



ANNUAL REPORT
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It hardly seems possible that in March of 2012, the Danvers Bi-Peds will celebrate their 10th anniversary. The past year has seen many of the same activities continue - the Bi-Peds participated one way or another in Old Navy kids safety awareness event, Endicott Park Day, Safety Day at the Danvers Y, both town Recycle Collection Weekends, Holiday Festival, and Family Fitness Night at Smith School.

In November, a new event came our way - The Parade of Trees. Working with the Danvers Historical Society and the Downtown Improvement Committee, it turned out to be a successful fund raiser for the Bi-Peds. The \$1215 raised will go toward the rail trail.

Also new this year was the Trail Clean-up Day on April 9 sponsored by the Danvers Kiwanis. Danvers Bi=Peds participated with workers, raffles, and refreshments.

In addition to helping to coordinate the Bi-Peds participation in all the events already listed, Laura Cilley continues to coordinate monthly walks followed by refreshments and a raffle. The walks have gone in many directions such as around the Putnamville reservoir led by Charles Lincicum, to the Swamp Walk, and over various parts of the rail trail. Santa joined us in December to the delight of any children we passed.

The Bi-Peds are still trying to make Danvers residents aware of their sidewalk upkeep duties. Bi-Peds members, Bob and Sue Rogers and Ingrid Barry, have been working with Susan Fletcher, Assistant Director of Planning on a pilot program with the Smith School. The goal is to make families aware of why a safe sidewalk is important by getting the children talking about them.

Several members of the Bi-Peds continue to work on the Rail Trail Advisory Committee which meets monthly. That group under the Direction of Sr. Planner, Kate Day, oversees plans for the trail. Last fall the Bi-Peds had to cancel their participation in Essex Heritage Trails and Sails week end because the promised completion of the trail did not happen. The committee is now hoping that IHP will come through with their stated completion date of late June so an opening ceremony could be part of Family Festival. Only time will tell. The trail has certainly come a long way from last February, 2010 but still has far to go.

I would like to thank all of the board members who hang in there year after year and to all those who contribute to and join the Bi-Peds. It has been great having Heidi Wallingford as the new secretary. I have appreciated working with Laura Cilley, always ready to organize an event. Thanks to Pete Maddocks for keeping us legal with the IRS and our by-laws. Many of you may have heard from Larry Tormey, our membership secretary, as he encourages and cajoles us into paying our dues. We miss Charles Lincicum on the board as he resigned to devote more efforts to being chairman of the RTAC and an excellent one he is.

Our goals for the coming year are much the same as the previous one. The Bi-Peds will contribute to the trail in any way we can. We will continue to work for sidewalks in Danvers which are safe for all citizens to use. I still hope to one day see Walk to School Day and eventually Safe Routes to School in Danvers. As always, everyone is invited to attend our monthly meetings to share their concerns, ideas, stories and photos; volunteer to lead walks, bike rides, or new events.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Barry, Danvers Bi-Peds President