

May 2024 e news

Crazy Trail Days in May

Clarence is Amazing...and many agree!

Progress on the Cedar Valley Nature Trail north

Morgan Creek Trail video- thanks to Steve Sovern

We remember our trail friend Ron McGraw

Thanks to our Business Sponsors



After a moderate winter we are super excited to get outside on summery scenic trails, whether riding, walking or rollerblading! Below are opportunities to meet friends on the trail! Lots going on to start Crazy Busy Trail Days in May!

May 11 - 17, 2024

# Bike to Work WEEK

## Thursday, May 9

### Mayor's Proclamation & Bike Ride

5:45 p.m.

NewBo City Market | Banker's Trust Stage

6:00 p.m.

Meet Me at the Market bike ride departs

## Saturday, May 11

### MPO Bike Ride\*

10:00 a.m.

Bever Park, 2700 Bever Ave. SE., Cedar Rapids

\*Free lunch available to pre-registered riders. Sign up through the link provided at [CityofCR.com/BikeCR](http://CityofCR.com/BikeCR).

## Monday, May 13

### Bike to Work Week Pit Stops

Pick up free swag and refreshments at any of the following locations:

6:45 - 8:15 a.m.

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Blairs Ferry / Collins Aerospace

2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE & Cedar Valley Nature Trail

## Tuesday, May 14

### Bike to Lunch Business Challenge

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

NewBo City Market Food Trucks  
or anywhere convenient for you & your coworkers

Yeo Bike and Scooter share: use promo code  
BIKEZWORK24 for ride credit

\*\*TODAY ONLY FROM 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.\*\*

### Chain Reaction Bike Hub

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

1010 3rd Ave. SW

Open house at the NEW volunteer-run,  
non-profit community bike shop. Join group  
rides departing from Greene Square every  
half hour between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 15

### Bike to Work Week Pit Stops

Pick up free swag and refreshments at any of the following locations:

6:45 - 8:15 a.m.

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Blairs Ferry / Collins Aerospace

2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE & Cedar Valley Nature Trail

### Ride of Silence

6:00 p.m.

Former Library lot, 1095 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Marion

## Thursday, May 16

### Bike to Work Week Rodeo

Hawkeye Bicycle Association & Linn County Trails  
Association hands-on event providing safety checks  
and riding skills to young cyclists.

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Geometric Parking Lot

415 12th Ave. SE

### Meet Me at the Market Bike Ride

6:00 p.m.

Departs from NewBo City Market

## Friday, May 17

### Handlebar Happy Hour

Prizes awarded for completed BINGO cards on a first  
come first serve basis.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sag Wagon, 827 Shaver Rd. NE



For weather updates  
regarding scheduled events,  
visit [CityofCR.com/BikeCR](http://CityofCR.com/BikeCR).

### Save the Date! Ride the Districts 2024

Explore new and improved bikeways  
in Cedar Rapids during this citywide  
bicycling celebration and ride.

Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Learn more and register online at  
[CityofCR.com/BikeCR](http://CityofCR.com/BikeCR)

# Bike to Work WEEK

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PARTICIPATED IN A FAMILY OR FRIEND RIDE	 VISITED A LOCAL BIKE SHOP	PARTICIPATED IN RIDE OF SILENCE	JOINED MEET ME AT THE MARKET BIKE RIDE	 BIKED IN THE RAIN
SAW THE MAYOR'S BIKE TO WORK WEEK PROCLAMATION	STOPPED AT A MORNING PIT STOP	 PARTICIPATED IN THE CORRIDOR MPO BIKE RIDE	BIKED TO SCHOOL OR WORK	POSTED A RIDE PHOTO TO SOCIAL MEDIA WITH #BIKECR
STOPPED AT AN AFTERNOON PIT STOP	 RODE IN A BIKE LANE	 FREE SPACE	 PARTICIPATED IN BIKE TO LUNCH	<a href="http://CITYOFCR.COM/BIKECR">CITYOFCR.COM/BIKECR</a> REGISTERED FOR RIDE THE DISTRICTS ON JUNE 8
 RODE ON A NEW TRAIL	STOPPED AT AN AFTERNOON PIT STOP	 WORE A BIKE HELMET WHILE CYCLING	PARTICIPATED IN HANDLEBAR HAPPY HOUR	 USED BIKE LIGHTS WHILE CYCLING
REPLACED A CAR RIDE WITH A BIKE RIDE	RODE A BIKE ON FIVE SEPARATE DAYS	 RODE A VEO BIKE OR SCOOTER	STOPPED AT A MORNING PIT STOP	 PICKED UP LITTER ON A BIKE RIDE

## Claim your BINGO Prize!

Bring your completed BINGO card to Handlebar Happy Hour on Friday, May 17. Prizes will be awarded for four corners, 5 across, and most squares completed.



# BIKE MARION



Celebrating Bike to Work Week | May 11-19, 2024

## Saturday, May 11

9 a.m.

Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) Ride begins and ends in Bever Park in Cedar Rapids, traveling a 15-mile loop. Sponsored by AARP. Pre-registration required.

## Tuesday, May 14

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bike to Lunch Challenge, bike to your favorite Marion lunch spot with your co-workers. Post photos and tag the City of Marion on your bike-to-lunch adventures.

## Wednesday, May 15

6 p.m.

Linn County Ride of Silence, begins/ends at the former Marion Public Library lot across from City Square Park, Marion. This ride is to honor those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways.

## Thursday, May 16

6 p.m.

Pedal Marion Ride, begins/ends at the former Marion Public Library lot. The 9-mile loop throughout Marion will include a couple of pit stops along the way, followed by a Helmets and Hops gathering in the Uptown Artway.

## Friday, May 17

National Bike to Work Day, post & share your bike-to-work journey!

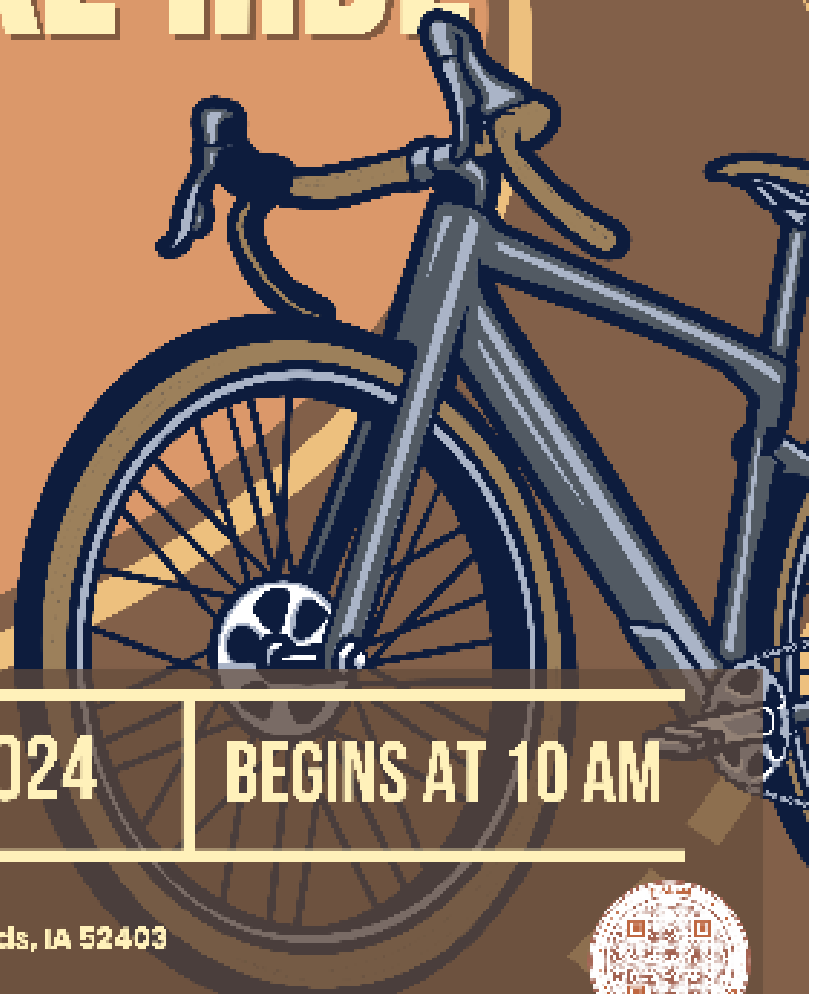


[www.cityofmarion.org](http://www.cityofmarion.org)

Hosted by Marion's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

# 2024 ANNUAL CORRIDOR MPO BIKE RIDE

**FREE**  
REGISTRATION  
&  
LUNCH



**MAY 11TH 2024**

**BEGINS AT 10 AM**

**Bever Park**  
2700 Bever Ave, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403  
Learn More  
<https://tinyurl.com/CMPOBikeRide>



**LUNCH SPONSORED BY AARP**





# BICYCLE RODEO

SPONSORED BY  
HAWKEYE BICYCLE ASSOCIATION  
& LINN COUNTY TRAILS ASSOCIATION

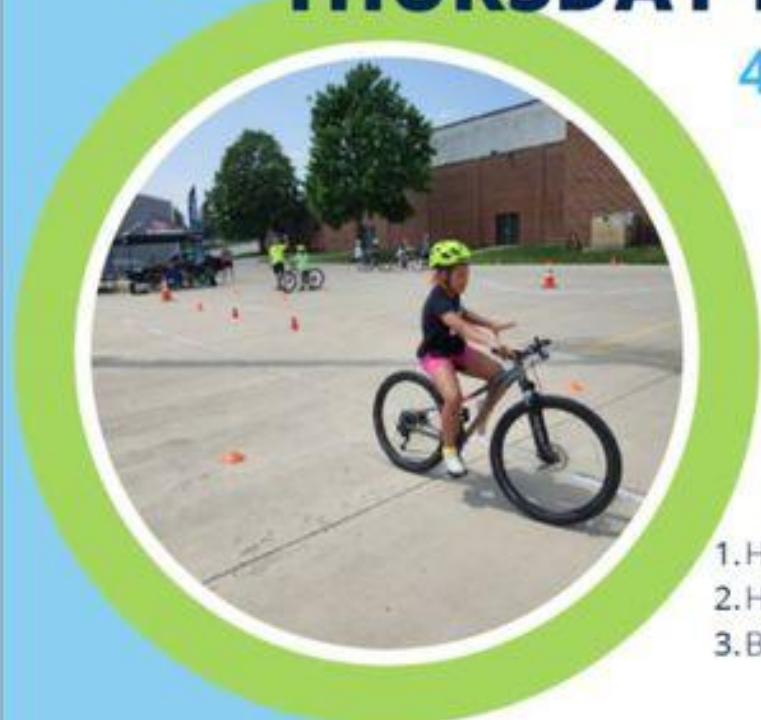


## THE EVENT INCLUDES:

- A-B-C BIKE INSPECTION
- HELMET FIT & SAFETY CLINIC
- LEARN PROPER HAND SIGNALS
- PRACTICE BIKE HANDLING SKILLS

## THURSDAY MAY 16, 2024

### 4:00 TO 8:00 PM



GEOMETRIC PARKING LOT  
415 12TH AVE SE  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52401  
(NEAR NEWBO MARKET)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. HELMET **REQUIRED** TO PARTICIPATE
2. HELMETS AVAILABLE AT RODEO
3. BRING YOUR OWN BIKE

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DOWNTOWN  
FARMERS  
MARKET**

**SATURDAYS  
7:30 A.M. – NOON**

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BANK &  
TRUST

**INFO BOOT**

# 2024 MARKET DATES

- MAY 25
- JUNE 1
- JUNE 15
- JULY 6
- JULY 20
- AUGUST 3
- AUGUST 17
- SEPTEMBER 21



**CRDOWNTOWNMARKET.COM**



**MARKET  
AFTER DARK**

**AUG. 24, 2024  
6:30 – 11 P.M.**



Well deserved recognition and a great picture of the legendary and inspirational Clarence Boesenberg in this [bicycling.com](https://www.bicycling.com/.../ragbrai-riding-across-iowa.../) article.

<https://www.bicycling.com/.../ragbrai-riding-across-iowa.../> excerpted from the article . . . Clarence Boesenberg, 97, of Cedar Rapids takes off after a short break in Newton on day No. 5. Boesenberg is an Iowa cycling celebrity, getting national coverage for riding over 100,000 miles in his lifetime. A Navy medic at the end of World War II, he opted to don his Navy jersey on Military Appreciation Day. His motto in 2023? "This is heaven at 97."





Ready, set, go . . . the Cedar Valley Nature Trail is closed north of Urbana for paving of the 6 miles north to Bear Creek by [Linn County Conservation](#).

[Black Hawk County Conservation](#) will be paving the 10 miles north of the Bear Creek bridge. Check this link for Black Hawk County progress.

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Black-Hawk/News/1690/Cedar-Valley-Nature-Trail-Closers-Updates.aspx>

Work should be completed late summer / early fall to provide the final link for an incredible paved Cedar Valley Nature Trail connection between Cedar Rapids and Cedar Falls.

*Morgan Creek Trail*

*Beginning in Morgan Creek Park*

*Linn County Trails Association*

Check out the new video <https://linncountytrails.org/videos/>

Morgan Creek Trail is highlighted. Thanks, Steve Sovern, for helping map this out from a bird's eye view!



Ron McGraw a major trail friend died April 19<sup>th</sup>. He was 97 years old. Ron joined the Linn County Trails Association Board in the 1990's. He led trail planning efforts and spent many hours working with officials from local area governments and the state DOT. Ron's groundwork helped make many of the trails we enjoy in the Cedar Rapids area today become a reality. One of his primary trail accomplishments was the CEMAR Trail. LCTA fondly remembers Ron for his tenacity and talents he shared which will enable us to soon connect Cedar Rapids to Marion. Ron was a connector and contributor and will be missed.

Pictured above CEMAR Trail looking SW from 20<sup>th</sup> St NE

LCTA thanks all trail friends who are donors! We want to highlight our Business Sponsors who recognize an active trail community is a vibrant community!

## Early 2024 BUSINESS SPONSORS

### Trail Champions \$5000+



### Trail Builders \$1,000-\$4,999



### Trail Blazers \$500-\$999



### Trail Partners \$250-\$499



### Trail Scouts \$100-249

Matching funds make trail development possible. If you would like to help out please visit our website at <https://linncountytrails.org/d...>