

# June Trail News

- **City of Cedar Rapids District Bike Ride... Awesome turn out!**
- **Make Hay (okay trails) while the sun shines!**
- **Be Cool, it's a Bike Path...**
- **Say Hi to the Cedar Rapids Police Bike Patrol**
- **Governor Volunteer Award for LCTA**
- **Welcome to New Business Donors**
- **Event Calendar**
- **NEW NEW NEW Grant Wood Trail App for digital trail map!**



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**On June 11th Mayor Tiffany O'Donnell and LCTA President Tom Pepper (pictured above) joined 80 + bicyclist for a ride around Cedar Rapids to view major trail projects. Also riding were City Manager Jeff Pomerantz and LCTA VP Nadine Brock. Riders heard about trail plans from Jesse Howe, Project Engineer for the City of Cedar Rapids (Cherokee Trail phase 1,2,3,4) and Randy Burke Linn**

**County Conservation Outdoor Recreation Planner (Morgan Creek Trail schedule and planned route). A great day for all!**



City of Cedar Rapids Ron Griffith BikeCR lead and Randy Burke from Linn County Conservation give updates on City and county trails in development! Thanks guys!



Riders relax as they learn about trail projects.

**Grant Wood Trail Building Bridges!**



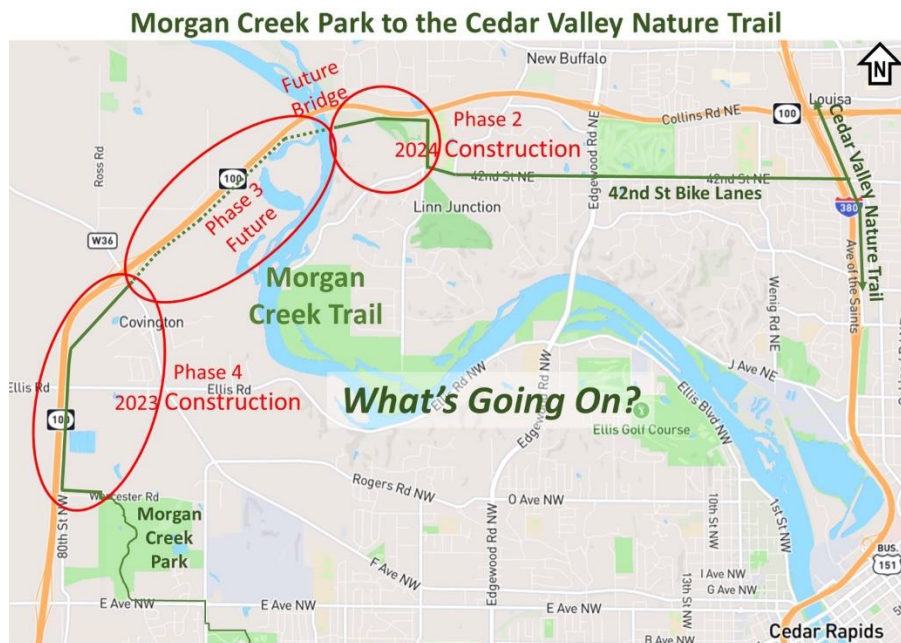
Grant Wood Trail Big Creek Bridge. Retaining wall constructed of original limestone blocks at east end of new trail bridge. How cool is that!



Trail bridge pier and abutment during construction, almost ready to roll! The bridge is truly an art form. Well done county planners and engineers.

**Morgan Creek Trail is getting closer to Covington!**

## Phase 4 alongside HWY 100



**Be Cool, it's a Bike Path – some thoughts as more multi-use trails are used by bicyclist to avoid heavily traveled roads**

1. Get out of the Time Trial Mode...it's fun to go fast but multi-use trails are not the place!
2. Ride right- pass left
3. Obey all traffic signals
4. Slow down and be prepared to stop when others are around (kids, pets, horses, walkers, runners)
5. Make some noise before passing, be sure to look around so you don't move into someone else's path
6. Don't stand in the path
7. BE NICE!

<https://www.bicycling.com/ride...>



A more relaxed group of Cedar Rapids Bike Patrol Officers were spotted at Pedalers Fork (an LCTA trail sponsor). Bicycles give the Cedar Rapids Police Department an effective tool for reaching areas where squad cars can't go, and work well with neighborhood outreach. You'll see this team at festivals, events and on street patrol whenever weather allows. Say hi when you see them!



CONGRATS & THANKS to LCTA's volunteer Board Member extraordinaire, Diane Handler, who was recently recognized by Governor Kim Reynolds with the Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award for "outstanding commitment and service." Diane has served for over 20 years on LCTA's board of directors tirelessly and successfully advocating for and Making Trails Happen in Linn County and Eastern Iowa.



A BIG thanks to all of our business sponsors and a welcome to **new sponsor Metro Studios!** VP Finance / Co-Owner Becky Olsem, says "We support Linn County Trails because we love riding our bikes with family and friends. The trails offer a great, healthy activity for all, and it's a wonderful way to enjoy the nature of Linn County." Thanks also to LCTA board member, Greg Januska for helping on the Fundraising Committee!

## Join LCTA at the Downtown Farmers Market!

### Upcoming Events

#### LCTA will be there! Check out updates in person!

- **July 1**– Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm
- **July 16**– Center Point Historical Society, Trail Depot 2:00 -3:00 p.m. History of the Cedar Valley Nature Trail talk.
- **July 15**– Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm
- **August 5**– Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm
- **August 19**– Farmers Market Cedar Rapids 7:30 am -12 pm

LCTA enjoys giving presentations about the trail system in Linn County to service organizations such as Rotary, Optimists, Bike Groups and businesses. Reach out if you'd like to schedule a presentation or have LCTA at your event.

#### LCTA Members are invited to our Board Meetings which are in person or on ZOOM

In person: City of Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building, 1111 Shaver Road NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403; drive through the gate and enter at the back of the building. The conference room is on the ground floor.

Zoom: You can receive the ZOOM link by emailing [president@linncountytrails.org](mailto:president@linncountytrails.org) 3 days prior to the meeting.

- **No meeting in July**
- **August 14** – Board meeting 6 pm. – 7:30 p.m.
- **September 11** – Board Meeting 6 pm. – 7:30 p.m.
- **October 9** – Board meeting at 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **November 13** – Board Meeting 6 pm. – 7:30 p.m.
- **No meeting in December**



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