

# Newport Waves

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It's banner season in Newport with a total of 21 street banners featuring local Newporters and a lobster mascot smiling and waving as part of a new community-based campaign for safer streets. Newport Waves encourages all motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders and others to “Stop, Look, and Wave” to one another when interacting on Newport’s busy streets. “The response on the street is perfect,” said Bari Freeman, executive director of Bike Newport and coordinator of Newport Waves. “People are smiling and waving and reporting the success of their efforts. The premise is that people who wave and wait for a response are going to move ahead more safely, and the inherent smiles are a really nice bonus.”  
[newportwaves.org](http://newportwaves.org)



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Bari Freeman, executive director of Bike Newport, which is leading the ‘Newport Waves’ campaign, shows Newport resident Jim Egan one of the campaign's banners.