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January/February 2017



Andy Dyson and others getting ready to ride the [newly-opened Lewis and Clark Bridge](#) in December.

Upcoming Events

February 7 - March 14. JCPS Adult Education "Bike Rx" program

FCCBikeworks will again be part of JCPS' "Louisville Learns" programming in 2017, offering a 6 week course on bike maintenance. The classes, which start the evening of Tuesday, February 7 and run through Tuesday, March 14th, will cover just about everything you want to know about bike maintenance and repair.

The cost of the course is \$139 for 6 weeks, plus a materials fee of \$20.00. You can register [here](#). As an added benefit, those who sign up for this class will be given a free 1 year membership to FCCBikeworks (a \$60 value) so this is a real bargain!

Fix-em-up days, February and March, TBD.

We have a lot of bikes in-house that need some love and elbow grease, so we'll be hosting fix-em-up days in the shop to get them ready for sale. We plan to do these monthly on a day when the shop is not usually open. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and your inbox for the next one.

In the neighborhood

Falls City Community Bike Works is proud to be part of the Shelby Park neighborhood.

We welcome 4th Metro Council member, [Barbara Sexton Smith](#), who was sworn in earlier this year. An avid cyclist herself, we hope to see her around!

See the [Shelby Park Neighborhood Association Facebook page](#) to stay up to date with events in our area.

Shop Talk

Membership dues

Membership dues, whether paid in cash or in sweat equity, are the backbone of FCCBikeworks and make it possible for us to accomplish work in the shop, pay the rent, and purchase necessities. Now that we have a dedicated membership software program, we'll be able to remind members to renew before their membership lapses. Currently, almost all existing members who have not renewed in the last three months have expired membership. If this is you, please renew your membership today. It's easy to do by [visiting our website](#), and it makes a big difference in our efforts.

New year, new donations!

Your Falls City Community Bike Works is now two years old and is supported by over 400 volunteers and community members. During that time, we've been able to offer hands-on teaching through open shop hours and workshops, reasonably priced bikes, and share bike repair knowledge with outside organizations to enable people to ride and maintain their bikes.

In 2017, we'd like to hire a new shop coordinator and conduct more workshops and events, but we can't do it without you. Please [make a donation](#) if you can. Your community bike shop thanks you!

Volunteers

We need you! If you have time to volunteer, FCCBikeworks welcomes assistance in bike repair, shop clean-up, special events, or administrative duties. Volunteering is one way to [become a member](#) at FCCBikeworks, learn more, share your knowledge, and get to know people in our community.

We now have an [orientation checklist](#) for those who are new to bike repair. The purpose of this is to provide a structure for volunteers to learn about bike repair at their own pace with dedicated help from our mechanics. If you're interested, please contact us by [email](#) or via [Facebook](#), or stop by the shop during open hours.

Membership options.

We have hourly and annual membership options. All options include access to shop equipment, the opportunity to buy discounted parts, and the expert assistance of our volunteer mechanics!

An [application](#) and waiver must be on file before using shop equipment or services. Payments may be made online.

Recent Events

December 16. GS&P Winter Bike to Work challenge

Thanks to generous sponsor, Gresham Smith & Partners, Louisville and Lexington competed once again in the Winter Bike to Work challenge. For every person who rode their bike to work that day and put up a selfie, GS&P donated \$10 to Falls City Community Bike Works (Louisville) or Broke Spoke (Lexington). Check out the selfies on the Facebook [event page](#).

January 23. Bike fix-em-up

We hosted the first bike fix-em-up of 2017. Around ten bikes were repaired and polished up, ready for sale now at the shop. Nathan Pinney wrote up some more details in a [blog post](#) that show how important this is to our mission. Stay tuned for more fix-em-ups in February and March.

SHOP HOURS

SUN: 1-4 PM

WED: 6:30-9:30 PM

First annual Board of Directors Elections

We had a fantastic turnout at the first ever Board of Directors officer elections on January 22nd. It was so large, we had to move it off-site to the very comfortable and spacious Urban Design Studio on 3rd Street. Thanks to the Center for Neighborhoods for making that space available to us.

After some socializing and snacking, we got down to business with a packed agenda chronicling what FCCB has been doing over the past year and where we want to go in 2017. You can access those documents on the new [Archives](#) page of our website (thanks to John Roberts of Jode Solutions!) by clicking on the button below [2017 Archives](#).

Finally, we accepted and voted on nominations for new Board of Directors members and held officer elections. We'll be telling you more about our Board members in the near future, but in the meantime, meet your new Board of Directors!

John Krueger, President

Nathan Pinney, Vice President

Ben Goldenberg, Treasurer

Andy Dyson, Secretary
Isabella Christensen
John Hawkins
Janice Childers
Samantha Rivera (new member)
Aaron Grant (new member)
Mike Hernandez (new member)
Nick Lough (new member)
Tom Hughes (new member)
Sarah Traugher (new member)

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