

## September News and Events

### JUST A REMINDER

#### **School Is About To Start. Are Your Sidewalks Clear For Children To**

**Use?** - Safer sidewalks are a community effort. Studies show that children who walk to school tend to be healthier more attentive students.

Property owners are responsible to keep sidewalks clear of obstacles -- these include cars, overgrown vegetation, over hanging trees lower than 8 feet, and the accumulation of dirt and debris on the sidewalk which can become muddy and slippery when wet and allows plants such as poison ivy to grow out onto the sidewalk. If your sidewalks suffer from neglect, what better time to get them into compliance.

If you are aware of sidewalks which have safety issues, there is a system in place to get them repaired. The easiest way is to go to [or go to www.danvers.govoffice.com](http://www.danvers.govoffice.com) to the Public Works page and click on Contact Form at the top of the box. State the specific address and the problem. Your name will not be disclosed to the resident. The resident will be sent a letter and the Department of Public Works will follow up. The sidewalk you cause to get repaired may save some one else from being injured. You may also go directly to Joseph Finocchiaro, Street Division Supervisor, 95 Hobart Street, Danvers, MA 01923, phone - 978-762-0230 or email [jfinocchiaro@mail.danvers-ma.org](mailto:jfinocchiaro@mail.danvers-ma.org). If you wish to include photos in your report, this would be the way to do it.

### EVENTS

#### **September 12, 2011, Monday, 7:00 - Danvers Bi-Peds Regular Monthly Meeting**

- will be held in the Carriage House at Endicott Park, 57 Forest St., Danvers. Charles Lincicum, Chairman of the Rail Trail Advisory Committee, will be present to lead an open discussion of where we are and where we would like to see the trail go. All are welcome to attend, participate in the discussion, help plan biking events, safer sidewalks, and fun group activities. Hope to see you there.

#### **September 15, 2011, Thursday - Danvers Rail Trail Advisory**

**Committee** - 6:00P.M., in the Daniel J. Toomey Hearing Room, Town Hall, 1 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA. Meetings are open to the public.

#### **September 18, 2011, Sunday - Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) Fourth Annual A Reason To Ride Bike-A-Thon In Danvers -**

The event begins at the [Liberty Tree Mall](#). A Reason to Ride features a variety of activities the whole family can enjoy including a complimentary trike-a-thon for little kids, a Fuddrucker's cookout at the finish line, raffles, music, a car show and much more. Registration for riders is \$25 per child, \$60 per adult, and \$150 per family. For more information please visit, [www.gratefulnation.org/areasontoride](http://www.gratefulnation.org/areasontoride) where you can register to ride, support a rider, start a team, or make a donation.

#### **September 24, 2011, Saturday, 10:00 - Danvers Bi-Peds Will Host An Event For Trails And Sails Weekend.**

Join us for a walk through the woods and along the Danvers Rail Trail to its northern end. The walk will culminate at the Swamp Walk, a board walk through the swamp to a look out platform. Return by the same route and be

rewarded with a fresh peach upon return. Event capacity: 25. Walking will be on mixed terrain surface for a distance of about 2 miles total. Insect spray may helpful. Leashed dogs welcome.

**For all the details and complete list of fun, free events in Essex County, go to [www.trailsandsails.org](http://www.trailsandsails.org).** (Don't be afraid to sign in, the site is brimming with fun things to do.)

**September 23 to 25, 2011, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm** - George Saluto extends an invitation to anyone who wants to help with the construction of a new section of the Swampwalk. He says ' Drop by to work the day (lunch provided) or at any time, if only for a short period, to observe, chat, or pitch in.' You can learn more on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Swampwalk-Rail-Trail-Danvers/169017829818716>

**September 24, 2011 - The rail trail opening ceremony has been moved to sometime in spring, 2012**

## NEWS

**The Danvers Rail Trail Web site** - you haven't visited the site, check it out <http://danversrailtrail.org/> If you have photos or stories about your experience on the Danvers Rail Trail and would like to share them, send them to <http://www.danversrailtrail.org/submitphoto.htm>, They will be added to the rail trail web site. You can also send them to [ibarry@danversbipeds.org](mailto:ibarry@danversbipeds.org) and they will be added to the Bi-Peds web site.

**We Asked For Your Opinion Last Month** - on Bi-Peds direction as we look forward. Although we are grateful for the one helpful reply we received, it would have been great to have received more. It's not to late to speak up.

## MORE REMINDERS

**Membership** - Are you a Bi-Peds member? Go to [www.danversbipeds.org/](http://www.danversbipeds.org/) to join or print out a membership form and send it in. Check with your company to see if they match funds as GE does. Almost all the money taken in by the Bi-Peds goes toward the rail trail and other concerns leading to safer biking and walking in Danvers and you get a 15% discount at the Western Cycle bike shop on everything except bikes.

**Bi-Peds Tee Shirts** - There is a new supply of shirts available for \$10. Contact Laura Cilley at [laura.cilley@post.harvard.edu](mailto:laura.cilley@post.harvard.edu) or call (978) 777-4661 or Ingrid Barry, [ibarry@danversbipeds.org](mailto:ibarry@danversbipeds.org). to get yours.

## BEYOND DANVERS

**Advocacy Toolkit - MassBike Would Like Your Help** - MassBike has partnered with the Boston Public Health Commission and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) program to create an advocacy toolkit. The aim of this toolkit is to enhance the abilities of Commonwealth residents to advocate for better bicycling infrastructure and programs in their own communities.

For more information, go to [www.massbike.org/2011/08/18/advocacy-toolkit-we-need-your-help/](http://www.massbike.org/2011/08/18/advocacy-toolkit-we-need-your-help/)

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