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# Pedalin' Times



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## MKT trail rerouted!

From the Missourian:

The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department held a meeting asking for public opinion Thursday regarding closing a section of the MKT Nature and Fitness Trail for reconstruction of Bridge 9.

The project is set to begin in November and is expected to be completed near the end of March 2027, weather permitting. The bridge construction is estimated to cost \$550,000.

The section of the trail is located near mile marker seven, northeast of the entrance to the MizzouRec and Hinkson Creek trails. The proposed bridge will include an HS-20 load rating, which allows for heavy vehicles.

“Bridge 9, as it is, is perfectly safe for pedestrians and cyclists to cross,” said Janet Godon, a city park planner. “We are replacing it because the substructure needs to also be able to support emergency medical services and our heavier maintenance vehicles so that we can (cont p3)

## Things to know about Town :

This week, at a ‘thank-you’ lunch for Adopt-a-Trail volunteers and Park Patrol volunteers, we had an opportunity to ask questions of Gabe Huffington, Columbia Park and Recreation Director. He answered a variety of inquiries on different topics – and offered some info that was deemed “worth sharing” We learned the following :

- The Columbia Police have installed 13 FLOCK cameras, one in most of Columbia’s Park and Rec parking lots, intended as a crime deterrent. These capture only rear license plate info and generic car color and description, and are *not* designed to do facial recognition. You should be invisible to them on your bike – but do be careful out there.
- The construction in the Twin Lakes parking lot is to re-line the sewer pipes. There will be on-going construction as they close one half then the other side of the parking lot after the sewer work to repave the lot, then redesign the traffic patterns. That part of the project is projected to be completed early June. At that point, they will revamp the shelter (mostly replacing the roof and updating the electrical to LED lighting) then will assess an improve the bathrooms as needed and finally will revamp and reconfigure the access to the Dog Park.
- The Columbia Missourian (piece on the left, cont p3) indicated the replacement of Bridge 9 could start in November. Mr. Huffington indicated it would be more likely to be closer to December – since “Improve I70” has caused so many closures and detours already, they were hesitant to start closing routes that bikers use, too! ”

## Pedalin' Times

Pedalin' Times is the official publication of the Columbia Bicycle Club, 2502 Spanish Bay Dr. Columbia, MO 65202. This is a not-for-profit corporation for the promotion of biking.

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Pedalin' Times welcomes articles that would be of interest to the membership. We request submissions for publication be Emailed to the editor at the address below

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Annual dues for the Columbia Bicycle Club are \$20.00 (US) per household, on a calendar basis.

If you move, please let us know by sending an Email to Secretary Joe at the Email address below. We really do want you to get your copy of the newsletter.

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## Minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:36

11 members were present – including our newest member, Randy!

**Treasurer's report** : opening balance 4/1/2026: \$1985.30  
Expenses: Shakespeare's Pizza \$45.61 Income : Pizza donations \$47.00 Closing Balance, 4/30/2026 \$1986.69

### Old business :

Reminders of up-coming events: BikeWalkWheel Breakfast station – hosted by YOUR Columbia Bicycle Club! Be at Beet Box, 6:30am – 9 am on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business :

Discussion of detours around Bridge #9, maps available form City for planned construction this winter. See p 1 and 3

Progress at Cooper's Landing: construction and renovations look good – anticipated completion June / July.

Dan S and Joe H are planning on doing a 4<sup>th</sup> of July ride – if interested in joining them, send a note and appear at the June meeting and we'll make plans !

The construction/demolition of the overpass over I70 at Providence will start sometime in May/June and is anticipated to last ~150 days. Your results may vary. The StCharles overpass is already gone.

Some discussion on the MO Active Transportation Plan -see [https://www.movingmissouri.org/our-work/advocacy/statewide-](https://www.movingmissouri.org/our-work/advocacy/statewide-active-transportation-plan/)

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Ride Reports : Joe and Karen rode the Stooges in Lebanon - see p4 for report and details

Some discussion about travel insurance (TravelGuard was recommended by a few) and if you are looking for coverage specifically for your bike there are options (Velosurance - <https://velosurance.com/>) worth looking into, depending on your ride and what kind of coverage you're looking for.

No further business was conducted. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm as pizza arrived.

## Bridge 9 replacement (cont from p1)

...maintain the trail up to the standards our community expects,” she said. The original MKT bridges, like Bridge 9, are 120 years old and were originally purposed as railway corridor bridges. Bridge 9’s new steel design will resemble other newer bridges on the MKT, such as Bridge 8 and Bridge 7.

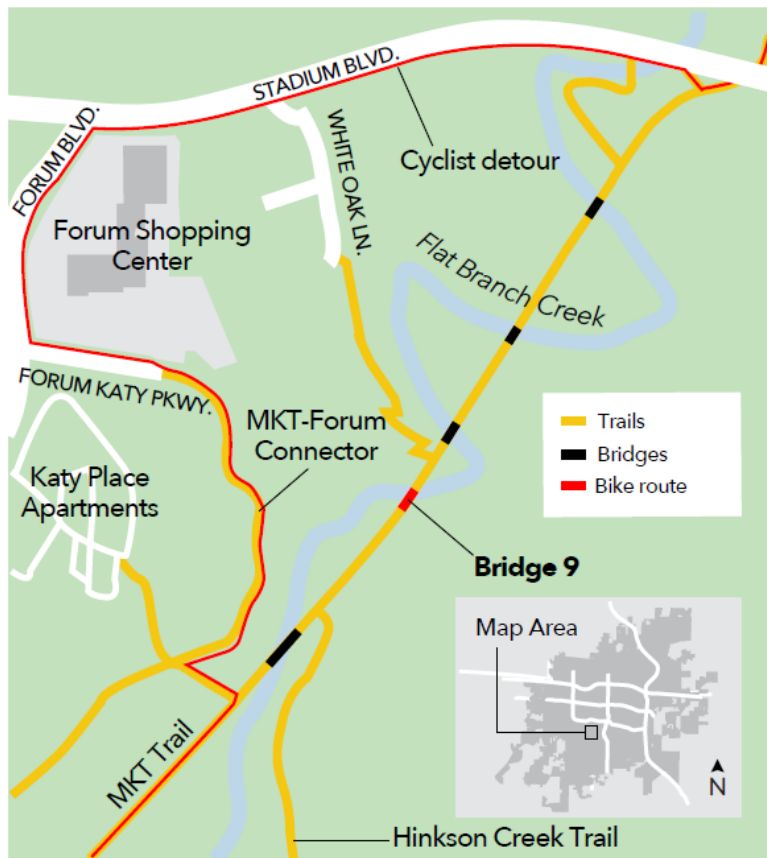
Trail users should anticipate intermittent closures near the bridge’s construction. Pedestrian accommodations include a single-path nature trail, which will cross the Flat Branch Creek. Cyclists will need to commute using the MizzouRec Trail and the Hinkson Creek Trail to travel between MKT Bridge 10 and MU campus. An on-road route is available through the Forum-Katy Parkway Connector and on Stadium Boulevard. Alternatively, cyclists can also dismount their bicycles and walk the pedestrian bypass route. Cyclists can not ride on the bypass trail due to trail-width restrictions.

“As a daily trail user, including the MKT Trail, I am completely empathetic with our trail users being concerned with the MKT Trail being closed in that location,” Godon said. “That’s why we did our due diligence in planning for this project to be in the dead of winter when the trail is used less,” she said. “We feel it’s going to be expedited because we won’t have to continually open and close the trail.”

Construction updates and full trail closures will be posted on Columbia Park and Recreation’s social media accounts, with these posts serving to efficiently provide the public more information, Godon said.

## MKT Trail may be rerouted as Parks & Rec replaces bridge

Columbia Parks & Recreation plans to replace the MKT Trail’s aging Bridge 9. In the meantime, hikers will be rerouted across the creek, and cyclists will be asked to take Stadium Boulevard.



Source: Columbia Parks & Rec.

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## Bike Rodeo : Volunteer Opportunity!

The Columbia Community Recreation Department will sponsor a **Bike Rodeo** on **Saturday, May 16**, at Progressive Baptist Church on Banks Ave. The event is for youth 5-16 years old, and will be from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Participants will learn safety rules by going through a 9-step course.

The Department is asking for volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested, please contact Mary Dewey by email at [mary.dewey@como.gov](mailto:mary.dewey@como.gov).

## Joe's Stooges ride

The annual Tour de Stooges happened on Saturday, May 2, in Lebanon, IL.

Starting from McKendree University, there were four routes, ranging from 25 to 100 miles. Karen Reider and I, plus three friends, planned on riding the "Shemp Shortcut", a 46-mile ride through the rural area east of Lebanon. For those who don't recall, Shemp was the "Fourth Stooge"; "Curly" Joe Besser was from East St. Louis, hence the ride's name. For many years, Gateway East Trails has sponsored the ride, but this year it has been taken up by the St. Louis-based Trailnet organization.

Saturday morning was partly cloudy and cool, with the promise of showers. We were all dressed warmly as we started off around 7:30 am, and headed north out of Lebanon. After a few wake-up climbs, we found the first rest stop after about 5 miles. After that we headed east, and found ourselves in a steady crosswind; we could see rain falling off in the distance but headed off and didn't bother us. After some more hills we found a long flat stretch before turning back to the north, where we pushed against a breeze for a few miles.



Turning to head back toward Lebanon, we were relieved to have a tailwind for a while. We passed through several farms and past newly-planted fields. As we got to the last quarter of the ride, we discovered a dark and wet cloud in front of us, and it began to sprinkle. About that time, we found the one really nasty hill on the route. A long false flat followed by a steep climb had many people exercising their "foot gears". The good news was that there was a high berm and lots of trees that both blocked the wind and sheltered us from the rain. As we made the turn back south toward the end the rain stopped and there was a pleasant run toward the end of the ride and a catered lunch at the university's cafeteria.

The support on the ride was, as always, excellent. The rest stops were well stocked with fruit, snacks, and drinks, with some stops having pickle juice for cramping. I was later told that there were some 570 riders from all over the area. This has always been one of my favorite rides, and I hope to continue participating in the future.

## Bike Walk Wheel Week : Breakfast station at BeetBox Hosted by Columbia Bicycle Club

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the CBC hosted the Breakfast station at BeetBox – and as has been true the previous 2 years, we DID have the BEST breakfast items available – provided by Beet Box.

I arrived at 6:30 and set up our table, with my bike-themed table cloth, cutie oranges and bananas. I was soon joined by Joe, arriving on his electric scooter, Marlyn who walked over and was then joined by Becky Reed, CFO of Local Motion, who brought coffee and the condiments.

The BeetBox pastry chef arrived a little after 7 with blueberry scones, sweet potato bread, banana bread (with a chocolate swirl!) and bacon cheddar biscuits! That was in addition to a large tray of assorted muffins – banana, poppy seed, zucchini and oat – if you wanted to be healthy about this.



LocalMotion had people sign in so we know we had at least 50 people visit our station over those 2 hours.



Several of us also left with an order to-go from BeetBox – their pastries are good but their ‘real’ food is just amazing!

## Up coming rides of interest – some local, some at a distance

[Pedaler's Jamboree](#) : Sat, May 23, 2026 7:30 AM through Sun, May 24, 2026 4:00 PM

Off-Track Events is partnering with Walt's for the Pedaler's Jamboree! The Great Folks at Walt's will be providing mechanical support at the starting line at Flat Branch Park in Columbia, AND at the Kemper Park Campground in Booneville, AND several stops along the way!

For more information about rentals or accessories, give Walt's a call at 573-886-9258. For more information about the event itself, checkout the Pedaler's Jamboree Website at the link above.



See you on the trail!

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### [UFD Rhett's Run XC](#)

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 7:30 AM 1:00 PM  
Rhett's Run Trail ([map](#))

The United Federation of Dirt is returning to Cosmo Park for the Rhett's Run XC race! All proceeds from this race will be going to one of our fantastic community partners, COMOTA, so be sure to sign up for the event and show your support! For more information, visit the UFD's website at the link above.



### [Criterium at the Columns](#)

Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:00 AM 4:00 PM

We are excited to announce that crit racing will return to downtown Columbia for another year!

6<sup>th</sup> street is closed for construction so there will be a NEW Route this year! There will be competition at every level including a free race for kids 10 and under. For more information, visit the event registration page above This event is presented by CycleX Racing.



### [Show-Me State Games XCO](#)

Sunday, July 19, 2026 8:00 AM 2:00 PM  
Rock Bridge Memorial State Park ([map](#))

The Show-Me State Games and the United Federation of Dirt are partnering up yet again to bring mountain bike racing back to Rock Bridge Memorial State Park.

The race will feature beginner, sport, expert, and marathon categories.

You can either register for the race at the link above or sign up on race day at the event.

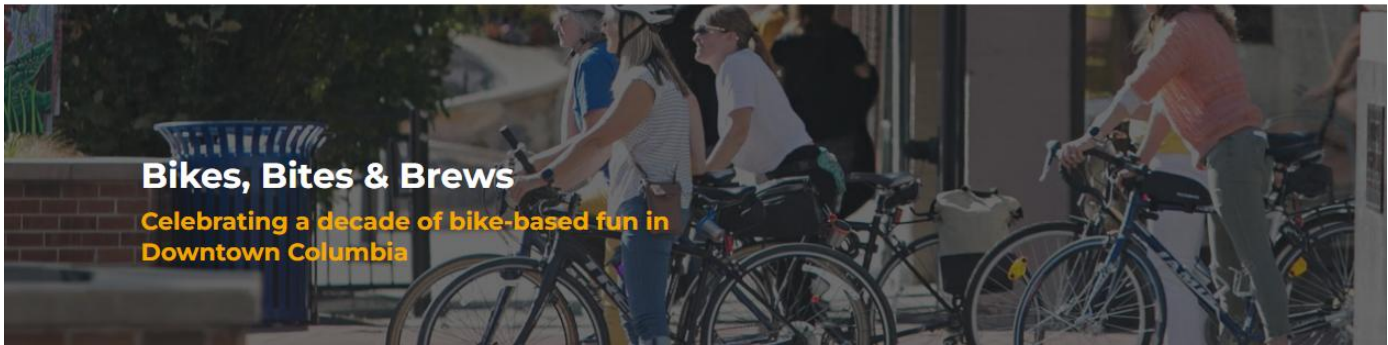
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## Upcoming fun-fundraisers / need for volunteers form Local Motion



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### Bikes, Bites & Brews

Celebrating a decade of bike-based fun in Downtown Columbia

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2026**

Cheers to over ten years of Bikes & Brews! Saddle or lace up for a breezy evening cruise through downtown Columbia with pit stops for local microbrew samples (N/A options too!) and food. This is a great event to ride or stride as this flat, friendly route is walkable, so no one gets left in the dust. Dress to impress and gear up for a night of top-notch sips, tasty bites, and unforgettable hangs!

Pre-registration opens **soon** with **tickets priced at \$45**. This covers registration, happy hubbub, and sample-size pours paired with tasty local food options at each of our stops. Registration remains open until the event or until we reach our maximum of 125 tickets sold. **Day-of-event tickets are \$55**. Register on-site at CycleX from 5:15-6:00 pm with cash or card.

**Keep it wheel-green:** Roll in with your favorite reusable cup. If you forget one, you can purchase a snazzy Local Motion reusable cup at check-in.

Your ticket purchase helps build a smarter and safer streetscape for all Columbia road users! Hope to see you there!



This year we have **Non-Alcoholic** beers at every stop thanks to Athletic Brewing Co!

For more info – what to bring, etc see <https://lomocomo.org/bikes-and-brews>

## I can Bike

Local Motion is excited to share that we will be hosting the iCan Bike program right here in Columbia, Missouri!

The iCan Bike program is designed for people with disabilities ages 8 and up, offering something many never get the chance to experience: the ability to independently ride a bicycle. Research shows that more than 80% of people with Autism and 90% of people with Down syndrome never learn to ride a two wheel bike. This program exists to change that!

Through a structured, supportive, and empowering 5-day camp, riders build skills, confidence, and independence. Each day includes multiple 75-minute riding sessions in a safe, indoor environment, with trained staff and volunteer spotters working one-on-one with riders.

Register as a PARTICIPANT here: <https://icanshine.org/ican-bike-columbia-mo>

To help as a VOLUNTEER please register HERE ! <https://forms.gle/eZhAKy6dpsML73rA7>

The next meeting of the Columbia  
Bicycle Club will be at 7:30 p.m.,

**Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> !**

We meet at Shakespeare's West  
Enjoy great camaraderie and the  
good feeling you get from spending  
time with fellow bicyclists.

Hope To See Ya!

Need a Bike Box for Travel?  
Remember the club owns TWO  
Contact: EITHER  
CycleX OR TEXT the Club Pres  
at 573 864 6830  
to reserve one.

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