

Chainwheel Chatter

B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County
December 2021



Prez Sez

Winter gloom is here with likelihood for cold temperatures, wind, ice, and snow mixed into short days. Cold weather bike clothes are favored as we prepare for rides, if we can even muster up enough enthusiasm for a bike ride. A short bike ride is better than no ride and returning home after a cold ride really boosts the appreciation for a warm home.

Stay well and have a great ride!

Rick Proctor

President, BIKES Club of Snohomish County

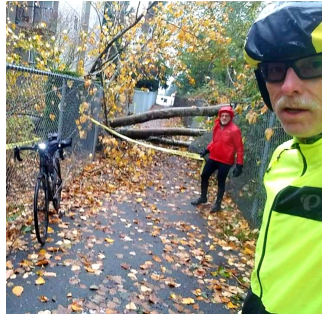
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Everett Link Extension for Sound Transit Regional Link Light Rail

Everett Link Comment Opportunity is now available

You have an opportunity to make inputs during the early scoping comments period by December 10th, 2021

[Read More >>>](#)



Coming Up...

December Club rides

Holiday season bike rides offer the opportunity to check out the colorful holiday decorations along your route. If you find your ride is too cold for comfort, consider upgrades to what you wear.

There will be a variety of BIKES Club rides scheduled through December on the [Calendar](#). Some rides may be posted the day before the scheduled activity. Rides can be cancelled or changed when weather conditions are forecast to be sufficiently foul as determined by the Ride Leaders and which forecasts they think may be accurate. Keep up with ride changes by subscribing to [Ride Updates](#).

[Rides Calendar >>>](#)

BIKES CLUB Holiday Party - On Zoom, Saturday, December 4, 6:00 pm

Join Santa Bill and your BIKES friends for some holiday cheer. Put on your decorated helmet, grab a snack and maybe a libation, and snuggle up to your favorite Zoom device! *The Zoom link will be emailed a couple of days before the party.*

See the BIKES website for more information on the Home page

Next BIKES Club Meeting

The next BIKES Club meeting is set for 7 PM January 13th, 2022 and will be online using Zoom due to the persistent COVID-19 situation. BIKES Club members will be e-mailed the agenda and meeting details.

BIKES Club has monthly club meetings for members on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September to May. No meetings in the summer or December.



News You Can Use...

Ride Leaders-Ride Posting Update:

When you post your ride, state an end time as well as a start time on the template. This will correct a glitch for late registrants that has come to light. If you're unsure what I mean, contact me at leadaride@bikesclub.org

Under the registrants tab of the template is the spot to designate yourself as ride leader after you register.

Also, don't forget to check in your riders when you lead the ride.

Keep on riding.
Dan Scott, ride coordinator

COVID-19 persists

[Temporary Precautions for BIKES Club Ride During the COVID-19 Crisis.](#)

Online Ride Registration, the new normal for BIKES members

All rides require online registration as described in the ride posting on our website Calendar page. Efforts are underway for future non-member riders to use online registration. BIKES Club is moving toward 100% paper free for all registrations and waivers.

Max Group Sizes

Ride groups may now have 12 riders or less as determined by the Ride Leader. The number includes the Ride Leader. The ride posting and registration page should indicate the maximum number of riders for the ride

[Online Reg - Tips for Ride Leaders >>>](#)

[Online Reg - Tips for Everyone >>>](#)



Rider Miles

How many Club miles do you have?



Club meeting minutes

Catch up here to read the most recent meeting minutes. Log on to the club website to access all meeting minutes.

[Meeting Minutes >>>](#)



Velo Art Show



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Join Santa Bill for a
short lighted bike ride
starting at 4 p.m. Dec.
12. *Dress warmly!*
RSVP

Sharing Wheels Update

Support Sharing Wheels with year-end gift

You may already be a volunteer, a bike donor, or a customer of Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop. *We hope you will be a financial donor as well.*

Sharing Wheels is the only nonprofit bike shop in Snohomish County, and has been for 20 years. Your donations of quality bikes and cash help us make free minor repairs for people in need, sell used parts for older bikes and projects, and refurbish going on 100 kids bikes for the holidays. The organization needs to raise \$15,000 by the end of the year to keep people and bikes moving (and the budget balanced).

Give a little to cover the cost of a free tube and tire (the most common repair), or give more to support programs like free bikes for low income kids and adults, and mobile bike repair clinics in the community.

All donations made by Dec. 20 will be matched by our board and supporters, so your money goes twice as far.

Learn how [your donation makes an impact](#)

Upcoming Events at Sharing Wheels:

Dec. 1 - 5 to 7 p.m. [Velo Art Show](#) opening at Cafe Zippy, 1502 Rucker Ave., Everett - enjoy artwork made from bike parts, with happy hour food and beverages

Dec. 1-9 - Bike Art Auction benefits Sharing Wheels - bike chain earrings, quilted wall hanging, Drew's "treecycle" and more!

Dec. 10 - Bike Walk with M... at Sharing Wheels

Other Links

League of American Bicyclists

Click on the link below to read the League blog and catch up on League efforts around the country. BIKES is a member of the League of American Bicyclists and it is through the League that we purchase our club insurance.

[League of American Bicyclists>>>](#)

Adventure Cycling

Whether you like your adventures in the saddle or from the armchair, Adventure Cycling will inspire. You might also find reviews of new bikes and equipment and tips on how to enjoy or improve what you already have.

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