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It's Greenway Giddy-Up Time!!

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ALL our volunteers are
 MVPs!

Join us as we show our
 appreciation for our
 Most Valuable Players
 —our volunteers!

Volunteer Appreciation

Sept 21st, 6:00 p.m.

Wysor Street Depot

R.S.V.P. by Sept 15th

To 287-0399

On October 13-15, 2006 the Greenways, Muncie Light Horse Club, and the Indiana Trail Riders Association will host the 5th Annual Greenway Giddy-up.

The event, based at Prairie Creek Reservoir, continues to grow and draws visitors from Indiana and other adjoining states. The Giddy-up provides a great family atmosphere with guest speakers, camping, and BBQ dinner. A big hit with the kids are always the games on Saturday evening.

The entire family can enjoy a scavenger hunt and competitive mounted orienteering ride, both done on horseback. Competitive mounted orienteering (CMO) is much like the geocaching that hikers and bikers participate in along the Greenways but on horseback. Dr. Marti Caldwell will give a brief training session on CMO Saturday. Dr. Caldwell will also be giving a presentation on Saturday discussing horses and disasters and how owners can prepare and treat their horses in such a situation.

Not everyone that comes out to the Giddy-up is a horse owner. The horse rentals are very popular and normally sell out a week or two before the event. The rides are guided much like a state park. Riders enjoy approximately 45 minutes riding along the waters edge of Prairie Creek Reservoir and also through prairie and wooded areas. Professional guides provide riding instruction and assistance. Riders are required to be 7 years old or older. Younger participants can enjoy the pony rides which are being offered for the first time this year.

New this year is the Meet and Play program. It offers an all-inclusive package, which is ideal for business and club parties. Included is horse rental, lunch, and a take home gift. Also new is the Itty Bitty Giddy-Up, which is a hands-on experience for preschool aged children. They learn and experience grooming, feeding and basic care. A pony ride and snack conclude their field trip. Reservations are required for both programs.

Another element of the Giddy-Up is the VIP Pony Cart rides held on October 6 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. This is a wonderful program offering free pony cart rides to those with special needs. Reservations are required.

To learn more about or to register for the Greenway Giddy-Up, visit us at cardinalgreenways.org/Giddy-up or call 765-287-0399. You can also send questions via email to info@cardinalgreenways.org. We look forward to seeing you there!



Come Ride with us at the Greenway Giddy-up October 13-15, 2006.



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

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Bulldogs are hitting the trails....

The Bulldog Walkers Walking Club, from Sutton Elementary School, have hit the trails again! They are out in force every week enjoying a walk after school with a few of their teachers. These 3rd through 5th graders will be trained as Jr. Rangers and serve as Cardinal Greenway volunteers who help provide eyes and ears out on the trail. The Jr. Rangers let us know if there are fallen trees or vandalism and they call in to report it to the Greenway staff. A few times each year, the Jr. Rangers also do a trail cleanup. You would be amazed how much trash these students can pick up!!!

Let the Bulldog Walkers serve as an inspiration to all of us. A walk each day helps keep the blues away!



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Great Greenway Tour a success once again...

The day was warm and humid, but the 296 riders seemed to enjoy themselves anyway. This year we asked riders to fill out a survey and their comments were flattering. They very much enjoyed the entertainment that Jim Cartwright and Ole Bohn provided at the Gaston sag stop and at the depot. This was the first year we had entertainment. Hopefully, Jim and Ole will want to play their guitars and sing for us again next year!

Other comments were:

- ⇒ "love the greenway"
- ⇒ "the volunteers were great"
- ⇒ "the cookies were awesome"
- ⇒ "rock on, how about a night ride?"
- ⇒ "music is nice, loved the t-shirts"
- ⇒ "thanks to Chris (Bohn), Jennifer (Fifer) and Mary (Whaley) for an enjoyable ride"

And these were just a few of the comments.

Here's the statistics: 29% of the riders were from Delaware County; 66% were from outside the county, and 5% were from out of state. There were riders from Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, and Arizona.

This ride is a success due to the number of volunteers that work the sags, drive the sag vehicles, work the registration, set up for the ride, direct parking, go for more ice and food as needed, welcome the riders, and bake those delicious cookies. Our sponsors play a tremendous role in our success too. Please remember to thank The Movers, Mill Street Inn, Cardinal Greenway, Kirk's Bike Shop, The MT Cup, and WLBC by supporting them as well. We have a ride that we can be proud of and one that will likely continue to grow as it has each year. Thank you all for your help in making this a success again. We are pleased to be able to show off the greenway and be able to raise funds for our clubs and the greenway.



Beth McKay

GGT Chair

 <p><i>Make Yourself Comfortable!</i></p>	<p>MUNCIE Corner of McGalliard Road & County Road 500W 765-759-5300</p>
	<p>ANDERSON 4 Blocks West of Scatterfield Road on 53rd Street 765-649-5300 www.gillbros.com</p>

I know all of you have been waiting for me to say, "We've reached our goal!" but I am not going to say that. I know that many of our solicitors help with other fundraising campaigns in the community, and they're eager for me to tell them that we don't need them to finish their calls, but we do. And I know there are some trail users and trail neighbors who are just sitting at home, patiently waiting for someone to ask them if they would like to give. Of course they would like to give – but they want to be asked – because otherwise they don't know where to put their money, and maybe they're thinking that their gift is not one of the major gifts and therefore, it's really not needed. It is needed.

Fundraising is a strange beast. Even when we reach our goal, we are always striving for more money because we know if we just had a little bit more, we could do so much. Big donors are often those

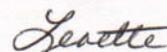
that have a lot of money – so they give big to a lot of different causes. And while we appreciate them and their gifts, Their gift is no more important than the 10-year old boy who gives up one month's allowance and builds a birdhouse for the birds on the trail. Since the first section was paved in 1998, many citizens have proudly shown off the Greenways to out-of-town guests and relatives. They've explained to others how the trails make a significant economic impact on our community. They've bought a new bicycle or accompanied their granddaughter with their rollerblades. And yet, they are still waiting for someone to ask them to give. Stop by the Depot and drop off a check. Call 287-0399 and charge it to your credit card. Pull up the website at www.cardinalgreenways.org and download information on giving. You will feel so good once you've made a gift. You will feel more connected to the Greenways and you'll know that you play a role in helping

to maintain them for yourself and others.

On December 31, 2006, I will say, "WE'VE REACHED OUR GOAL!" In fact, I'll probably shout it from the rooftops. I am confident that the number I announce on that day will be much higher than the number I can give you today. I am confident that at least 100 additional individuals and businesses will be asked to donate and I am also confident that most of those 100 will respond positively. I am confident that we will begin 2007 with a balanced budget that reflects a vision that includes additions, improvements, and new volunteers.

I am confident we'll reach our goal...and then some.

Happy trails,



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Greenway Guest Book

"I had friends from Jay County come visit and borrow my bike to ride the trail. They loved it so much, they would like to try and buy a home near the trail to be able to utilize it more!"

- Angela Couch, Muncie

"I rode 45 miles on the trail with my friends Philip and Randy. We've had one of the best days of all our summers! Thanks!"

- Stanley, Upland, IN age 19

"Absolutely beautiful!! Our son is disabled and this is his only form of exercise (tandem recumbent trike) and this was a perfect experience!"

-Mark, Debbi, & Tyler, Milton, NH

Jim and Robin Whitely—Short Hills, NJ
Alison Gant and Kim McKenzie—Sebastopl, CA

Keith Plasterer—Madison, WI

Robert and Linda Vigh—Ontario Canada



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

"Great trail, flowers, etc. Loved the bike ride. Thank you so much for loaning us the bike. It made my day and my visit back to Muncie!"

-Sue Eiholzer, Jonesville, NY

"Great Run! So Peaceful. I am training for my first marathon!"

-Christine Smith Griffiths
New York, NY



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Greenway Calendar

September 16

Arizona Mission Possible Run

September 21

Cardinal Greenway
Volunteer Appreciation

September 23

Horse Trail Work Day

September 30

Raising Awareness/Saving Lives

Cancer Services Walk

October 6

VIP Pony Cart Rides

October 11

Life Trails Grand Opening

October 13, 14, 15

Greenway Giddy-Up

November 23

Turkey Trot

Fall Trail Clean-up

The horse & earthen trail clean is set for Saturday, September 23rd. This will include the Cardinal Greenway and Prairie Creek Reservoir portions.



DATE: Saturday, Sept. 23

TIME: 8:30 a.m. – Noon

MEET: Indian Hill Trailhead (directions below)

DUTIES: Litter pick-up and limb trimming

BRING: Gloves and loppers/pruners. Wear long pants and closed toe shoes.

Directions: Take

Memorial Drive to the east side of Muncie to Burlington Drive. Go south on Burlington to Inlow Springs Road. Go east at Inlow Springs Road to County Road 475 East. Go south to Indian Hill Trailhead at Prairie Creek Reservoir.

Confirmation of volunteer hours available upon request.

If questionable weather day of clean-up call 765-744-0051 or 765-284-1785.

Rain date: Saturday, Oct. 7.

Hot dogs, chips and drink served at noon. Bring own seating.

Information: 765-287-0399 or 765-284-1785