

Bike Newport Annual Report 2013



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.

Message from the Board Chair

What a year this has been!

After two fast-paced, fully-committed, all-volunteer years, 2013 marked our first year as a funded and staffed organization. We welcomed Bike Newport's founder, Bari Freeman (George), as Executive Director, and we hired Mark Chesterton and Liza Burkin as our Director of Youth Programs and Program Manager, respectively. Together, our staff and Board members are working hard to expand our program and to build the assets needed to sustain the organization into the future. This report will take you through a year of progress and promise, and set the stage for the exciting road ahead.

We are extremely grateful to the van Beuren family and the van Beuren Charitable Foundation for providing the funds necessary to get Bike Newport started and to inspire the support of the EJMP Fund for Philanthropy, the Frederick H. Prince Memorial Fund, the family of Elliot Kaminitz, and numerous other donors, listed later in this report. All of our supporters share the conviction that improving and encouraging bicycling holds promise of improved quality-of-life and quality-of-place for the greater Newport area.

We have much to look forward to as a community, as we continue to integrate bicycling into a healthy and sustainable future. Thank YOU for being part of the movement and the momentum.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deanna Conheeny Casey".

Deanna Conheeny Casey
Board Chair



Message from the Executive Director

Bike love! Bike Newport, at our heart, is about the bike and all it promises – improved health, environment, preservation, economy, and happiness. Year-round we work to engage all community members in the promises of more and better biking. Low-cost and high-return, biking enhances lives and culture, and improves the well-being of people and cities.

The many partners who come together to support Bike Newport's mission all bring commitment to our children, families and community. In just three short years, we have together advanced the engineering, education, encouragement, and enforcement of better bicycling. In 2013, Newport became the first city in Rhode Island to be recognized as a *Bicycle Friendly Community* by the national League of American Bicyclists. Congratulations, Newport!

Please enjoy this report as a review of where we've been and an indication of where we are going – together. The list of accomplishments is long, but the "to do" list is longer. We look forward to continuing to make progress together.

Join us in our planning, our discussions, our events, our classes, and on our rides! Our ultimate goal remains – more people on bikes.

Ride safe, ride happy. Ride!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bari Freeman".

Bari Freeman (George)
Executive Director



Community Meetings

We hold at least four meetings monthly to engage cycling advocates in discussions related to programs, priorities and progress. Meetings are held at the Bike Newport office at 435 Thames Street in Newport. Check the calendar at www.bikenewportri.org/events for updates.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8:30am: Roads and Routes
 2nd Tuesday at 8:00am: Monthly Community Meeting
 4th Tuesday at 6:00pm: Bike Newport Board of Directors



The Year in Review

JANUARY

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission proposed to the Newport City Council
- Bike Newport posted for a Director of Youth Programs

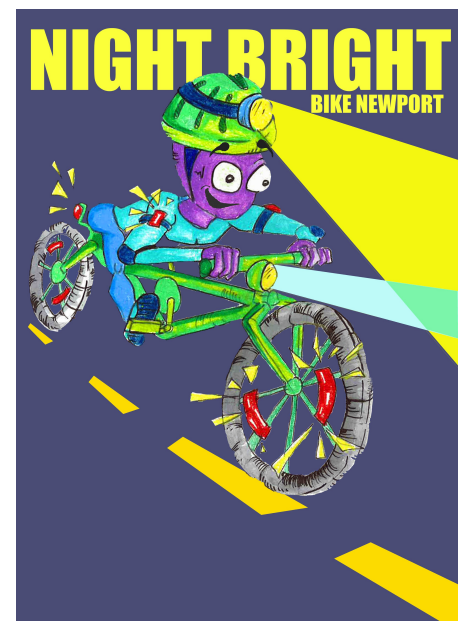
FEBRUARY

- Bike Flick Night: Les Triplettes de Belleville and Race Across America, at the Jane Pickens Theater, later named Bike Friendly Business of the Year 2013
- Roads and Routes riders explored Portsmouth on bicycle for Newport Bicycle Map revisions
- Received Newport Fed grant to support *Night Bright*, distribution of night safety equipment



MARCH

- Featured in the March/April issue of the national American Bicyclist Magazine, as the birthplace of the League of American Bicyclists and as an up-and-coming Bike Friendly Community.
- Mark Chesterton joined the staff of Bike Newport as Director of Youth Programs
- BikeNewportRI.org relaunched
- Bike Newport Night raised an additional \$3000 for *Night Bright*
- Frederick H Prince Memorial Fund of Newport Hospital awarded \$9,200 for Bike Garage North Youth Programs
- BIKE POWER, Bike Newport's pedal powered generators, made an appearance at the Atlantic Cup's Green Drinks



APRIL

- Group ride season launched with six rides in April
- Bike Newport supported the first annual Newport 10Miler
- 20 bicycles collected for restoration and distribution at Newport Recycling Day at Easton's Beach
- Bike Newport and the Kaminitz Family were joined by People's Credit Union, RI Dept of Transportation, Fort Adams Trust and Gray Matter Marketing to announce the first annual Elliot Kaminitz Father's Day Ride scheduled for June 16th
- Recycling Day Bike Rescue – 30 bikes for parts, repair, and distribution
- iNCASE after school program begins in partnership with Boys and Girls Club of Newport County



MAY

- Three Smart Cycling classes for local youth were held at St. Michael's Country Day School
- Bike to Work Day greeted 300 cycling commuters over the course of a daylong celebration that included a commuter breakfast, afternoon press conference, city ride and bike fair.
- Newport Grand provided "Park and Bike" facilities for cycling commuters for Bike to Work Day.
- The Jane Pickens Theater was named the 2013 Bike Friendly Business of the Year
- The 3rd edition Newport Bicycle Map, including Aquidneck and Conanicut Islands was produced thanks to the support of Newport This Week, the Preservation Society, Discover Newport, and the Newport County Chamber of Commerce
- Bike Newport received an electric-assist bike generously contributed by A2B – helping transport BIKE POWER generators and other cargo on two wheels
- Weekly Open Shop nights started at the Bike Garage at Rogers
- Plans were made for group rides of all of the RI Bike Paths over the course of the Spring/Summer season
- 15 businesses joined the Bike Newport Member "Perks" program



JUNE

- The first annual Elliot Kaminitz Fathers Day Ride and Children's Safety Town, sponsored by People's Credit Union and the RI Department of Transportation, welcomed 300 participants and raised nearly \$15,000 for safer cycling initiatives. Local bike shops Hooley, Mansion Rentals, Newport Bicycle and Ten Speed Spokes made free rentals available to out-of-town participants. Videographer Sky Sabin and photographers Meg Heriot and Melissa Barker documented the event.
- The City of Newport makes plans to add shared lane markings to the full length of Spring Street and Lower Thames Street
- newportFILM partnered with Bike Newport to provide bike parking and tune ups at outdoor screenings throughout the summer
- Bike skills, Earn-a-Bike and helmet distribution were on-site at the Village Project Block Party at Park Holm
- Bike Newport worked with the City of Newport to submit a comprehensive application for Bicycle Friendly Community status
- Received 200 helmets from Kiwanis Club of Newport for distribution to area youth



JULY

- Bike Garage North opens three days/week in Newport Heights, thanks to the generous support of the Frederick Henry Prince Memorial Fund at Newport Hospital.
- Two high school students employed to support Bike Garage programs as well as bike parking and tune-ups at summer events
- 3rd annual Fourth of July Bike Decorating and Bike Parade
- Partnering with the Folk Festival and supported by the City of Newport, Newport Police Department, Town of Middletown, Newport Grand, Tretorn Shoes, People's Credit Union, and nearly 50 volunteers, Bike Newport provided online maps, on-road signage, bike parking, on-site bike tune-ups and a pedal-powered cell phone charging station for festivalgoers, including up to 900 bicyclists per day. Yowza!



- Two group rides per week continued throughout the summer
- Spearheaded Bike to the Farmers Market Week in Newport, with the Aquidneck Growers Market
- Welcomed the City of Newport's newest shared lane markings – on Spring Street and Lower Thames.
- Local newspapers and blogs - Newport Daily News, Newport This Week, and Newport Patch - provided public service announcement space to help educate the public about the meanings of the shared road markings (<http://bikenewportri.org/bike-lane-markings-explained/>)

AUGUST

- Liza Burkin joins the Bike Newport team as Program Manager
- #newportriroads launches as a crowdsourced report of road conditions and recommended routes
- Cape Cod Rail Trail ride
- Bike Newport supported Bike to the Beach, a ride supporting autism research



SEPTEMBER

- Bike Newport supported the Middletown Prevention Coalition Family Day, hosting a ride for teenagers of military families
- RIDOT grant to Bike Newport supported public awareness, bicycle safety, and road sharing education
- Bike Newport supported the inaugural 4 Bridges Ride
- Bike Newport lead a city-wide ride as part of the Providence Park(ing) Day
- 18 Salve University students helped organize parts and strip bikes at the Bike Garage at Rogers as part of their fall community service.
- iNCASE programming provided a mountain bike riding course in Miantonomi Park
- Mark Chesterton, Bike Newport's Director of Youth Programs, and Steve Heath, Bike Newport Board Member, attended Bike!Bike! Northeast Conference.



Jacqueline Marwe | Staff photos
A bike tour led by Bike Newport and sponsored by the PUSH (Peer Union for Safety and Health) Youth Committee introduced new military students to Middletown on Sunday afternoon. Participants, above and below, are seen on Third Beach Road in Middletown.

OCTOBER

- Bike Newport's Roads and Routes Committee was featured at the New England Bike and Walk Summit
- Group ride around Block Island
- Start of Bike Garage fall hours
- Earn-a-Bike Program launched at Bike Garage North
- 26 Thompson School students participate in Bike to School Day. Bike Newport and the Newport Police help the students to register their bicycles.
- Recycling Day Bike Rescues in Newport and Middletown recovered 30 bikes for parts, repair and distribution
- Public Workshop on Complete Streets and Modern Roundabouts
- Newport was recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, the first in RI
- First annual Tour de Fright – Halloween Ride



NOVEMBER

- The City of Newport celebrates its award as a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community with a ceremony at City Hall, a community ride and a reception
- Night Bright distribution with the Salve Regina Spanish Club
- Five Met School student interns were active working (and riding) out of the Bike Garage at Rogers



DECEMBER

- Earn-a-Bike ends the year with 20 bikes distributed to area youth since October
- Jingle Bikes, the pedal-powered Christmas Tree, helped promote local community-based organizations and entertains holiday shoppers on Bowen's Wharf
- An end-of-year matching gift challenge helped Bike Newport to raise \$39,600.



Bike Newport Financial Summary

for the 12 months ended December 31, 2013

INCOME	
Direct Public Support	26,034
Grant Revenue	\$135,950
Program Revenue	270
Event Revenue	15,964
Other Income	35
Total Income in 2013:	\$178,253
EXPENSES	
Development	29,328
Program	83,568
Events	42,323
General/Operating	46,256
Expenses in 2013:	\$201,475
 Restricted Assets carried into 2013:	 \$98,784
 Total Net Assets EOY 2013:	 \$75,562

DONORS 2013

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 donors 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
RIDOT Highway Safety
Program
van Beuren Charitable
Trust

FRAMES: UP TO

\$10,000

FH Prince Memorial
Fund
Renee Kaminitz Trust

CRANKS: UP TO

\$5,000

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AARP of Rhode Island
Benzak Foundation
Bob Gerber
Discover Newport
Newport County
Chamber of Commerce
Newport Fed
Newport This Week

People's Credit Union
Preservation Society of
Newport County
Tretorn Corporation
Amanda and Matt Ward

WHEELS: UP TO \$1,000

Anonymous
Brian Hennessy
DCG Synergy
Narragansett Bay
Wheelmen

PEDALS: UP TO \$500

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Sarah Atkins
Bagel Boys
Peter and Gretchen
Bloom
Betty Bourret
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Brian Dever
Marc Braunstein and Liz

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SPOKES: UP TO \$100

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Jeff Buchbinder
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Liza Burkin, Program Manager

