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League of American Bicyclists to Present Bicycle Friendly Community Award to City of Newport on November 20.

2:30 p.m. – Presentation at City Hall

3:15 p.m. – Celebration bike ride around town

4:00 p.m. – Reception at The Fifth Element, 111 Broadway

Newport, RI – Nov. 12, 2013 – On Wednesday, November 20, the City of Newport will receive its [recent award](#) as a Bicycle Friendly Community. League of American Bicyclists' Board Member, John Siemiatkoski, will present the award at the event hosted by Mayor Harry Winthrop and attended by collaborative stakeholders who contribute to Newport's bike friendly environment: City of Newport, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Bike Newport, Newport Police Department, schools, businesses, advocates, preservationists, historians, youth, and community members.

"Newport is playing a critical role in creating a truly Bicycle Friendly America," said Andy Clarke, President of the League of American Bicyclists. "We know Newport's investment in bicycling will be returned many times over in the health, environmental, and quality of life benefits of a thriving community."

Nicole Wynand, the Director of the Bicycle Friendly America program, offered, "We were very impressed with how far Newport has come in such a short period of time. This is a great example how a strong local advocacy group can make a real difference."

Following the presentation, Bike Newport will lead a celebratory city bike ride and host a reception at The Fifth Element, 111 Broadway. Press are invited to attend all portions of the event.

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