



# The Bike Lane

## CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS

### BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

#### November 2010



**LINN COUNTY TRAILS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE UPDATE AND ANNUAL RECEPTION**  
The Linn County Trails Association has updated their website [www.linncountytrails.org](http://www.linncountytrails.org) to ensure that trail users, friends of the trails, and those interested in trail development can stay connected with current trail developments. LCTA encourages you to explore their new website and give your feedback. Some of the new enhancements include:

- Detailed Google trails maps with descriptions and lengths
- Instant feedback about the status of trails
- Trail users can report problems on the trail to the appropriate governing body
- Facebook, Twitter and email communication tools
- Events and meetings information

LCTA invites you to join the LCTA board at their Annual Reception at Benz Beverage Depot on Tuesday December 7, 2010 5:30 – 7:30 pm to celebrate their accomplishments over the past year. The reception is free and open to the public. Wine and beer tasting, appetizers served. Informal update on trails progress. Share your ideas about trail development and how you use the trails.

#### LIGHT UP YOUR BIKE FOR THE CEDAR RAPIDS HOLIDAY DELIGHT PARADE DECEMBER 4

The City of Cedar Rapids Bicycle Advisory Committee and Bicycle Ambassadors will have a lighted bicycles parade entry in the Holiday Delight Parade on Saturday Dec. 4, 2010. If you would like to join us in our parade entry, email Gina Weaver [g.weaver@cedar-rapids.org](mailto:g.weaver@cedar-rapids.org) for details about theme, rules, meeting location and time. Last year we had over 50 lighted bicycles of all types, including pedal cars and high wheelers, and won first place for best decorated vehicle. Line up for the parade is at 5:30 pm. Parade starts at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> St SE at 6:00 pm. Requirements to participate: Christmas lights, headlight and taillight on your bike, helmet. No Santa characters are allowed, except the official Santa on the last float. Awards will be given for Best Walking Unit, Best Decorated Vehicle, Best Float, Best Animal and Best Use of Theme.



#### CEDAR RAPIDS CEMAR TRAIL PHASE 2

The City of Cedar Rapids has completed construction on the CEMAR Trail Phase 2. Signs should be up soon, and seeding will be done in the spring. The new asphalt trail was built along the old railroad alignment from 20<sup>th</sup> Street to 29<sup>th</sup> Street NE, between Franklin Avenue and F Avenue NE. When all phases are complete, the CEMAR Trail will connect Cedar Rapids and Marion.

## EVENTS AND RIDES NOVEMBER – JANUARY

Saturday November 6

### LINN COUNTY TRAILS ASSOCIATION TRAIL CLEAN UP DAY

<http://linncountytrails.org/event/trail-clean-up-day-2010/>

Meet at trailheads to pick up debris along trails:

9:00 am – 10:00 am Cedar Lake parking lot.

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Sokol Park, McLeod Run, Boyson Rd.

Trash bags provided by the City, bring gloves.

Sunday November 7

### FAIRVIEW FARM 3 & 5 MILE RUN / WALK Beverly Park

<http://cvra.net/races-fairview-trail-run>

Proceeds will be donated to Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Department for improvements to Beverly Park. Dogs on leashes are welcome to participate.

Saturday November 13

### 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY TROT 8K & 4K

Marion Square Park

<http://www.thereturnoftheturkeytrot.com/>

Proceeds benefit Horizons [www.horizonsfamily.org](http://www.horizonsfamily.org).

Saturday November 20

### 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CRANKSGIVING

<http://www.biketechcf.com/>

Mulligans Brick Oven & Pub in Cedar Falls Bike Tech and CVASt host a charity ride to benefit Northeast Iowa Food Bank to help make Thanksgiving possible for families in need.

Friday – Sunday November 26-28

### JINGLE CROSS ROCK

<http://www.jinglecrossrock.com/home.htm>

Johnson County Fairgrounds

Annual 3 day cyclocross race presented by Scheels. Proceeds donated to University of Iowa Children's Hospitals.

Tuesday December 7

### LINN COUNTY TRAILS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RECEPTION

<http://linncountytrails.org/event/linn-county-trails-association-annual-reception/>

5:30 pm at Benz Beverage Depot

501 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Cedar Rapids

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January 28-29, 2011

### IOWA BICYCLE SUMMIT AND RAGBRAI ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

Iowa Events Center in Des Moines

<http://iowabicyclecoalition.org/iowabicyclesummit>



#### DRIVER IN FATAL CRASH TURNS HIMSELF IN

Robert H. Fleming went to the City of Cedar Rapids police headquarters Thursday evening Nov. 4, 2010 to turn himself in, after an arrest warrant was issued for him, and police had been unable to locate him at his residence. Fleming was transported to the Linn County jail. The arrest warrant was for failure to yield and no insurance in the July 29, 2010 fatal crash at C Street and Wilson Avenue SW. Bicyclist Susan DeSotel was southbound on C Street SW, when Fleming turned his truck into her path. Susan was thrown off her bike, hitting the truck and the pavement, leaving her with serious head injuries, although she was wearing a helmet. She died four days later. Susan was an avid bike rider and member of Hawkeye Bicycle Association.

#### CRPD "GET BOOKED" PROGRAM

The City of Cedar Rapids Police Department and Quota International collaborate annually to distribute age appropriate books to children. Officers who observe kids doing something positive such as wearing a helmet or using a cross walk, give them a book donated by Quota International. This was the fifth year for the program.

Sergeant Mike Wallerstedt is the new Bicycle Advisory Committee representative of the CRPD. Congratulations to Captain Tom Jonker on his recent promotion, and thanks to him for his assistance on the Bicycle Advisory Committee from 2008 to 2010.

The new contact for reporting bicycle/motorist incidents to CRPD is Sgt. Mike Wallerstedt [m.wallersted@cedar-rapids.org](mailto:m.wallersted@cedar-rapids.org) or 319-286-5460.

#### SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL WEBINARS

SRTS has free downloadable webinars on their website.

[http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/training/can\\_webinars.cfm](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/training/can_webinars.cfm).

Schools can use these webinars to help start a Safe Routes to School program. Some of the topics include:

- Personal Security and Safe Routes to School
- Helping Parents and Educators Support SRTS
- Mini-Grants: How a Little Can Go a Long Way
- Getting Drivers to Yield
- How to Organize and Run an SRTS Event



Iowa Bicycle Coalition

SafeRoutes

National Center for Safe Routes to School



**CLUBS AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS**

Bicyclists of Iowa City (BIC) [www.bicyclistofiowacity.org](http://www.bicyclistofiowacity.org)  
 Bikeiowa [www.bikeiowa.com](http://www.bikeiowa.com)  
 Cedar Rapids BMX [www.CedarRapidsBMX.com](http://www.CedarRapidsBMX.com)  
 Cedar Valley Running Association (CVRA) [www.CVRA.net](http://www.CVRA.net)  
 Cedar Valley Association for Soft Trails [www.cvast.org](http://www.cvast.org)  
 East Iowa Ski Club (EISC) [www.EastIowaSkiClub.com](http://www.EastIowaSkiClub.com)  
 Hawkeye Bicycle Association (HBA) [www.HawkeyeBike.org](http://www.HawkeyeBike.org)  
 Iowa Bicycle Coalition [www.iowabicyclecoalition.org](http://www.iowabicyclecoalition.org)  
 Iowa Bicycle Racing Association [www.Bikeiowa.org](http://www.Bikeiowa.org)  
 Iowa City Cycling Club (ICCC) [www.iowacitycyclingclub.com](http://www.iowacitycyclingclub.com)  
 Iowa Coalition of Off-Road Riders (ICORR) [www.ICORRmtb.org](http://www.ICORRmtb.org)  
 League of American Bicyclists [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org)  
 Kennedy Mt. Biking Club (Chain Gang) [www.Kenn.cr.d12.ia.us](http://www.Kenn.cr.d12.ia.us)  
 Linn Area Cyclers Bike Club [www.LACBC.vpweb.com](http://www.LACBC.vpweb.com)  
 Linn Area Mountain Bike Assoc. (LAMBA) [www.LAMBAonline.org](http://www.LAMBAonline.org)  
 Linn County Trails Association (LCTA) [www.LinnCountyTrails.org](http://www.LinnCountyTrails.org)  
 Marion-Cedar Rapids Road Hogs Bike Club <http://northtownebikes.com/for/roadhogs>  
 Midwest Xtreme Triathlon Club [www.MWXTRI.com](http://www.MWXTRI.com)  
 North Liberty / Coralville Running and Bicycle Club (CRABS) [www.meetup.com/North-Liberty-Coralville-Running-and-Bicycling-Club](http://www.meetup.com/North-Liberty-Coralville-Running-and-Bicycling-Club)  
 Sticks in the Water Paddlers [sticksinthewater@yahoo.com](mailto:sticksinthewater@yahoo.com)  
 Think Bicycles [www.thinkbicycles.org](http://www.thinkbicycles.org)  
 University of Iowa Cycling Club (UICC) [www.iowacycling.org](http://www.iowacycling.org)



**NORTHTOWNE CYCLING AND FITNESS**

1150 Blairs Ferry Road NE  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
 319-393-6557

[www.northtownebikes.com](http://www.northtownebikes.com)

**MARCH 1 – NOVEMBER 24:**

Monday and Thursday 9:00 am – 8:30 pm  
 Tue, Wed and Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
 Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Sunday Closed

**NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 24:**

Monday and Thursday 9:00 am – 8:30 pm  
 Tue, Wed and Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
 Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
 Sunday Noon – 4:00 pm

**DECEMBER 26 – FEBRUARY 28:**

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
 Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
 Sunday Closed  
 New Years Day Closed

**HALL BICYCLE COMPANY**

419 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401  
 319-362-1052

[www.hallbicycle.com](http://www.hallbicycle.com)

**FALL AND WINTER HOURS:**

Monday and Thursday 8:30 am – 8:30 pm  
 Tue, Wed and Friday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm  
 Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Sunday Closed



City of Cedar Rapids

Bicycle Advisory Committee

[www.facebook.com/BikeCR](http://www.facebook.com/BikeCR)



**Derek Stepanek**, Northtowne Cycling & Fitness, Manager  
**Becky Nowachek**, Healthy Linn Care Network, Community Health Outreach Coordinator  
**Gina Weaver**, City of Cedar Rapids, Project Engineer I - Traffic  
**John Wauer**, Linn County Trails Association  
**Karl Moscrip**, Hall Bicycle Company, Owner  
**Kevin Caster**, Shuttleworth & Ingersol, Attorney; Linn Area Mountain Bike Assoc., Secretary  
**Sgt. Mike Wallerstedt**, City of Cedar Rapids, Police Department Bike Patrol  
**Mark Wyatt**, Iowa Bicycle Coalition, Executive Director  
**Nikki Davidson**, Rockwell Collins, Senior Support Coordinator  
**Paul Salamon**, Rockwell Collins, retired; League of American Bicyclists Cycling Instructor  
**Ron Griffith**, City of Cedar Rapids, Bicycle Coordinator and Project Engineer II - Traffic  
**Shannon Stokesberry**, City of Cedar Rapids, Police Department Crime Prevention

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SCALE: NONE

# CEMAR TRAIL, PHASE 1 & 2 PROJECT



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**29<sup>th</sup> Street NE at B Avenue. The CEMAR Trail is a 12 foot wide asphalt multi-use trail for walking, bicycling, rollerblading, etc. Motorized vehicles are prohibited.**



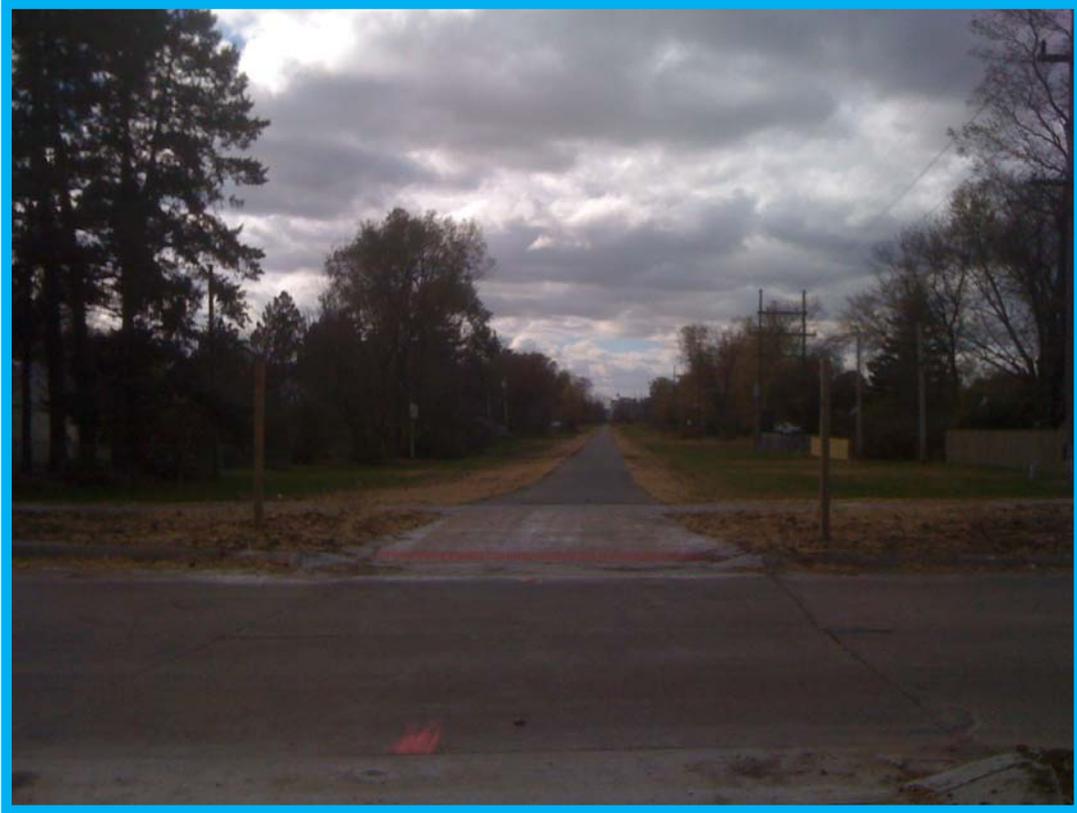
**Looking Southwest at 29<sup>th</sup> Street NE and B Avenue.**



Looking Northeast at 27<sup>th</sup> Street NE and the CEMAR Trail crossing.



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**Looking Southwest at 27<sup>th</sup> Street NE and the CEMAR Trail crossing.**



**Looking Northeast at Prairie Drive/20<sup>th</sup> Street NE and the CEMAR Trail crossing.**



**Looking Southwest at Prairie Drive/20<sup>th</sup> Street NE and the CEMAR Trail crossing. The CEMAR Trail Phase 1 project will begin at the Cedar Lake parking lot on Shaver Rd NE and end here.**