience in organizing events, carrying out individual fundraising, and thinking strategically about how to raise money? We'd love to have you! If you are interested, please fill out [this form](#) by Wednesday May 27th!

The City of Toronto has launched a new bike plan process: fill out their Phase 1 Survey now!

Later this year, City staff will bring a new 10-year cycling network plan forward to City Council. Our goal is to ensure that our core ask of building a city-wide [Minimum Grid](#) of 100 km of protected bike lanes and 100 km of bicycle boulevards by 2018 is included.

The City is collecting input on on the Cycling Network Plan's objectives, evaluation criteria and what the priorities should be. Take their [Phase 1 Survey](#) now!



Exploring the West Toronto Rail Path

Toronto on Two Wheels: Volunteer and RIDE with us!

New to cycling in Toronto? Want to learn more about our city's bike infrastructure from the seat of your own bike? Come join us for a special edition of our Bikewatch Volunteer Training: Toronto on Two Wheels! We're taking to the streets to

explore our city in a fun and informative group ride, led by Executive Director, Jared Kolb.

Applications for our next training session in the evening of Thursday June 4 are due Friday May 29 at noon and can be emailed to rebecca.thorpe@cycleto.ca. More information about what to expect, check out website [here](#).



**Gold Business Member Profile -
Downtown Yonge BIA**

Gold Business Member: Downtown
Yonge BIA

The Downtown Yonge BIA is a non-profit organization that works on behalf of over 2,000 local businesses and property owners to create a more vibrant and safe downtown. We believe that creating spaces for people to walk and bike is a key element of a thriving neighbourhood. Through our active transportation programming, infrastructure investments, and advocacy, we hope to create a greener, more accessible, and more connected neighbourhood for everyone. Look out for our Bike Valets on Dundas St W (between Yonge & Bay) during the Toronto Pride Parade and North by Northeast. We'll also be hosting free bi-weekly bike clinics throughout the summer! Check out their [website](#) for more details.

Cycle Toronto Board elects new executive

Following our March 24, 2015 Annual General, which saw the election of 5 new Board members, the Board has elected its Executive for 2015. Congratulations to the new Executive:

President - Meredith James; Vice-President - Jake Schabas; Chair - Rob Tarantino; Vice-Chair - Brandin O'Connor; Treasurer - Damion Ketchum; Vice-Treasurer - Jesse Moses; Secretary - Chantelle Campbell-Sholzberg; Assistant Secretary - Sylvia Slaughter. The Board is looking forward to another exciting year.

If you wish to contact the Board, please email as they can be reached at directors@cycleto.ca.

You're Invited: Morning Glory Cycling Club Ride

You are invited to the first ever group ride along Bayview, from Lawrence to River, ending at Riverdale Farm. Join us at 11:00am on Sunday, June 14 as we ride from Yonge along Lawrence, pass Glendon Campus, and ride south to the Don Valley. The ride is to celebrate the joy of cycling, to promote the visibility of cycling in this area of the city, and to highlight safety and accessibility concerns along the way. More information is available [here](#) and RSVP to the event on [Facebook](#). *Morning Glory Cycling Club is a proud community partner of Cycle Toronto.*

Cycling in the news

Check out these recent news stories on cycling:

- [Jared Kolb talks Bike Month on the LeDrew Show, Live at Noon *VIDEO* \(CP24\)](#)
- [Cycle Toronto answers Star readers' biking questions \(Toronto Star\)](#)
- [Richmond bike lane dismantled with film office OK \(Toronto Star\)](#)
- [Truck fitted with new guard could save cyclists' lives \(CBC News\)](#)
- [A Mayor's Movement: seven city leaders on the huge payoffs of boosting bicycling \(People for Bikes\)](#)
- [Five ways to celebrate Bike Month in Toronto \(Metro News\)](#)
- [The top 10 events for Toronto Bike Month 2015 \(blogTO\)](#)
- [Cyclists are 40 per cent less stressed than other commuters \(The Telegraph\)](#)
- [Let's finish the job on Shaw: understanding the benefits of bicycle boulevards for Toronto \(Cycle Toronto\)](#)

Upcoming events

Sat May 23 - 10:30am to 12:30pm, Lillian Smith Public Library, 239 College Street. Free workshop about leading cycling activities safely and enjoyably, hosted by the [Bike Host](#) program. And it's the last chance to be oriented as a Bike Host mentor for 2015 - please register in advance by emailing cycling@culturelink.ca.

Sat May 23 - [Bike Valet, powered by Zipcar, at the CBC.ca Music Festival TD Echo Beach](#), 2:30-11pm

Mon May 25 - [Bike to Work Day Group Commute & Pancake Breakfast / First Day of Bike Month!](#) Nathan Phillips Square. 7-9am

Tues May 26 - [Bike Month commuter station powered by McLeish Orlando](#). College Shaw Library. 5-8pm

Thurs May 28 - [Bike Month commuter station powered by REFLX Reflective Safety Products](#). College Shaw Library. 5-8pm

Tues June 2 - [Bike Month commuter station powered by Urbane Cyclist](#). The AGO. 5-8pm

Thurs June 4 - [Bike Month Commuter Station powered by McLeish Orlando](#). AGO. 5-8pm

Thurs June 4 & Mon June 8 Program launch for Bike Host. An opportunity for newcomers to discover Toronto by bike! Permanent residents interested in joining this innovative program can pre-register and plan to attend of these launch events. 6:00-8:30pm

Tues June 9 - [Bike Month Commuter Station](#). Boulton Drive Parkette. 5-8pm

Thurs June 11 - [Bike Month commuter station powered by PWA Friends for Life Bike Rally](#). Boulton Drive Parkette. 5-8pm

Sat June 13 - [Cycle Toronto safe cycling public free workshop](#). Lillian H Smith Library. 2-4 pm

Tues June 16 - [Bike Month commuter station powered by Cycle Solutions](#). Castle Frank Station. 5-8 pm

Thurs June 18 - [Bike Month commuter station powered by Sweet Pete's](#). Castle Frank Station. 5-8 pm

Thurs June 18 - [Bike Month Party & Cycle TO June Social](#) Propeller Coffee Co. 7-11pm

Fri June 20 - Sat June 21 - [Bike Valet at NxNE powered by Downtown Yonge BIA & Mailchimp](#). Yonge-Dundas Square. 4-11pm

Tues June 23 - [Bike Month commuter station powered by Zipcar](#). Moss Park. 5-8 pm

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