



--Blue Island Bicycle Club--

Ride Schedule for 2007 season

All rides take place on Saturday at 10 am from Memorial Park, unless otherwise noted.

Rides are free with no advance registration ('Show and Go'); check event listing for specific details.

Premier events are in bold face type; club members are highly encouraged to participate in these special activities. Contact the ride leaders or the Park District (385-3304) for more information (see end of form) or visit www.bibc.us. Ride pace is generally between 10-12 mph (novice friendly).

April:

21--Clean-up in Whistler Woods *with Lincoln and Whittier Schools*. Meet at Major Taylor trailhead at E. end of parking lot off Halsted and Jackson/134th St (near Joe Louis golf course) at 10 am. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Gloves and tools will be provided by Friends of the Parks, and Friends of the Forest Preserve. Contact: Jane Healy

May:

12-- at 9AM Major Taylor Trail. Route length--12 miles Children are welcome. Dress for the weather, as this ride will happen rain or shine (great wildlife viewing on rainy days!). Ride leader: Jane Healy

27--Bike the Drive. Start at Grant Park (Queen's Landing) from **5:30am-7:30am**. Route length--15 to 30 miles. Register at bikethedrive.org, cost \$35 for members of CBF, \$40 for nonmembers (kids \$5)

June:

3--SUNDAY Old Plank Road Trail. Meet in parking lot of Target (on Cicero, near Lincoln Mall) at 10:00 am. Route length--13 to 32 miles r/t. Bring enough money for lunch or a snack in Frankfort. Car pooling available from Memorial Park, leaving at 9:30 am SHARP. Map/directions available. Ride leader: Jim Kennedy

23--Bike n' Dine Event--with the Beverly Bicycle Club--Join us for a fun outing through Beverly, Morgan Park and Blue Island, as we travel from food venue to food venue for four fabulous courses. Cost: \$25/person. Leave from the Kennedy Park field house (115th and Western) at 3:30pm. Limit of 20 adults.

July

4--Blue Island Fourth of July Parade. Come join us for a celebration of our country's independence by riding with the Blue Island Bicycle Club and Cub Scout Pack 3785 in the parade! Meet at 121st and Western, (near AutoZone), one hour before the parade kickoff (11am?) to finish decorating your bike for the event. Festive attire encouraged. Contact: Jane Healy



July (cont.)

13--Friday: Beverly Classic Criterion Race/Tour de Beverly Family Ride (5 & 10 mile rides). For more information, go to www.bapa.org.

14--Blue Island Classic Criterion Race & Fest, and Cyclovia Community Ride (bicycle and pedestrian only streets)--regularly updated information available on the city of Blue Island website (www.blueisland.org) or www.bibc.us

15--Sunday: Ice Cream Social (Family Bike Ride) along the Lakefront Bike Path in Chicago (in conjunction with Bike Chicago 2007). Meet at the landing below the main entrance steps to the Shedd Aquarium (W. side) at 6:30 pm. Ride ends at Navy Pier (Haagen Dazs ice cream parlor). In the past, there have been free fireworks at the Pier at 9 pm. Route length--approx. 6 miles. Parking is readily available on Solidarity Drive (quarters--\$1/hour) or in nearby lots. Ride leaders: Jane and Mike Healy **Day of event: cell phone 308-8662**

28--Tinley Creek Trail Ride. Meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot off 135th Street, just E. of Harlem. Car pooling available from Memorial Park, leaving at 9:40 am. Route length--12 miles. This ride is mostly downhill! Ride leader: Jerry Dagenais

August

11--I & M Canal Trail. Meet at 10 am *at the I & M parking lot* (Archer and Willow Springs Rd. in Palos Park Forest Preserve system). Car pooling available from Memorial Park, leaving at 9:30 am sharp. Route length--11 miles. Ride leader: Jim Tomaszewski

September

9--Sunday, Boulevard Lakefront Tour (BLT)--Mixed length organized bike ride focusing on Burnham's "Emerald Necklace" of Boulevards around the city. 10-, 32-, and 60-mile lengths. Meet on the Midway Plaisance (at the Univ. of Chicago) between 6:30 (60 m) - 8:30 am (10 m). Festival picnic runs from 10 am-1 pm. Register at www.boulevardtour.org.

22--Chicago Lakefront (north)/Devon Street and Indian food. Meet at museum campus AT THE DINOSAUR in front of the Field Museum at **10:30 am**. Parking available in various lots as well as metered spots in area. METRA accessible via IC Electric line from Vermont, Burr Oak, or Ashland stations. Catch train 216 (9:18 am at Vermont); limit of two bikes/car--8 bikes/train; bring a bungee cord to attach your bike to the railing of handicapped/bike seat area. Exit train at Roosevelt, take Wabash N., then go E. on 11th St. Enter park, take paved sidewalk East; follow signs to Museum, ~3 blocks). Ride leader: Jane Healy **Day of event: cell phone 708-308-8662**



September (cont.)

29--National Public Lands Day--Join the Friends of the Parks in a clean-up of Whistler Woods. Meet at Major Taylor trailhead at E. end of parking lot off Halsted and Jackson/134th St. (near Joe Louis golf course) at 10 am. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Gloves, bags and tools will be provided by Friends of the Parks, and Friends of the Forest Preserve. Contact: Gerry Dagenais or Jane Healy.

October

13--Mrs. O'Leary Memorial Ride. Celebrate the culmination of Fire Prevention Week with this fun-filled ride to lay flowers on Mrs. O'Leary's grave in nearby Mt. Greenwood. Festive attire encouraged. Fire Truck escort! Ride contact: Gerry Dagenais

December

13--Blue Island Festival of Lights Parade. Join us for this annual celebration of all things crisp, cold and winter! Dress in LOTS of layers since we will be spending at least 30 minutes standing around waiting to get started. All bicycles *must* have lights--this could be as simple as a headlight and taillight blinkie, or chemical glow-sticks, or as complex as battery-operated, multi-colored LED Christmas lights (battery operated lights are sold at Walgreens and the Blue Island Jewel). No Santa suits allowed, although Santa hats and elf costumes are encouraged. Meet on Gregory Street and approx. Prairie (look for bicycles!) 30 min. before parade kick-off. After the parade, please join us for festivities at the Blue Island Public Library (hot cider, hot chocolate, cookies, caroling, live entertainment).

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