



"Drivers are more likely to respect bicyclists' rights on the roads if bicyclists ride predictably and obey traffic laws."

Youth Bike Rodeo ages 5-11

Saturday, October 18, 2008
9am-11am

City Hall Parking Lot, next to
the Japanese Gardens

Sign up with Olympia Parks
and Recreation
(360) 753-8380
or sign up online at:
[www.olympiawa.gov/city
services/par](http://www.olympiawa.gov/city_services/par)

What is *Olympia Walks, Olympia Bikes*?

Olympia Walks, Olympia Bikes is a new program the City of Olympia developed to encourage community members to walk and bike for recreation or transportation. The program will educate our community on:

- How to get started walking or biking;
- How to travel safely using these modes;
- How to share the road with each other; and
- How to implement walking and biking into your daily lives, even in the winter months.

Active lifestyles have less risk of health problems and can stimulate your mind and provide alertness to start your day.

Our community will benefit from less traffic congestion and less air pollution in our environment. Walking and biking also help connect neighbors with one another.

The program will include:

- A safety and encouragement campaign;
- Outreach to neighborhoods and schools;
- Starter kits for walking or biking; and
- A walking map and other useful materials.

The City is actively building sidewalks and bike lanes to make walking and biking more accessible modes of travel. This program will compliment these improvements so we can better utilize them.

What's Happening?

Bicycle Education

The City of Olympia has partnered with the [Capitol Bicycling Club](#) to offer Bicycle Education Workshops. Four local [League of American Bicyclist](#) Certified Instructors will lead workshops for youth, adults and women including:

- Strategies for riding in traffic
- Rules of the Road
- Basic Maintenance
- Bike handling skills

These workshops will be offered through Olympia Parks & Recreation in spring 2009.

Upcoming Workshops

Youth Safety Workshops

"Safety without Fear"

A personal safety workshop will be offered for parents with local child development counselor, Candyce Bollinger. The workshop will cover how to prepare children for increasing independence and how to assess safety as they travel independently. See the Winter Parks & Recreation brochure for details.

Youth Bike Rodeos

An interactive lesson of bike handling, hand signals and more. A Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. See left side of page for details.

All workshops are also available upon request for any school, neighborhood or organization. We are available to "table" at any event to provide information on bicycle and pedestrian resources and programs as well. Contact Kerry Tarullo at the City of Olympia for details: (360) 753-8575; ktarullo@ci.olympia.wa.us

* If you require special accommodations during your attendance, please call Kerry Tarullo at (360) 753-8575, at least 1 day in advance of the event. As much advance notice as possible is appreciated. For the hearing impaired, please call (360) 753-8270 to request accommodation via TTY; or dial 7-1-1 to be connected via the Washington State Relay Service.

Olympia Walks, Olympia Bikes



Bike tube counters on East Bay Drive.

Bike Counts

Have you seen those black tube traffic counters in the bike lanes lately?

That's right, we are counting bicyclists! This is the first step the City of Olympia is taking to count bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Bicyclists and pedestrians are becoming such integral parts of our transportation system. This will provide an opportunity to measure these modes just as we measure motor vehicle traffic.

We will be conducting these counts in nine different locations around Olympia. The counts will take place the first week in June, October, and March each year.

Counts from June 2008-Average of 7 Days

Location	Average Daily Bikes
4 th Ave Bridge-Eastbound	134
4 th Ave Bridge-Westbound	115
5 th Ave Bridge-Eastbound	156
5 th Ave Bridge-Westbound	109
East Bay Drive-Northbound	55
East Bay Drive-Southbound	81
Boulevard Rd-Northbound	35
Boulevard Rd-Southbound	24
Decatur St-Northbound	14
Decatur St-Southbound	16
Cooper Pt Rd-Northbound	73
Cooper Pt Rd-Southbound	76
Olympia Woodland Trail East of Eastside Street	84 total both dir
Olympia Woodland Trail between Eastside and 14 th	115 total both dir
Westbound State Ave at Puget	96

City of Olympia Transportation Contacts

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Sidewalk Repair & Bike Lane
Sweeping:
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Downtown Bike Racks-
Racks on Demand Program:
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Olympia Receives Silver!

In 2004, Olympia applied for a [Bicycle Friendly Community Award](#) from the League of American Bicyclists, and received the silver award. These awards are nationally recognized and given to cities across our nation. There are four levels: bronze, silver, gold and platinum, and they are given out based on the City's bicycling network and the level of education and encouragement the city provides.

In August of this year, our silver award was renewed, and we will be going for the gold next year!

This new *Olympia Walks, Olympia Bikes* program will help work towards the gold status.

For more information on Bicycle Friendly Communities, visit the League of American Bicyclists website at: www.bikeleague.org

Yard Signs

Do you want to show your support for walking and biking in your neighborhood?

Order one of these two yard signs to display your appreciation for walkers and cyclists both young and old, and to remind drivers to drive carefully around your active community.

Email ktarullo@ci.olympia.wa.us or call (360) 753-8575, TTY# (360) 753-8270, to reserve yours today.



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