



**BICYCLE
COALITION
OF MAINE**



BCM Executive Director Andrew Zarro at a community meeting with the India Street Neighborhood Association

A Note From Andrew:

Dear BCM Community,

I'm three months into my role as Executive Director, and I am so energized by the work we're doing together. The momentum is real. From packed meet-and-greets across the state to the incredible enthusiasm I've heard from longtime members and new faces alike, it's clear that there's a renewed excitement around biking in Maine. The Bicycle Coalition of Maine is moving forward with purpose and energy.

This spring and summer are full of opportunities to ride, connect, and make a difference. Mark your calendars for the [Joyride Fun-raiser](#) in June, a playful celebration of our community and mission. We're also teaming up with Portland Trails for the [Bayside Ride](#), a new way to celebrate Portland on two (or more!) wheels. And in September, we're bringing you [The Rambler](#) in partnership with AMC, a rugged gravel ride that highlights some of Maine's best back roads.

We're also hosting Strategic Plan Open Houses this April in [Bangor](#) and [Portland](#). These gatherings are your chance to learn about the Coalition's next chapter. We want to hear your ideas and share our vision for the future of biking and walking in Maine.

Meanwhile, our advocacy is pushing forward statewide to make Maine a safer, more accessible place to ride. We're fighting for better policies, safer streets, and more inclusive infrastructure, and we can't do it without your support.

And yes, I've heard you loud and clear – we're working on bringing back some of the iconic BCM events that so many of you have loved. We can't wait to share more soon (I think you will be excited!)

I will be direct with you – we cannot continue this important and exciting work without your support. Please [consider giving today](#), whether it is a one time tax deductible gift or a membership renewal, we are so grateful for your support.

Thanks for riding with us. I hope to see you on the road, on the trail, or at an event sometime soon.

With Gratitude,

Andrew

Events

Ride season is back! Get ready to roll:

The **Third Annual BCM JoyRide Fundraiser** – June 8

- Coastal rides (18 or 35 mi) + beach “shore-cuterie,” lunch, live music, and games in Kennebunkport. [REGISTER HERE](#)

East Bayside Trail Fest – June 22

- Trail to Ale 10K, Bayside Ride, and Trail Mix Two-Miler with food trucks, music & more in Portland. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Maine Woods Rambler – September 27 - SAVE THE DATE!

- Gravel adventure at AMC's Medawisla Lodge with ride options, bikerafting, stargazing, and family fun all weekend.

Education

Our education team is ramping up their work for a busy spring and summer, and do we have some great offerings for you! From Fix-a-Bike classes, to Bike Rodeos, and E-bike demos, we have something for everyone! Check out our [events calendar](#) for education offerings throughout the state over the next few months starting with these April offerings:

Saturday 4/5 [E-bike demo at the Green Home + Energy Show](#)

Sunday 4/6 [Sewing for your Bike- Picnic Bag Class](#)

Saturday 4/12 [Bike Rodeo- Damariscotta](#)

Saturday 4/12 [E-bike Demo at Portland Earth Day](#)

Friday 4/25 [E-Bike Demo at the Farmington Aging Well, Living Well Expo](#)

Friday 4/25 [Bike Rodeo- Skowhegan](#)

Saturday 4/26 [8th Annual Portland Plog](#)

Saturday 4/26 [Bike Rodeo - Gorham](#)

Tuesday 4/29 [Fix-A-Bike - Bangor](#)

Maine is becoming more and more well known for its mountain biking scene, and we have some classes to help get you started. For those looking to get started, we are offering our **Intro to Mountain Biking** class (5/10, 5/14, 5/24, 5/29). This class is

designed to lay a foundational functional range of motion of your bike so that you can ride more varied and uneven terrain as you improve your bike balance.

Once you have the basics down, it's important to maintain that mountain bike! Learn the tips and tricks to keeping your bike in top riding shape all year round with our **Intermediate Maintenance Class (4/10, 4/24)** specifically geared towards maintaining hardtail and full-suspension mountain bikes.



Fix-A-Bike



In addition to safety education and rodeos, the BCM offers “Fix a Bike” classes where riders can learn how to repair and maintain their rigs. These are hands-on classes where we provide the tools and guidance so you can work on your own bike. We also support regional Repair Cafes where you can drop in for repair help on bikes. Check out

these upcoming classes!

Fix-a-Bike Classes

Tuesday 3/25 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. [Wells Public Library](#)

Thursday 3/27 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. [Curtis Memorial Library \(Brunswick\)](#)

Repair Cafes

Saturday 3/22 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. [Curtis Memorial Library \(Brunswick\)](#)

Sunday 3/30 2:00-5:00 p.m. [Woodfords Corner \(Portland\)](#)

Advocacy

BCM is actively pushing for safer streets across Maine in 2025 through Vision Zero policies and stronger support for active transportation. Our latest [op-ed](#) highlights a *major* win: Maine’s highest court has affirmed the rights of cyclists, and we’re calling on lawmakers to follow suit with bold action.

We're also supporting key legislation this session to improve trails and connectivity, including LD 511 & LD 30 (Casco Bay Trail) and LD 29 (Merrymeeting Trail). You'll continue hearing from us throughout the spring—your voices will be essential in advocating for or opposing critical bills. Submitting testimony, contacting legislators, and spreading the word are powerful ways to get involved.

Want to make a difference in your own town? Join our [Community Spokes program](#)! We're training and re-engaging local advocates this spring to help push for safer biking and walking infrastructure where it matters most—on the ground, in your community. Interested? Email andrew@bikemaine.org to learn more.

Development



We're kicking off our [Gearing Up for Spring Appeal](#), and there are so many ways to get involved and support BCM's mission.

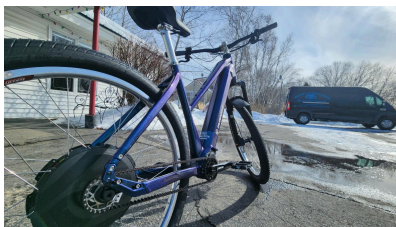
Join us at one (or both!) of our Open Houses to learn about our 2025–2029 Strategic Plan, sign up for a ride or volunteer opportunity, and connect with our community:

- [Portland – April 17](#)
- [Bangor – April 24](#)

If your membership renews in April, May, or June, keep an eye out for your renewal packet—or consider rejoining as an [EverCycle Member](#) to help sustain this exciting work year-round.

We're also encouraging businesses and organizations to become BCM partners and help us build a better Maine for everyone on wheels.

And stay tuned for our new [DuraBike](#) partnership—when you buy a DuraBike during our spring campaign, 10% of proceeds go directly to BCM! Test rides available at Ernie's Cycle Shop in Westbrook.



Partner Spotlight



Located on the Blue Hill peninsula, **Kingdom Bikes** was founded in 2008. After a career in boat building and mechanical work, owner Dick Bartlett was looking for something to keep his mind and hands busy in the next phase of his life. Acting on complaints from his riding partners about the lack of a nearby bike shop, he opened Kingdom Bikes.

The shop continues to this day with Dick as sole owner and employee. A certified bike mechanic, Dick enjoys helping people with everything from basic adjustments to complex repairs. His shop has a great stock of parts and accessories to keep you riding safely and enjoyably. Kingdom bikes has a loyal customer base that travels from near and far to keep their bikes rolling.



The Bicycle Coalition of Maine supports better riding, walking, and rolling in Maine through education, advocacy, outreach, and events. As a membership-based organization, the BCM is powered by individual and business donors. Please consider joining as a member or giving an additional donation. Together, we can make Maine better for pedestrians and people with bikes!

Become a member today!



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