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## September News and Events

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Danvers Bi-Peds Trails and Sails event, Saturday, September 18, 10:00 - 12:00 -** See details below of event. We need help to greet people the day of, to offer rides back to the parking lot, and to help with the history puzzle which Laura Cilley is putting together. If you remember when the train ran, know of former businesses along the line, or any stories you can share please contact Laura at [lcilley@danversbipeds.org](mailto:lcilley@danversbipeds.org) or (978) 777-4661.

**Facebook - Danvers Bi-Peds has a page but it would be great to have a volunteer to put it to good use and keep it current. This is an opportunity for a student who would like to put his/her knowledge of facebook to good use but we will accept any age.**

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Soldier Ride Boston, September 4, 2010** - Starting at 10:00 am from Minute Man National Historic Park, North Bridge Visitors Center. This ride is to raise money and awareness for wounded veterans coming back from Afghanistan and Iraq. For more information go to <http://sr.woundedwarriorproject.org/content/view/40/55/>

**September Stroll with Laura** - Please visit [DanversBipeds.org](http://DanversBipeds.org) for details or contact Laura at [lcilley@danversbipeds.org](mailto:lcilley@danversbipeds.org) or (978) 777-4661.

### DANVERS BI-PEDS MONTHLY MEETING, Monday, September 13, 2010

(Where did the summer go? It's monthly meeting time again.)

Danvers Bi-Peds regular monthly board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Carriage House at Endicott Park, 57 Forest St., Danvers. Come and be apart of planning monthly walks and other events for the year, the Safe Routes to School program, and efforts to make Danvers a safer place to bike and walk for all ages. All are welcome to attend and bring their ideas and concerns. **Hope to see you there.**

**TRAILS & SAILS 2010** - Two Weekends of Walks and Water, September 17-19 & 24-26, 2010. FREE fun and adventure abound as you explore historic, cultural and natural treasures over two weekends, at more than 100 partner sites within the Essex National Heritage Area. Go to [www.essexheritage.org/ts/](http://www.essexheritage.org/ts/) to see all the events and create your own customized event itinerary.

**Explore the Heart of Danvers** - Danvers Bi-Peds Trails and Sails event, Saturday, September 18, 10:00 - 12:00 (We are posting this with a positive outlook that the trail

will be in useable shape by that date as we have been told. Check DanversBipeds.org for last minute details. The event may be postponed, depending on the trail progress.)

Explore the new rail trail through the middle of Danvers. Starting in the center, walkers will be able to head north or south. Stations along the way will offer history and surprises.

### **Danvers Rail Trail Advisory Committee, Thursday, September 16, 2010**

The next meeting of the Danvers Rail Trail Advisory Committee will be held at 6:00 in town hall at 1 Sylvan St. The meetings are open to the public. For more information and to verify location, contact Kate Day - Senior Planner, 978-777-0001, ext 3029, [kday@mail.danvers-ma.org](mailto:kday@mail.danvers-ma.org).

## **NEWS**

**Sidewalk repairs** - In conjunction with road work being done on Locust St between Wenham and North Streets, the sidewalks will be repaired. This is very good news as they are in very bad shape. On such a busy street, this will make it much safer for pedestrians in that area as long as homeowners in the area do their part to keep them clear on vegetation.

## **JUST A REMINDER**

**Let's Work Together to Make Our Sidewalks Safer - It can't be said often enough. Town ordinances state that it is the property owners responsibility to keep sidewalks clear of obstacles -- these include cars, overgrown vegetation, over hanging trees lower then 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, spring is a good 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 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.