



Volunteer Appreciation Night , Ghost Bike Ceremony for Paula Sharaga, Bos/treat and more!



Volunteer Appreciation Night

Let's give a round of applause for our volunteers! Please join us for our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Night** next Tuesday, March 5, at Backlash Beer Company, where we'll recognize and celebrate your invaluable efforts promoting the Bike Union's work and our mission to make Boston better for bikes. This event is open to everyone who considers themselves a supporter of the Bike Union. This is a great opportunity to better get to know the Bike Union team and our amazing network of volunteers, members and advocates. [RSVP here.](#)

"Don't Mourn: Organize" — Ghost Bike Ceremony for Paula Sharaga

As Todd, a long-time friend of Paula Sharaga and the first speaker at her Ghost Bike ceremony, said on Sunday, "If Paula were here, she would say, 'Don't mourn: Organize, and make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else.'"

Thank you to those of you who emailed, tweeted at, and called Mayor Walsh and City and State Officials asking them to attend Sunday's ceremony. Although Mayor Walsh didn't attend due to a traveling conflict, four staffers from the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) were in



attendance, including Chief of Streets Chris Osgood. Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn also attended, as well as Cambridge City Councilors Marc McGovern, Jan Devereaux and Quinton Zondervan; State Representatives Jay Livingstone, Tommy Vitolo and Mike Connolly; State Senator William Brownsberger; and a representative from DA Rachel Rollins office. Their presence, and the fact that the Mayor called us directly to apologize for his inability to attend due to his scheduled trip to Cape Verde, are an indication that **our elected leaders are hearing you — hearing us all**. Your calls matter, and are elevating the urgency of swifter action and change on our streets.

We heard from the BTD this week that in response to Paula's death they plan to expedite the timeline, from 2021 to 2019, for implementing protected bike lanes along Boylston St. from Park Drive to Ipswich St. They are also working closely with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and other stakeholders on fixing the intersection of Brookline Ave. and Park Dr., where Paula was killed and where a jumble of jurisdictions has hamstrung improvements to date. In addition, DCR and [MASCO](#) have plans for protected bike lanes along Fenway/Riverway, Park Drive, and Brookline Ave.

If you did not yet contact your elected officials at the City and State level about improving cyclist safety in this area, it is not too late. They need to keep hearing from us to ensure that it gets in their budget and their plans for 2019. You can find more information on how to propel this campaign, including sample scripts and lawmaker contact info, [here](#).



Join Bos/treal — Only 3 Spots Left!

Want to join Team Bike Union for our annual 400-mile fundraising ride to Montreal? Then sign up today! There are only three slots left, and in past years many would-be riders ended up on a waiting list instead of biking through the glorious Green Mountains. We aim to make this ride as accessible as possible — through scholarships, training help, and full support throughout the trip — so anyone who wants to ride can ride. Head [here for more info](#), or email kaity@bostoncyclistsunion.org to register. Don't

miss your chance at the adventure of a lifetime!

We're also still accepting applications for scholarships that significantly reduce the fundraising requirement and that provide additional support for qualifying riders. Learn more about the scholarship and [apply here](#)!



Ovarian Psycos Screening

Join us and Femmechanics on March 6th as we watch Ovarian Psycos — a documentary about a group of fierce, feminist women of color from the Eastside of Los Angeles that confronts injustice and redefines identity through a raucous, irreverently named bicycle crew.

Details:

Wednesday, March 6th
Northeastern Crossing — 1175 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02120
Doors/snacks @ 5:45pm, movie @ 6:15, ends @ 8pm

Please note that this event is for femme, trans, women, and non-binary folks only. [RSVP here.](#)

Did you know that over 70% of our work is funded through individual donations? We can't do it without you — join or donate today!

[Help support our advocacy!](#)

Hiring opportunities:

- Cambridge Bicycle is hiring a sales associate. [Contact them](#) to learn more.
 - Wheelworks is hiring mechanics and sales associates at both locations (Somerville and Belmont.) [Contact them](#) to learn more.
 - [BTD is hiring a Vision Zero/Active Transportation Senior Engineer](#)
 - [BTD is hiring a Bicycling Program Team Member](#)
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Chain of Events:

|February|

27th - [Pedestrian Safety & Traffic in West Roxbury meeting](#)

27th - [MBTA public meeting on fare hikes](#)

27th - [Cambridge City Council Ordinance Hearing on Cyclists Safety](#)

|March|

5th - [Volunteer Appreciation Night](#)

6th - [Bike-in Movie with Femmechanics](#)

11th - Harvard Graduate School of Design, [Film Screening of Why We Cycle](#)

12th - [Hearing at Boston City Hall on Traffic Enforcement](#)

19th - [Monthly Activist Group Meeting](#)

23rd - Spring Solstice Ride - More info coming soon

Starting in March we will be meeting with Boston City Councilors about increasing the capital budget for the bike network and Vision Zero in FY20. If you want to join one of those meetings, [sign up here](#) so we can work with you in preparation.

Our bike shop at 375 Dudley is closed for the time being while we search for a new bike mechanic. Thank you to Brian MacKenzie for fixing hundreds of bike with us since 2017! We hope to open again on Tuesday afternoons very soon.

Click [here](#) for more upcoming events.

