Bike Newport
Annual Report 2015

The Bike Newport mission is to improve, encourage and facilitate bicycling in and around Newport for the health and well-being of our youth and families and as a viable and enjoyable method of transportation for residents and visitors.

On the road, gears engaged, power in our pedals.

Education. Infrastructure. Ridership.

These are the building blocks of bike friendly communities and the themes of Bike Newport’s many and varied initiatives. Progress in one leads to progress in all. As we teach better road sharing and provide more bicycle infrastructure, more people gain the confidence to ride; and as more people ride and we add more infrastructure; road sharing improves. This is how we make progress. Our gears are engaged, and we’re on the road to more, better, and safer.

We are a community-based advocacy organization working to improve and encourage safer cycling for transportation and recreation. We know that bicycling improves health, economy, environment, overall quality of place and quality of life. We believe that shifting to gentler modes of transportation will reverse parking and traffic trends that damage our historic landscape. We know that people enjoy and appreciate Newport more when they are on a bicycle than when they are in a car.

With all of this in mind, our message is simple—let’s get more people on bikes for more trips. In 2015 we advanced “The First Mile” of bike path on Aquidneck Island with plans for a 1.5 mile multi-use path; we parked 1200 bicycles in a day at the Newport Folk Fest; we provided event racks for over 20 summer events; we offered five women-only bike mechanic classes; we championed bike safety and bike infrastructure at the State House; we restored and distributed more than 100 bikes, keeping them on the road and out of the waste stream; we led rides for Independence Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, full moons, and daffodils; and much more. We did this with the help of dozens of dedicated volunteers.

From assistance in our bike garages and bike library, to early morning event set up, our volunteers are tireless in their efforts – and our gratitude cannot be overstated.

Our greatest challenge, and success, is sustaining this organization financially so we can continue to grow, to serve, to inspire, and to contribute to the vibrant life and promise that is Newport. We made our fundraising goals in 2015, thanks to scores of donors, including you.

We want to maintain the momentum of the culture shift that is underway. Already in 2016, we have added staff and program, and moved to an amazing new location in the heart and flow of the City. Visit us at 29 Spring Street! Bring your bike when the Garage is open and get a little greasy. We’d love to welcome you.

Please continue to be a part of Bike Newport in 2016. Volunteer. Donate. Take a class. Attend events. Become an annual member with any gift of $25 or more. Spread the bike love and ask your friends and family to join and support Bike Newport, too.

We thank you, and all of our generous supporters, for your commitment and contributions of time and resources. With your help, we will continue on the path to bike-friendly progress.

Ride safe and happy,

Dawn Euer
Board Chair

Bari Freeman
Executive Director
The Year in Review

JANUARY

• We started the year on solid financial footing after a successful End-of-Year Campaign that included a generous match.
• Ten new and much-needed city bike racks were confirmed - thanks to seven forward-thinking sponsors looking for a place to park their wheels.

FEBRUARY

• Bike Newport was asked to manage the City’s Safe Routes to School program funding. Programs would focus on encouraging biking and walking to Thompson Middle School.
• As leaders of the federally-funded Safe States initiative in Newport, Bike Newport convened more than 30 community leaders to plan strategies to improve safety for vulnerable road users, including cyclists and pedestrians.

MARCH

• Bari Freeman, Bike Newport executive director, and Liza Burkin, Bike Newport program manager, attended the National Bike Summit and National Women’s Bicycle Forum in Washington D.C.
• Bike Newport Night at Midtown Oyster Bar raised $4,000 to work toward “The First Mile” of bike path on Aquidneck Island.
• Bike Newport assumed the lead of the Transportation Group of the Newport Health Equity Zones, place-based strategy and action to improve health outcomes
• Representative Lauren Carson and the RI State Assembly recognized Bike Newport for accomplishments to date, spotlighting the value of bicycling to our collective health, economy, and environment.
**APRIL**

- The Frederick H. Prince Memorial Fund of Newport Hospital recognized our work to support increased physical activity for Newport’s youth by continuing to fund our Bike Garage and Bike Library at the Florence Gray Center.
- We secured an additional $10,000 to increase our event track capacity for Newport’s busy summer festival season.
- Plans accelerated for the Newport stop on the around-the-world Volvo Ocean Race for which Bike Newport would encourage, guide, and support cycling to the event.
- Spring Recycling Day Bike Rescue contributed 25 bikes for parts, repair, and distribution.

**MAY**

- Bike Newport’s Bari Freeman and Liza Burkin were honored by Women in Transportation Services with the 2015 award for Innovation in Transportation.
- 20 students/day biked to Thompson Middle School during the month-long Bike Walk Challenge.
- Four Thompson Middle School students rode the East Bay Bike Path with Bike Newport to BikeFest in Providence for velo racing and bike pie jousting
- The YMCA of Newport County was named the 2015 Bike Friendly Business of the Year.

**JUNE**

- The third annual Elliot Kaminitz Fathers Day Ride and Kids’ Tour de Fort was washed out by an all-day deluge! Four intrepid cyclists rode the course regardless.
- We secured underwriting funds to develop school-based bicycle education for grades K-12 in Newport Public Schools.
• Senate President Teresa Paiva Weed awarded a legislative grant for Newport Waves street banners – a public awareness campaign asking all road users to help improve road safety. Newport pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists acknowledge one another with an easy and intuitive gesture – a wave!

JULY

• $30,000 of in-kind media donations helped to launch Newport Waves into full swing. Placement including pre-film video at the Jane Pickens movie theater and four print media cover stories.
• Partnered with the Folk Festival and supported by the City of Newport, Newport Police Department, REI, and nearly 50 volunteers, Bike Newport provided online maps, on-road signage, bike and car parking, and on-site bike tune-ups for festivalgoers, including up to 1200 bicyclists per day. Yowza!

AUGUST

• Summer group rides, averaging 15-30 miles, continued throughout the month.
• After running out of the first 15,000 maps, we secured funding for a reprint of 5,000, while we began work on the 4th edition, which would add Tiverton and Little Compton and represent all of Newport County.
SEPTEMBER

• We piloted the Ride RI metric century (62 miles) with Bike to the Beach, from Woonsocket to Newport.
• 15 Salve Regina University students conducted road audits on bikes and on foot as part of their fall community service
• Fall Recycling Day Bike Rescue collected 16 bikes for repair, parts, and redistribution.

OCTOBER

• Accompanied by State Rep Teresa Tanzi, State Senator Lou DiPalma, and Middletown Town Manager Shawn Brown, Bike Newport ED Bari Freeman and Board Member Don Jagoe led the thoroughly-engaged RIDOT Deputy Director Peter Garino on a 20-mile ride on the diciest roads on Aquidneck Island and then convened with a dozen more city and state leaders to discuss improving conditions for bicyclists on Aquidneck Island.

NOVEMBER

• Bike Newport organized “Fall Back and Light Up”, an island-wide bike light sale at three local bike shops to coincide with Daylight Savings
• Submitted “North End Connectivity” – a three-part application to connect Newport’s downtown with the North End businesses, schools, and neighborhoods. The three parts included complete streets, alternative transportation parking, and “The First Mile” of bike path. The application was supported by the City, police department, Chamber of Commerce, HEZ, Newport Public Schools, Discover Newport, the media, smart growth planners, and transportation experts.
DECEMBER

• Thanks to the generosity and confidence of numerous donors and supporters, we successfully reached and exceeded a $25,000 end-of-year fundraising matching grant challenge.
• We said goodbye to two staff members - Liza Burkin as she set off to bike New Zealand, and Mark Chesterton as he relocated to Brooklyn – and welcomed the first of our new team members, Mary Ellen Lynch, launching a new year with new promise.
• We ended the year on a super high note gifting a set of new bikes to citizen extraordinaire Niko Meritt and her children. Hohoho!

Bike Newport Financial Summary
for the 12 months ended December 31, 2015

INCOME

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Restricted Assets carried into 2015: $101,046

**Total Net Assets EOY 2015:** $155,873
DONORS 2015

Bike Newport depends on the generosity of foundations, government and private agencies, businesses and individuals to improve bicycling and encourage more people to choose bicycling for transportation and recreation. These supporters recognize the promise of cycling to our health, economy, environment, quality of life and quality of place. On behalf of all who benefit from bicycling progress – thank you!

GEARS $10,000 & UP

  EJMP Fund
  Kaminitz Family Trust
  RIDOT Highway Safety Program
  van Beuren Charitable Trust

FRAMES: up to $10,000

  FH Prince Memorial Fund
  Newport Health Equity Zone

CRANKS: up to $5,000

  1772 Foundation
  Bike to the Beach
  De Ramel Foundation
  Discover Newport
  Jeff Heimiller
  Don and Jana Jagoe
  Judd Katzen
  Dan Levinson
  Newport Fed Foundation
  Newport Festivals Foundation
  Newport Running Club
  Denise Roberts
  Jon and Illica Strasser

WHEELS: up to $1,000

  Sarah Atkins
  Corrigan Financial
  William Croasdale IV
  Hamilton Foundation
  Meg Heriot
  Amanda Minor
  Laura Murphy
  Newport Harbor Corporation
  Newport Running Club
  Patagonia on Thames
  Stein Family Foundation
  Team One Newport

PEDALS: up to $500

  AAA Northeast
  Ella Auchincloss
  Frank Barbosa
  Betty Bourret
  Alice Braunstein
  Brenda Brock
  Liza Burkin
  Brenda Calkins
  Kathryn Carlson
  Carter LLC
  Ed Coll
  Deanna Conheeny Casey
  Richard Corbin
  Beaudoin Corinne
  Bob Davidson
  Brian Dever
  Tina Dolen
  Karen Flippo
  DCG Synergy Foundation
  Bari Freeman
  Colleen Gilmartin
  Ben Hancock
  Kim Hapgood
  Peter Harty
  Historic Hill Association
  Diane Hirschberg
  Elise Huebner
  Brian Kiracofe
  Rita Lavoie
  Tim Leary
  Donna and John Maytum
  Allison McNally
  Susan Mocarski
  Naomi Neville
  Liz Niemiec
  Miki Ohlsen
  Megan O’Rourke
  Martha Parker
  Tom Perrotti
  Ron Rapoza
  James Ryan
  Daniel Sheehan
  Kathy Staab
  Charles & Victoria Stengel
  Michael Thomas
  Ted Torrey
  Emily Tripp
  Amanda & Matthew Ward
  Sheldon & Sandra Whitehouse
  Worldways Social Marketing
  Chip Young

SPOKES: up to $100

  Anthony Agostinelli
  Julie Basil Pierce
  Christopher Bender
  Elizabeth Benestad
Rebecca Bertrand
Amanda Brayman
Kathleen Brooks
Nick Brown
John E Burger
Judith Byrnes
Bill Caine
David & Margaret Call
Carolyn Clark
Sharon Connors
Jean Conway
Kristen Correira
Ron Corriveau
Newport County Chamber of Commerce
Gertrude Coxe
Robert Curtis
Amanda DaCunha
Eli Dana
Joanna Detz
Richard Lee DiPetro
Rowena Dunlap Burke
Casey Farley
Paul & Deborah Fattibene
Alan Feinberg
Scott Ferreira
Linda Finn
Charles Flippo
Erin Flynn
Ashley Forgione
Brian Fox
Veronica Fox
Renee Gannaway
Gagne Gary
Wayne Grover
Ray Gutowski
Jessica Hagen
Jessica Hagen Fine Art & Design
Charlie Hayes
Chris Heaton
Judith Hestnes
John Hill Foundation
Joyce Janie
Samuel Jernigan
James Woodworth and John Murphy
Tracy Jonsson
Alex Joseph
Harry & Hillary Kaminsky
Mary-Kate Kane
Lauren Kelly
Elizabeth King
David Kirkpatrick
Mike Kowalczyk
Gladys Lavine
Rita Lavoie
Lisa Lawless
Jenny Le

John Litherland
Mary Ellen Lynch
Kim Lyons
Chiancola Maria
Sara Martineau
Richard Mason
Kaye May
John & Shaw Mayers
Keith J Mayes
Kiki McMahan
Frederick & Judith Michel
Anne Mitchell
Holly Muscolino
Charles Allott and Ellen Nichols
Sandy Oxx
Mark Ozer
Kim & John Palmer
Jane Pickens Theater
Rachel Playe
Ellen Postrel
Mark Pozer
Rob Purdy
Patricia Neal Rakolta
Peter Razza
John Repoza
Bill Rollins
Marian A. Royer
Heather Ruhsam
Lisa Sacco
Robert Schlein
Mark Simmons
Sondra Spencer
Catriona St. George
Betsy Stein
Lynda Stockwell
David Stookey
Jody Sullivan
Liz Taber
Teresa Tanzi
Brennan Tara
Torrey Ted
Myrtle Thomas
Christopher Tompsett
Rabbi Marc Mandel
Genie Trevor
Emily Tripp
Robert & Karen Votava
Martyn Walker
Bob Washburn
Judith Webb
Jessica Wurzbacher
Dallas Pell Yates
Charles Young
Arlene Zats
Ruth & Lawrence Ziegler
Bike Newport is a domestic non-profit organization registered in the State of Rhode Island in November of 2011. Our fiscal sponsor is Social Venture Partners of Rhode Island, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. We expect to apply for 501c3 status in 2016.