

Your ^{Ski} Horse ^{Bike} Roller Blade **Greenway** Jog Family Walk Nature Connections **Newsletter**

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Thank you to all of our volunteers and rangers for the hard work and dedication you give to the Greenways.



Thank you to our Greenway volunteers for preparing this newsletter for mailing!

Is the new section open yet?

The trail is CLOSED!

Almost every day the crews working on the long awaited Losantville trail extension are asked, “When will this section open? Or, why isn’t the section paved between Stoney Creek and Blountsville?” Their answer, “We don’t know.” The Greenways answer is the same. We don’t know.

For general information, the trail does not officially become the greenways until the contractor building the trail is substantially complete and INDOT has made a final inspection of the project and accepts the work. Just like a highway project, INDOT wants to make sure that the project is safe for all to use before releasing the contractor from the project.

This is frustrating for many anxious trail riders, and equally frustrating and dangerous for the construction crews that are not on the lookout



Losantville project closer to opening!

for riders. There have been several close calls because crews are not on the lookout for riders.

Please respect and honor the hard working construction crews by staying off the trail. The trail will open to all sometime soon.

So why is there an unpaved section of trail? Because of an unforeseen field condition, a rusted culvert pipe, 650 linear feet of 42” in diameter to be exact, that was discovered near the Blountsville trailhead area. The discovery of the rusted pipe was quickly complicated by the fact that there are two fiber optic and three large copper telephone lines near the pipe. One phone line actually passes through the center of the culvert pipe. Repair of the pipe is contingent upon the utility relocations. The utilities hope to relocate

the lines soon. Once the phone lines have been relocated the project will be substantially completed in short order.

Phil Tevis, Project Director

Community Cruisers

The Community Cruiser bike program is up and rolling!



Bikes in a variety of sizes are available at the Wysor Street Depot, 700 East Wysor Street in Muncie. The bikes are offered at no cost but donations are appreciated to help keep the bikes well maintained.

These single gear, coaster brake, retro style bikes are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Users may ride the greenways or visit the great restaurants and entertainment in downtown Muncie or on Ball State’s campus.

Greenways Corporate Partners



Thank you, Shonda!

Shonda's passion for the Greenways came out in many ways. She developed the Greenway Giddy-Up and will continue to direct this event as a volunteer director.

Shonda loved to work with our 200+ volunteers – and we know how much the volunteers loved her! Shonda also created other events and gave the Depot its “personality” by choosing items for the gift shop, decorating, and making each guest feel welcome. We will all miss Shonda but we continue to keep in touch with her through her work at the Muncie Visitor's Bureau.

Thank you for your dedication and support to the Greenways!

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The Greenways Welcome Blakely & Angel

Cardinal Greenway, Inc. welcomes its new staff members:

**Blakely Clements - Annual Campaign Coordinator
Angel Silvers - Administrative Coordinator**

Blakely was the Intern for the Greenways this past summer, and after graduation came aboard to be Campaign Coordinator. Blakely will be leaving at the end of July, and we wish him good luck in his future endeavors in Southern Indiana.

Angel comes to us from Ball State University Staff, and brings much experience to the position including recruiting and working with volunteers, preparing marketing materials and newsletters, and coordinating events. Angel looks forward to again working in the non-profit world where she knows she can make a difference everyday. And the best part – Angel loves to stay busy!! There'll be no problem with that here, Angel. Please help us make Angel feel welcome by introducing yourself to her the next time you're in the Depot.

JUST DO IT...

It is said that "the heart has reasons that reason knows not of." Sometimes following your spirit will lead you along a path that seems foolish at the moment, only to be proven extremely wise as the bigger picture emerges. I believe the Cardinal Greenway is a Bigger Picture that is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life by developing and operating corridors and trails to connect people and communities. On June 19th the Greenway will begin its Annual Fundraising Campaign with a goal of raising \$150,000.00. Cardinal Greenways owns sixty miles of rail corridor. The city of Muncie owns the six miles of White River corridor that pass through the heart of Muncie. Since 1998, Cardinal Greenway and White River Greenway have brought over \$12,000,000 of federal funding to Delaware County.

Cardinal Greenway and White River Greenway have contributed much to the enhancement of our community and encouraged others to do the same. Our emphasis on safe pedestrian transportation has led local governments to include similar safe places in their planned bridge and road improvements, including the Wheeling Avenue cantilever walkway.

As the Cardinal Greenway's "bigger picture emerges" the Greenway Staff, Board of Directors and volunteers are very hopeful for a successful Annual Fundraising Campaign. Up to this point, most trail users have been accessing the trails for free--but they are not free! We hope you will become a Greenway Partner and help us to preserve the trails for the next generation and beyond.

*Teresa Willman
Greenway Board of Directors President*

2006 Annual Fundraising Campaign is Underway!

Dear Cardinal Greenway, Inc. Supporters:

Each year, we reach out to one of our enthusiastic trail users and ask them to serve as the Annual Campaign Chairperson. Their first task is to write a letter to our potential donors asking for support. When we received this year's letter, we compared it with last year's letter and were intrigued at the wide range of benefits our volunteers believe we bring to East Central Indiana. As Randy Hyman states:

What if you just had knee surgery and your doctor told you that biking was necessary to your rehabilitation? Would you have a safe place to ride? What if your children needed photos of birds and other wildlife for their school science project? Would you know where to take them? What if your spouse or significant other told you that walking together regularly would benefit both your health and your relationship? Where would the two of you consider enjoying this special time together?

Mark Lohmar, President of Delaware Cycling Club, provides a more global perspective when he says:

Your Cardinal Greenway is becoming more and more of an asset to the community here in East Central Indiana. As the Greenway reaches out geographically, culturally and socially, its benefits are realized by new users everyday. Both state and national programs are in place, and being put in place, to connect and better utilize trails and rails-to-trails conservatories. Governor Mitch Daniels has recently recognized the cultural, social and economic value of a statewide trail system to better serve the health of Hoosiers and with government support, trails are bound to increase.

Our 2005 & 2006 chairpersons are but two examples of how the Greenways positively impact our individual citizens and communities, our region and the country. They advance the vision of our first volunteers who began a trail that would one day be a cornerstone for the American Discovery Trail, spanning from one coast to the other.

The Cardinal Greenway, White River Greenway, Equestrian Trail and Wysor Street Depot have brought Hoosiers closer to trails each year as we continue to pave longer portions of the 60 miles from Richmond to Marion, as we extend the horse trail and as we connect to neighborhoods along the White River. **Each addition means that thousands of people have improved trail access.**

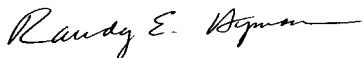
Higher gas prices and health care costs are driving changes in the economic value and use of trails. Users need to know that there are significant financial needs associated with operating and maintaining the Greenways. Several local service organizations, and hundreds of individual volunteers, contribute volunteer hours. However, the annual cost to keep the trail clear of brush and weeds, fallen trees, along with policing, patching and cleaning up vandalism, approaches \$150,000 annually. While federal funds and private gifts supported trail construction, our continued support is needed to maintain the trail, provide educational programs, and market this valuable resource to our local community.

Please Join Mark and Randy as they share the story of the Greenway across the region and ask others to help advance this worthy treasure. **We're counting on you to provide this continued support.** A giving envelope has been enclosed that will allow you to respond with a gift that reflects your commitment. **Please consider a gift that is significant to you. Your gift helps to secure the future of the Cardinal Greenway, the White River Greenway, the Equestrian Trail and the Wysor Street Depot.**


Gratefully,



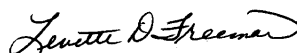
Mark Lohmar
2006 Campaign Chairperson



Randy Hyman
2005 Campaign Chairperson



Teresa Willman
CGI Board President



Lenette Freeman
CGI Executive Director



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Great Greenway Tour 2006

Registration

Come Ride Indiana's Longest paved trail: The Cardinal Greenway. Extending from south of Muncie to Marion. The Greenway offers smooth surfaces and excellent riding conditions. Road usage during the tour is limited to the scenic countryside area of Prairie Creek Reservoir, and roads connecting to the Cardinal Greenway from Gaston to Jonesboro. All of the routes are on paved (asphalt) trail or roads. All rides start and end at the Wysor Street Depot in Muncie, Indiana.

T-shirts will be available at the registration table.

Refreshments and home-made cookies will be provided at SAG stops; lunch will be served.

SAG Stops close at 4 p.m..

Kirk's Bike Shop will have bike parts, supplies, and mechanics available.



Registration is from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Wysor Street Depot. Helmets are REQUIRED. SAG stops will be provided. Restrooms are located at the start, at the Medford Trailhead (7.5 mi), the South Trailhead (9.5 mi) and at Jonesboro Trailhead (~60 mi)

Saturday
July 29, 2006
Muncie, Indiana



Cycling Tour of Indiana's longest paved rail trail



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Route Miles (Check One)

20 30 40 50 85 100 114

START: Muncie Marion

Registration fee _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____

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(after 7/17/06)

FAMILY RATE (all must sign) \$30.00 = \$ _____

T-shirt (circle size) _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____
sizes available: S, M, L, XL, XXL (\$2 add'l per XXL)

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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(participants under the age of 16 must have this form signed by parent or guardian)

Make checks payable to and mail entries to:

Delaware Cycling Club

P.O. Box 763, Muncie, IN 47308

Contact Information: Cardinal Greenway: 765-287-0399 Email: BBMcKay2002@yahoo.com Or to download additional entry forms: www.delawarecyclingclub.com or www.spokenandwheel.funurl.com

Greenway Glories *NEW*

Personal stories are powerful tools to use when advocating to volunteers, for campaigning, presentations and the gaining support from the public.

On the trails there are thousands of stories to be told.

If your lifestyle has changed because of our trails or you enjoy family time on the trails we invite you to share your story. We would like to hear yours!

Contact us anytime!! 765-287-0399
www.cardinalgreenways.org



The Community Cruiser program provides use of bikes at no cost. (Though not required, donations are appreciated) Adult and youth bikes are currently available.



Wellness Wednesdays

The Delaware County Health Department continues again this year with Wellness Wednesdays. **They are held at the Depot from 9-11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.** Health screening for glucose (free), cholesterol (\$5), blood pressure (free). Fast 8 hours prior to all tests.



For Information 765-747-7814



IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL CYCLING AND THE CARDINAL GREENWAY

- Saturday Morning Rides (all welcome)
- Wednesday Greenway Ride (family and entry level)
- Century Sundays (Monthly - distance riders)
- Tuesday/Thursday Training Rides (athletes)
- GREAT GREENWAY TOUR (everyone)

www.DelawareCyclingClub.org

Cardinal Greenway Horse Trail Clean-up Day

May 6 was the spring work day for the Delaware County horse trails. Thank you to all of the volunteers that came out to help.

Greg Hersberger brought his skid steer to replace a culvert on the 2 mile section of trail that is under construction by volunteers on the Cardinal Greenway. A larger culver was needed to handle run off from a nearby field during heavy rains. It was a large job and took most of the day. Stone was donated by IMI and trucking was provided by J&D Trucking out of Farm-land.

Doug Oliver brought out his tractor and mowed around the Indian Hill area at Prairie Creek Reser-voir.



A tremendous thank you to the dedi-cated volunteers who continue to donated equip-ment, time and energy on the trails. Also, thank you to the companies who donated valuable ma-terials and labor.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 FALL CLEAN-UP IS
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.**

This clean-up will be used to get the trails ready for the Greenway Giddy-up. For more horse trail or clean-up day information visit www.cardinalgreenways.org.

Shonda Kane, Greenway Giddy-Up Director

Governor Mitch Daniel supports state trail plan

Governor Mitch Daniels announced the state's plan to build a system of trails that will better connect Hoosiers, contribute to the growing ethic of fitness and health, improve quality of life, and for some, provide an alternative means of transportation.

"Right now, we have a unique opportunity in Indiana to use existing corridors, such as abandoned railways, to build a superb trails system. At the same time, we can explore how to use the same system for some of the state's infrastructure needs, such as utilities and telecommunications," said Daniels, who made the announcement at the Vandalia Trail in Plainfield, which eventually will become part of the cross-state National Road Heritage Trail. "This system will play a big factor in economic development, including expanding recreation and tourism, and will offer families and communities more options for health, fitness and socialization."

There are some 3,100 miles of trails in Indiana, and cities, towns, counties and townships across the state are making great strides in pro-

viding a wide variety of trails and greenways for Hoosiers, but most of these efforts don't connect with trails that may be in nearby counties or towns.

To get help with honing a state plan, Daniels and Department of Natural Resources Director Kyle Hupfer held a May 31 Indiana Trails Plan Summit Meeting. About 300 trail planners participated in the event to better coordinate trails efforts on a statewide basis. This group will assist in the preparation of the statewide trails plan and discuss ways to finance and implement the program.

After the conference, the plan will be put out for public comment and the DNR is facilitating a series of public meetings to discuss its details.

The plan will look ahead to the next ten years when Indiana is expected to add hundreds of miles of trails which will be used by hikers, bikers, equestrians, joggers, off-road vehicles, snow mobiles and those who simply enjoy a relaxing stroll.

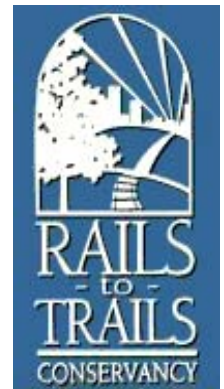
Gov. Daniels issued a directive to DNR to take a leadership role and develop the framework for the trails plan. DNR, the Indiana Depart-

ment of Transportation, Department of Health, Office of Tourism, and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation worked on the initial draft.

Since the first draft was completed, more than 30 leaders representing trail users, local government, regional development organizations, agriculture and business have provided input as a steering committee to refine the plan and organize the May 31 conference.

"The Governor has shown great leadership on health and recreation issues and a statewide trails plan will put Indiana at the forefront of national greenways development," said Hupfer.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources



Greenway Guest Book

Rode trail to Gaston and back! This is a *top-notch* trail, and very glad to hear more funding has been approved for more rails-to-trails across Indiana. I once rode the Amtrak on this Cardinal trail in the early 1980's. Keep up the good work!

Dale Dochus of Memphis, TN 5-29-06



The cruisers were perfect; flowers beautiful, and condition of the trail & crossing exceptional. Thank you for giving us this wonderful opportunity to ride on your well maintained trail.

Randy & Heather Locke of Biddeford, Maine 4-10-06



Wonderful! One of the best trails I have ever ridden on. An Indiana Treasure! Keep up the great work. Will be back to ride on this exceptionally well maintained and developed rails-to-trails greenway.

Ryan Appelt of Illinois, IL 6-26-06
Ryan stopped by the Depot on his ride from Chicago to Ohio.



5TH ANNUAL GREENWAY GIDDY-UP

October 13, 14 & 15, 2006

www.cardinalgreenways.org/Giddy-up

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I would like to receive (check all that apply):

Brochure by mail Volunteer information

Sponsorship information Horse trail information

Want a company meeting or party everyone will remember?

Giddy-up makes the perfect venue!

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765-287-0399

Shonda Kane Giddy-Up Director



Attention Volunteers

Volunteer hours for 2005 are now available on the Greenways' web site at www.cardinalgreenways.org and click on Volunteer.

Rangers please check your first aid kits. If you need any supplies please contact the Greenways' office at 765-287-0399.

Maintenance Team members please call in if you need replacement or additional maintenance shirts. Call the Greenways' office at 765-287-0399. There is no cost to you for T-shirts.



Volunteers help with spring clean-up!

As always, please be certain to turn in your volunteer time including travel time. This is essential for numerous grant applications that help fund the Greenways.

Volunteer hours may be called in at 765-287-0399 or e-mail at lenette@cardinalgreenways.org.

Do you know someone who wants to get involved with Greenway volunteering? Printable application forms are available on the web at www.cardinalgreenways.org and click on Volunteer.



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Greenway Guest Book

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 Elisa R. Costa - Brasil
 Linda & Michael Handlin - Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Charlie Yeager - Saginaw, Michigan

Greenway Calendar & Happenings

- July 15 — Muncie Endurathon
 July 19 — Wellness Wednesday
 July 29 — Great Greenway Tour
 Aug. 16— Wellness Wednesday
 Sept. 16— Arizona Mission Possible Run
 Sept. 23— Horse Trail Work Day
 Sept.30 — Raising & Saving Awareness Walk
 Oct. 6 — VIP Pony Cart Rides
 Oct. 13, 14 & 15—Greenway Giddy-up
 Nov. 23 — Turkey Trot

Stay current on Greenway happenings at
www.cardinalgreenways.org (*click calendar.*)

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