

Pedal Power

October, 2022

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The Prez Sez

Our annual meeting and banquet are coming up next month on Thursday, November 17. It is good to be back to holding the meeting in November as we used to before “you know what” happened.

We are again holding the meeting at the Wheel and Sprocket in Bay View as we did last year. We will have a social hour beginning at six pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and the Joy Ride Café will be open to purchase the beverage of your choice. The club will provide bottled water at no cost.

You can read more about the details below, but if you attended last year you can expect pretty much the same thing.

The most important item on the agenda will be the election of board members. Our bylaws specify that board members serve a three year term. Three of the current board member's terms are up. That doesn't necessarily mean they are leaving the board, but if they wish to continue to serve they must be re-elected.

If you are interested in serving on the board please feel free to reach out to one of the members to discuss your interest. All board members are elected as members at large. After the election the board will meet and vote on the officers and the other positions.

Don't forget that Sunday, October 30th is not only our last official club ride of the regular season, but it is also our annual Halloween ride. The ride coordinator for the ride is our own Queen of Halloween, Debra Tuckwood. Come in costume (suitable for bike riding, and no, coming as a

cyclist does not count). And come early. There will be Halloween treats available and lots of posing for pictures. Some pictures from last year's ride are below.

Hope to see you at the banquet! And we will have fun out there!

September Membership Meeting - Hubbard Park

Some came just for the ride, some came just for the beer, and some came for both the ride & the beer! No matter why they came everyone had a great time socializing!



Halloween Ride - October 30th



Have you got your costume ready for the Halloween Ride? Join us Sunday October Oct 30, 2022 to celebrate Halloween and the end of the biking season by having some scary fun. You don't need a costume to join us on the ride, but Halloween fun isn't just for children. We'll be riding the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. Come dressed in your favorite/scariest Halloween costume (suitable to bike in). Arrive early because there will be Halloween treats for everyone who shows up for the ride and maybe even a chance to have your photo taken in the cemetery.



BVBC Annual Banquet

The 2022 Bay View Bicycle Club Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday November 17, at the Wheel and Sprocket in Bay View. The store's Joy Ride Café will be open to purchase beer, wine, and cocktails before and during the banquet. We will begin at 6:00 pm with a cocktail hour with snacks you can enjoy while touring the store. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. We will be

returning to a more traditional menu with pizza, salad and dessert on the menu. As in the past, we will present the rider point's awards, valuable door prizes, and perhaps a few others (the Twisted Monkey maybe). Come to the banquet and find out what that is about. Paid Bay View Bicycle Club members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Nonmembers can sign up and pay their dues the night of the banquet, 11/17/2022. RSVP using the link below by **Sun 11/13/2022 at 5 PM:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BABA72FA64-2022>



Membership Notes

By Rich Temple

We have had two new members join since the last newsletter; please welcome **Andrew Drefahl** and **Emily Carman** to the BVBC. Including the renewals that have come in, we are up to 176 members for the 2022 season!



2022 Ride Season - 10:00 am Start

By Andy Sikorski

Date		Route Name	Starting Location	Dist. 1	Dist. 2	Dist. 3	Dist. 4	Special Event
Saturday	10/15	Harrington Beach	Port Washington	34	43	0	0	0
Sunday	10/16	Three Trails West (state pass required)	Waukesha	14	24	26	39	0
Saturday	10/22	Lake Mills Triangle	Lake Mills	29	41	56	0	0
Sunday	10/23	White River Trail	Burlington	21	37	0	0	0
Saturday	10/29	Classic Mash Up	Oconomowoc	29	40	0	0	0
Sunday	10/30	Ozaukee Interurban	Mequon	30	0	0	0	BVBC Annual Halloween Costume Ride

Click here for ride detail: <https://bayviewbikeclubblog.files.wordpress.com/2022/05/summary-schedule-09apr2022-to-30oct2022-30apr2022.pdf>

RIDER POINT UPDATE

Soriano	Joseph	1855	Meyer	Nick	267	Reinardy	Micki	66	Palla	Raheel	30
Meyer	Craig	1406	Borchardt	Jeff	241	Angeli	Elizabeth	66	Pawlak	Roby	30
Ziegler	Suzanne	1394	Spars	Donna	238	Cabaniss	Julie	65	Kinser	Brittany	29
Roessl	Linda	1317	Samolyk	Vicki	235	Tome	Phil	65	Moeller	Jennifer	29
Ziegler	Joel	1151	Stoner	Joyce	231	Turner	Mary	65	Neesley	Dan	29
Gast	Ted	1065	Paque	Sam	207	Wolfgram	Heather	65	Duffy	Molly	27
Dix	Michael	972	Beattie	Robin	194	Sandler	Mark	64	Bucke	Walker	27
Heller	Rich	880	Kuhs	Kelly	179	Talberg	Janet	63	Kiesow	Loraine	25
Reisenbuechler	James	873	Glodowski	Michael	174	Schmitz	Gerry	62	Lamers	Kim	25
Schmidt	Jeff	849	Manke	Rob	171	Koepsel	Debra	60	Veitch	Ross	24
Sikorski	Andy	779	Dames	William	170	Hancock	Mary	58	Reinardy	Jim	24
Retzlaff	Roger	752	Kenehan-Krey	Jill	170	Pfersch	Harriet	58	Egan-Bruhy	Katie	23
Wojtal	Norm	693	Litzenberg	Jill	160	Steckhahn	Mark	58	Polk	Robert	23
Wojtal	Prati	693	Templin	Tod	155	Pavlak	Robyn	58	Reid	Linda	23
Tuckwood	Debra	684	Blain	Peter	151	Hooten	James	56	Reichart	Kimberly	23
Santoro	Ron	683	Willman	Jan	150	Lorentzen	Susan	56	Reichart	Jim	23
Zellner	John	651	Whisler	Eileen	146	Connors	Dennis	55	Schowalter	Jenny	20
Turner	Steven	641	Maus	Ted	139	Orosa	JoJo	53	Wright	Lynne	20
Blakely	Chuck	630	Schoone	Amalia	134	Lambert	Kent	52	Fasi	Joe	19
Torres	Jeff	627	Fischer	Joseph	133	Perdue	Jennifer	51	Henn	Milton	19
Thomas	Scott	618	White	Becky	124	Douglas	Pat	50	Ricksecker	Jim	19
Zur	Kimberley	593	Hall	Tim	122	Krueger	Gil	50	Temple	Richard	19
Peterson	Pat	574	Kjaer	Amy	117	Frausto	Patricia	49	Tomko	Jonathan	19
Talsky	Ron	572	Beachofski	Clare	115	Benneton	Spencer	49	Henn	Jennifer	19
Siebers	Scott	519	Radtke	Lorraine	115	Petri	Tom	47	Brittain	John	17
Borley	Kyle	504	Rindahl	JD	114	Hegland	Carol	46	Schwabe	Mary Jo	10
Burdick	Jerry	495	Ripple	Rick	111	Collett	Kristin	46			
Granholm	Lance	490	Glodowski	Beth	107	Bruhy	Mark	45			
Butters	Gary	465	Montgomery	Bobbie	106	Presti	Steve	43			
Mowery	Dean	417	Meyer	Ethan	105	Bartkowiak	Rosemary	40			
Matson	Kevin	408	Soriano	Alan	103	Truskowski	Chris	40			
Sullivan	Tim	383	Burton	Becky	102	Vetter	Richard	40			
Kitzinger	Joseph	381	Ellington	Pauline	97	Zalewski	Mark	40			
Rosenberg	David	372	Hall	Julie	97	Vetter	Richard	40			
Martinez	Andrew	369	Meyer	Katelyn	97	Nimmer	Erin	37			
Smiley	Michael	363	Mueller	Kathi	85	Fionsul	Patty	36			
Hogan	Helen	350	Peterson	Beth	85	Kliegman	Sharon	36			
Zimmer	Joe	339	Barr	Amy	84	Notlay	Nancy	36			
Yurasovich	Diane	325	Cannon	Pete	84	Dirr	Alex	35			
Granholm	Jennifer	316	Hoffman	Deborah	77	Stueland	Vicki	33			
Aschenbrenner	Gary	311	Brattiz	Ruben	75	Goldstein	Nevin	33			
Bansemar	Mike	285	Dadian	Joan	73	Brinkman	Ashley	30			
Cabaniss	John	281	Kushinsky	Seth Jay	67	Byrne	Sandy	30			
Flanagan	Tom	274	Kronberg	Andrea	66	Cheever	David	30			



Ride Safety



The following is from: [Tips for Road Riding in the Dark | REI Co-ops](#)

Light It Up

1. Some lights are for seeing, and some help others see you. You should have a handlebar light, a helmet light and a rear light. The handlebar light illuminates the road in front of you and makes you visible to oncoming traffic. The rear light keeps you visible from behind, and the helmet light illuminates your field of vision when you need to turn and look at something. For more lighting tips, see our [article on how to choose bike lights](#).
2. Never use flash mode on your handlebar light at night, and always point it at the ground 20 feet in front of you. Overly bright or flashing lights aimed in drivers' faces is dangerous for both of you.
3. [USB-rechargeable lights](#) are usually much brighter but can have a shorter battery life. Carry an extra battery-powered light as a backup. Set a reminder on your phone to recharge your lights each night or while you're at work.
4. Be mindful of your speed and don't outride your lights. Give yourself enough time to react to any obstacles in your path.

Layer It On

5. Cycling clothing should keep you both warm and visible. Choose pieces with reflective fabrics and details, especially at spots with a lot of movement like your ankles.
6. Layering for warmth is essential on chilly nights. Wool is your friend. Don't forget [gloves](#), [a balaclava or skullcap](#), and [good socks](#). For more ideas, read our article, [What to Wear on a Bike Ride](#).
7. [Reflective tape](#) is an effective and cheap way to add reflectivity to fenders, frames, bags, panniers, crank arms, helmets and anything else you can think of to make yourself as visible as possible.
8. Clear glasses can help protect your eyes from wind and debris cars may kick up without impeding your vision. You can get a cheap pair of safety glasses at your local hardware store if you're looking to cut down on costs.

Ride It Smart

9. Check your bike for any potential issues before you head out; you don't want to be stuck on the side of a dark road repairing a chain. Make sure you know how to do a pre-ride bike inspection.
10. Get familiar with your route in the daylight so you can see any obstacles or confusing intersections. If you're just starting out with night riding, a well-lit bike path can help ease you into it until you feel comfortable enough to tackle darker routes.
11. Even with good lights, the occasional pothole will take you by surprise. Keep your weight on your legs rather than your seat to absorb sudden bumps.
12. Ride with a buddy when you can, because the old adage of safety in numbers is pertinent.
13. Own the road when necessary and don't hug the curb too tightly on busy streets. Getting over too far can encourage cars to pass you when it might be unsafe. But always ride defensively; drivers aren't always looking for cyclists at night.
14. Night riding is not the place for your fanciest road bike. Choose something sturdy, preferably with wider tires and mounts for lights and fenders.

State Awards \$4.4 Million for Oak Leaf Trail Projects

Projects include a new connection, trail flooding mitigation and trail modernization.

Urban Milwaukee - By Graham Kilmer - Oct 6th, 2022 04:02 pm

Milwaukee County's Oak Leaf Trail will receive a host of upgrades and new access points thanks to \$4.4 million in state funding.

The majority of the funding is going toward three projects on the Oak Leaf Trail. These Milwaukee County Parks projects include general modernization of the Oak Leaf Trail (\$2.6 million), a flood mitigation and sustainability project on the Root River section of the Oak Leaf Trail (\$574,634) and a new Oak Leaf Trail access ramp to UW-Milwaukee (\$1.3 million). The rest of the funding is going toward three other county projects, including updating the trail network plan (\$128,000), planning for pedestrian and bicycle crossings (\$115,200) and a Complete Communities planning project (\$188,000).

The county was awarded the funds through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which is a grant program funded by the federal Department of Transportation (USDOT) but administered by the state's Department of Transportation (WisDOT). These grants require a 20% match from local governments. The county's total match on the projects will be approximately \$995,000.

Jeremy Lucas, parks director of administration and planning, told Urban Milwaukee that the county has not yet allocated the matching funds for these projects and the department will have to go before the board in the near future to request these

funds. The county has until 2026 to complete these projects, some of which are complicated infrastructure projects that will require coordination with other municipal governments and authorities, like the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District (MMSD), Lucas said.

Federal grants have proven an invaluable source of money for the parks department, which, like many county departments, has experienced decades of underfunding. The department has a capital project backlog estimated at somewhere around half a billion dollars. The department submitted a \$44 million request for capital project funding in the 2023 budget to represent the investment the system needs. This amount of funding would nearly consume all of the county's planned bonding. County Executive **David Crowley** included a handful of projects in his budget, totaling approximately \$14.4 million.

UW-Milwaukee Connection

On the East Side, the parks department is planning the Hampshire Access Project. It's a new ramp that would connect the Oak Leaf Trail to N. Cambridge Ave. two blocks north of E. Locust St. at E. Hampshire St. The street runs directly into UWM's campus.

The idea is to provide a direct connection between the trail and the university. Currently, the nearest access points for university students and nearby residents are either south of E. Locust St. near the Urban Ecology Center and Riverside University High School or to the north near E. Providence Ave.

The UWM connection projection is also designed so that another Oak Leaf Trail project could piggyback on its funding. There are depressions and sinkholes forming along this section of the trail due to an old tunnel that runs directly underneath the trail. The access project would include repairs to the trail issues.

This project is the most complicated for the county on the list of those awarded TAP funding, given that the project involves a significant infrastructure development that connects to land under the authority of the City of Milwaukee and MMSD.

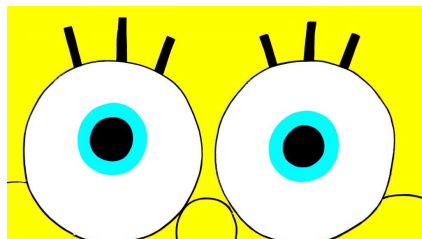
Flood Mitigation in Root River Parkway

A section of the Oak Leaf Trail in the Root River Parkway between W. Morgan Ave. and W. Howard Ave. routinely floods with up to a foot of water. The flooding is often between 10 and 50 feet in length and 100 feet wide, according to a parks department report, and it's left the trail "degraded, cracked and sunken from sustained periods of standing water." Changing weather patterns and nearby development are to blame, according to parks, as the trail was originally constructed decades ago and flooding is a relatively new problem.

Parks applied for TAP funding to realign approximately half a mile of trail out of the flood zone. The department previously estimated it would require approximately 2,300 new feet of trail.

Oak Leaf Modernization

There are more than a dozen sections of the Oak Leaf Trail that fall below modern standards for trail dimensions and construction and others where the infrastructure is downright failing, according to parks. The \$2.6 million for modernization will fund projects that bring the trail "up to snuff" with modern standards, as **Sarah Toomsen**, parks manager of planning and development, previously explained.



Looking for Ride with GPS savvy tech!

We're looking for a volunteer, who's willing to provide instruction, and guidance,
to club members on how to use Ride with GPS, when needed.

If interested, please contact Andy Sikorski @ ajsikorski@hotmail.com.

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Check out our club Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

Bike Fed Group Riding Information



Please see the link below for the Bike Fed's brochure on group riding safety. It is a great learning tool for new riders and a good refresher for seasoned riders. Let's be safe out there!

<http://wisconsinbikefed.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2013-GROUPRIDINGREV.pdf>

A Word About Your Electronic Information

Your privacy is important to us. We don't share any of our membership information with anyone *except the current membership*. We don't sell or forward your email address to any outside organizations. The BVBC board will distribute a club membership roster to current, paid club members once during the later part of the riding season. The roster will include name, address, phone and e-mail. It will be distributed in .pdf format. We will no longer print a membership directory on paper. If you do not want your contact information to be a part of the roster, you may indicate that by marking the check box on your membership application or renewal or by sending an e-mail to [\[membership-info@bayviewbikeclub.org\]](mailto:membership-info@bayviewbikeclub.org).

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