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Bike the Ridge Evanston



October 4, 2009

Dear Ridge Avenue Resident,





Your residence will have front row seats and direct access to participation during a family event when for the second time the City of Evanston will allow bike riders to travel the lengths of Ridge Avenue during “Bike the Ridge,” scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday, October 4. ***Ridge Avenue will be closed to ALL vehicular traffic from Howard to Church Streets from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4.***

Rain or shine, bike riders of every age are invited to travel Ridge Avenue from Howard Street to Church Street and back again or anywhere in the middle. It is illegal to bike on Ridge Avenue at any other time, so come out and enjoy this non-competitive, City-sponsored bicycle special event.

If you plan on driving during that time:

-  ***Residents along Ridge will not be able to use their driveways between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 4.*** If you plan to use your cars, please park them on side streets before 8:00 a.m. that morning.
-  Unsignaled side streets that intersect with Ridge will be barricaded and will not have Ridge Avenue access; signaled intersections (east/west) will be open as normal.

We invite you to participate or volunteer during this event:

-  Bring your family and bike down the roadway. Kids under age 14 are invited to decorate their bikes and enter a bike decorating contest; don't forget, children under 18 are required to wear bike helmets per City ordinance.
-  Volunteer to help keep people safe during the event and oversee a barricaded street; e-mail Anjana Hansen at anjanahansen@comcast.net, and she will happily give you an assignment. Volunteers get a coupon for a free meal at Wiener and Still Champion.
-  Stop by nearby parks to visit with clubs and organizations, buy snacks, reap giveaways or register your bikes with the Evanston Police Department. Park locations are: Ridgeville Park (corner of Seward Street and Ridge Avenue), Alexander Park (corner of Grove Street and Ridge Avenue) and Grey Park (corner of Main Street and Ridge Avenue). Stop by St. Nick's for some goodies as well.
-  Join Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl as she leads us in the ride at 9:00 a.m. at the intersection of Ridge Avenue and Howard Street.

We hope you enjoy this event!

Regards,

Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Douglas J. Gaynor, Director, Parks/Forestry, Recreation and Facilities Management Dept.

Suzette Eggleston, Interim Director, Public Works Dept.

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