Dear Readers,
Welcome to this issue of the NJ Walks and Bikes Newsletter, a bi-weekly service prepared by the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center (NJBPRC). If you would like to learn more about NJBPRC, please visit us [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1125482010504&format=html&print=true).

New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Update:

The date for our next BPAC meeting has been set! Please mark your calendars for:

Thursday, September 22, 2016
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick
Rooms: TBD

Stay tuned for additional details and the agenda. To learn more about BPAC, please visit the webpage [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1125482010504&format=html&print=true).

Walk Together: The Benefits of Walking Groups

Why you should join a walking group

[www.saferoutesnj.org](http://www.saferoutesnj.org)
A walking group is as straightforward as it sounds and simple to start on one’s own. In addition to the benefits that come from walking alone, walking groups also offer accountability, personal growth and development, and safety (5). Joining walking groups can also increase the motivation to make walking trips rather than driving to places.

Most of us are aware of the benefits that come from walking, yet this basic human function typically learned after one year of life is not utilized in adulthood as much as it could be. Walking has a great amount of health benefits and serves as a mode of transportation. This piece will discuss those benefits in the context of walking groups or clubs.

Follow this link to read the full article!

What to do After a Bicycle Crash in New Jersey
Tips on actions to take after a crash

Bicycling is a fun and healthy way to get around. Unfortunately, even if you are the safest bicyclist on the road, you can still end up in a crash.

Regardless of whether it is a minor crash or a major collision, you should be certain to ensure you have taken appropriate action to protect your rights and your health.

Check out the full article to see a list of actions you should take after a collision.

Summary of July New Jersey Ambassadors in Month Activities
Street Smart and Bicycle Rodeos

July was a busy month for the New Jersey Ambassadors in Month (NJAIM). As people all across New Jersey hit the beaches and boardwalks, Ambassadors took to the streets to let people know about
pedestrian safety. Partnering with Street Smart NJ, a public education and awareness campaign, BPRC's Ambassadors handed out literature in several Shore communities.

The AIM team also participated in a number of bicycle rodeos during July, helping teach valuable bicycle skills to children.

Check out the full article for additional details on NJAIM July activities!

BPRC - Now Active on Social Media!
Friend and follow us!

We have recently expanded our presence on both Twitter and Facebook!

You can find us at:
https://www.facebook.com/njbikeped/
and at:
https://twitter.com/njbikeped

Bike/Ped Newsfeed 📰
July 11 - August 2, 2016

U.S. providing $16M to Camden for waterfront development
July 29, 2016 - NJ.com

"The city of Camden will get $16.2 million in federal funds to rebuild a network of streets north of the Ben Franklin Bridge in an attempt to enhance economic development in the area. The work also involves installing sidewalks, providing curb cuts for people with disabilities, improving lighting and marking bicycle lanes."

Why do Jersey beachgoers keep walking out into traffic?
July 24, 2016 - Philly.com

"This all is driving Longport Mayor Nick Russo nuts. "Whatever happened to look both ways?" he lamented. Russo wants repeal of the law, passed in April 2010, nine months after Casey Feldman, 21, was struck and killed by a van while crossing on Central Avenue in Ocean City. "We've done a pretty good job of educating drivers," he said. "We need to do better with pedestrians."

At first, Longport targeted drivers, sending officers as pedestrian decoys. But now, Russo and other mayors and police chiefs say the law has served
to emboldened pedestrians.

"I have been trying to fight this law since its inception," Margate Police Chief David Wolfson said. "It's a horrible law. It was well-intentioned. I don't believe it's working the way it's supposed to. People don't understand."

Crosswalk, lights coming to road where cyclists struck
July 21, 2016 - NJ.com

"A popular crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Washington Road in Princeton will get a crosswalk and pedestrian-activated beacons, Mercer County announced Thursday.

The Delaware and Raritan Canal crossing over the county road, where traffic is known to travel at high speeds, is one of the most heavily used crossings in Mercer County, officials said."

First Bidirectional Bike Intersection in America Installed in Atlanta
July 25, 2016 - Curbed Atlanta

For more local NJ bike/ped headlines, national news, opinion pieces, and the crash report, click here!

Complete Streets in New Jersey
An up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies in New Jersey

There are currently 130 municipalities and 7 counties with Complete Streets policies in New Jersey. The Borough of Woodstown, the first municipality in Salem County to pass a Complete Streets policy, and the Borough of Gibbsboro in Camden County are the most recent additions. This brings the total New Jersey population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 3.4 million people, or 39% of the population. Essex and Bergen Counties lead the way with 13 municipalities having adopted policies each, followed by Mercer County with 12.

To access the most up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, please click here.