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Lincoln *Bike Kitchen*

Membership

It's a new year and time to take some positive steps to make Lincoln better. One of the ways to do this is simple yet has a great impact; becoming a member of Lincoln Bike Kitchen. This simple step can have massive impact. LBK has put 124 bikes into the community and provided over 700 repairs. This is made possible through a combination of volunteers, community support and our members. Your membership dues support our mission by helping us keep the lights on and the doors open making it possible for us to serve our community. **So your membership provides you a fine warm fuzzy feeling.**

But wait, there's more! **Your membership gives you a voice to help guide and grow LBK.** The board comes from our membership and our members vote for the board. So you could be a strong voice for biking in Lincoln.

But that's not all! **Your membership gets you 10% off your purchase at Pepe's Bistro and Relish** (both very tasty). We are still looking for other goodies for members and will post them as they become available.

And there's still more! Member only nights and events can be yours! If you have ever been to the shop (especially during the summer) you know how busy we can be and how hard it is to get one on one help or that tool you need.



Member nights make that all go away. Member nights are for members only and are much quieter, so you can get a stand right away and get that tool!

And that's not all! You could be the proud owner of a button! (And possibly a sticker in the near future!)

If you join now, you can become a member of the fabulous Lincoln Bike Kitchen for



a variety of support levels, from a \$20 Member to a \$1000 Champion! To get a Membership Application stop by the shop and pick one up, email us at lincolnbikekitchen1@gmail.com to request one to be sent to you, give us a call and I can get you one by mail, or stop by Pepe's Bistro!



We are having a fundraiser at the Bourbon Theater! Come out and see the bands, have some fun and support your community!

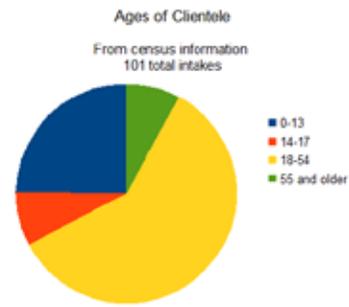
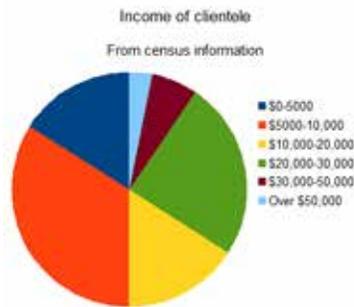
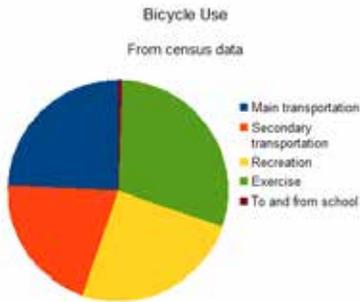
A big thank you to everyone who has sent some dollars and good vibes our way during our winter funding event. We have raised enough for another month at the shop and know that our community is not done helping us help others. We still have the Razoo link up and active and you can drop by the shop if you haven't

got your warm fuzzy for helping keep Lincoln on its pedals.

You might wonder who you are helping. Well, here are a some graphs that will give you some idea (see below).

These are the folks that your donation helps us help. Your donation helps us empower people. A bike is far more than recreation; it is a reliable,

dependable mode of transportation. You help us provide education about bike maintenance, repairs and safe riding. You help us make Lincoln healthier by reducing emissions, providing healthy activity, and making Lincoln more livable.



Spring riding is coming! Are you ready?

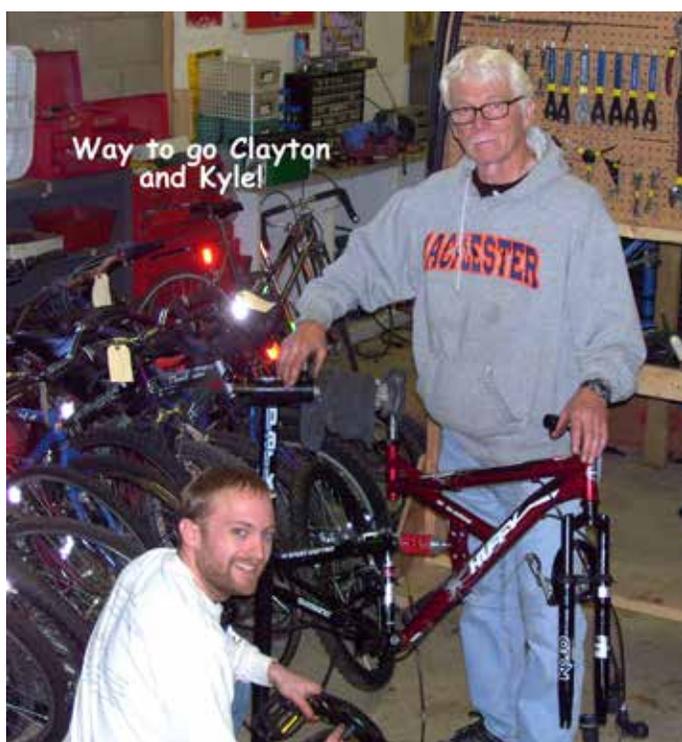
If you are like me and don't ride anything but a bus when the temperature is less than my age, your bike has been sitting a while and needs some TLC before the weather turns nice. Your chain may be dirty and even (gasp) have a bit of oxidation. Your hubs may need cleaned and greased. Your derailleur or brakes may still need adjusting from last season. Your brake pads may need checked and perhaps replaced. This is the time to do this, because let's be honest, once the weather is nice we just put it off because we're enjoying riding. We all want to ride safe. So, if you know what your doing and need to use our tools, come on out. If you think you may know but aren't sure, come on out. If you would like to learn, come on out. If you would just like one of our great mechanics to just give it a look and see what, if anything, you may need done, come on out. This can be especially important with kids' bikes as we all know how often they are laid in the grass and generally ridden hard.

On-street bike paths and trails

We all know that winters can be hard on paved surfaces. Issues that someone might not even notice when in a car can be a major problem for a bike. Lincoln has a page on the city site where you can report bad spots and bring attention to it: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bike>. There is a "Contact Us" where you can submit the information. For severe problems, there is also contact information for the Transportation Planning Department.

Register Your Bike

I didn't know about this until our wonderful shop manager Gary showed me. You can register your bike with the Lincoln Police so if it is stolen it can make it much more likely to get your baby back. The web page for this service is http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/police/forms/pub_bikereg. The serial number is usually on the bottom bracket (the bottom of where your pedals are). Also remember to take a picture of your bike.



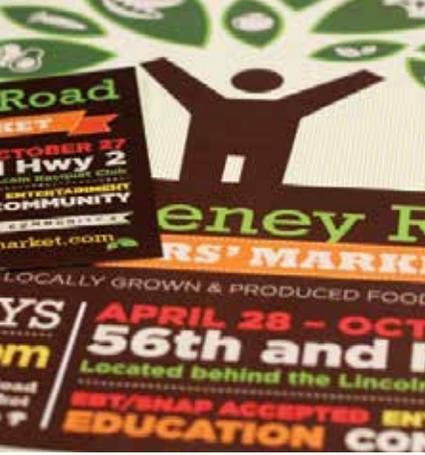
Awards

So this month's Eager Beaver Volunteer Award goes to Clayton for his hard work getting bikes ready to go out the door. He is a new volunteer at the shop and has already proven himself very valuable to the shop. Thanks Clayton!

The Award of Otter Excellence goes to Kyle for helping to keep us funded. Kyle has worked hard to keep the shop open and the lights on. Otterly excellent!!!

A Soup-tacular Event!

We will be having a Soup-tacular Event! The date and location is not hard set yet, but will most likely be the middle of March. There will be bragging rights, a trophy, and maybe even a bit of a prize. So if you would like to enter a soup into the fray or just want to eat a lot of good soup, keep an eye out on the Facebook, on the Website, or for flyers posted around. To enter your soup in the contest, contact Jay at lincolnbikekitchen1@gmail.com.



Think of bicycles as rideable art that can just about save the world.

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Mission Statement

The Bike Kitchen is a community-building organization that provides bicycles and related resources to all people. We advocate for utilitarian bicycling as a vital part of a healthy, equitable and sustainable community. We connect cycling to broader environmental and social issues through outreach, education, and praxis.

