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Mayor Healy Proclaims May 17th – 21st As Jersey City Bike to Work Week Pedal to Work for a Smarter, Greener Commute

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy proclaims May 17th– 21st as **Jersey City Bike to Work Week** to encourage commuters to bike to work in support of a sustainable alternative to automobiles. To kick-off the week, a **Press Conference and unveiling of a new bicycle rack**, provided by the **Hudson TMA**, will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, May 18th** in the **Journal Square PATH Plaza** (cross streets are Kennedy Blvd., Sip and Pavonia Avenues).

“Commuting by bike even one day during the week would reduce the city’s carbon footprint and traffic,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We are encouraging those who normally drive to their offices in Jersey City, to get on a bike.”

Bike to Work Week is a nationwide endeavor to educate the public about the benefits of bicycling and to increase awareness of and respect for cyclists. In recognizing and encouraging cycling as an important means of transportation and in support of a sustainable alternative to automobiles, Jersey City is also encouraging employees, management and business owners to use bicycles to get to work.

“In promoting the lifelong health of employees and their families, employers can begin to see the positive impact cycling has,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Benefits include a decrease in absenteeism and health care costs, reduction in stress, as well as an improvement in morale and productivity. *Bike to Work Week* can be a stepping stone to getting people to subscribe to healthy living.”

In conjunction with the **Jersey City Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce**, the **Jersey City Police Department**, **Hudson Transportation Management Association (Hudson TMA)**, and **Bike JC**, Jersey City is promoting the four greatest benefits of bicycle commuting: saving money, exercise, a clean environment, and fun. Joining the effort are **Pershing, LLC**, **Morgan Stanley Smith Barney**, and many other local businesses. So whether they’re dusting off those big box store beater (yes, the ones with the streamers) or tuning up their carbon fiber criterium sprinters, it’s time for Jersey City residents and commuters to hit the road!

The economic, environmental and health effects of a car-dependent world are far reaching. In *Making Jersey City Greener*, **Jersey City Bike to Work Week** is another means of promoting energy efficient policies and practices to promote and implement energy conservation, renewable energy development, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

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Bicycle transportation is an integral part of the “multi-model” transportation system planned for by city, state and local transportation government agencies. The education of cyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure their safety and comfort.

Event volunteers from Bike JC – an advocacy organization which seeks to improve bicycle safety in the city and promote increased bicycle use as an everyday means of transportation and recreation – will be available to provide information, safety tips, guidelines, and bike maps. Visitors at any of the following locations listed below can register as a bicycling commuter and receive a free gift. Information and 10 minute workshops are available for all, as well as discounts and specials at local shops. Staff from Hudson TMA, the Jersey City Police Department and volunteers from BikeJC will hold workshops, such as *How to Lock Your Bike*, *Bike Safety Tips*, *Rules of the Road* and *How to Dress for All Types of Weather*.

“I encourage everyone to recognize the importance of sharing our streets and highways with cyclists,” said **Mayor Healy**. “I also invite you to participate in cycling activities to whatever extent possible during this week, including biking to work.”

The schedule of events is as followed:

<p>Tuesday, May 18th Bike to Work Week Kick-Off 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Journal Square PATH Plaza</p> <p>Press Conference 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, May 19th Community Safety Workshop Grove Street Plaza 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by: Pershing, LLC</p> <p>Thursday, May 20th Community Safety Workshop MLK Hub 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, May 21st Community Safety Workshop Exchange Place 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Co-sponsored by: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney</p>	<p>Saturday, May 22nd Everything Jersey City Festival Central Avenue 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, May 22nd Bike 101 – The Savvy Cyclist Frank Conwell School - PS#3 - 111 Bright Street 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>The Savvy Cyclist is a FREE, one day program for adults who want to improve their cycling skills and learn the do’s and don’ts of cycling in an urban environment. Certified instructors provide an eight hour program where instruction takes place both in the classroom as well as on the street. To receive information, e-mail info@hudsontma.org or call 201-792-2825. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.</i></p> <p>Sunday, May 23rd/Rain date: June 6th Bike JC’s 1st Annual Jersey City Ward Tour Exchange Place 11:00 a.m. - Parade 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Festival</p> <p><i>Featuring bike workshops, a bike rodeo, and giveaways.</i></p>
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RULES OF THE ROAD IN NEW JERSEY

According to [state law](#):

- Bicyclists riding at night need a front white lamp, rear red lamp, and rear red reflector
- Bikes require a bell at all times
- Bikes require brakes
- Hitching rides on other vehicles is prohibited, as is driving the bike with feet off the pedals.
- Passengers go in equipped seats only.
- Bicyclists ride with traffic and have the same rights and duties as car drivers
- Anyone under the age of 17 is required to wear a helmet. However, it helmets are encouraged to be worn by all ages.

According to [city law](#) [Adopted 9-9-1998 by Ord. No. 98-105]:

- Bicycle riders are subject to traffic regulations
- Riding bicycles on business district public sidewalks is prohibited

Biking on sidewalks is not allowed in Jersey City.

Neither is chaining bikes to things other than bike racks, when bike racks are available, according to another municipal code: [§ 239-7. - Use of bicycles.](#)

- A. As used herein, "bicycle" means a vehicle propelled by human power upon which a person may ride, having two tandem wheels, either of which is twelve (12) inches or more in diameter, and may be any vehicle generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or rear wheels.
- B. All persons operating bicycles shall have all of the rights and shall obey all applicable laws of the State of New Jersey and ordinances of this city, particularly those regulating traffic. Bicycle riders shall obey the same rules as the drivers of motor vehicles unless inapplicable.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or ride a bicycle in any of the following places:
 - a. On any public property where signs are posted by the Traffic Engineer prohibiting such use.

- b. On private property where a sign prohibiting bicycle riding has been posted by the owner, lessee or person in charge of such property.

No person in a park shall:

- A. Ride a bicycle on other than a paved vehicular road or path designated for that purpose. A bicyclist shall be permitted to wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any grassy area or wooded trail or on any paved area reserved for pedestrian use.
- B. Ride a bicycle other than on the right-hand side of the road paving as close as conditions permit, and bicycles shall be kept in single file when two or more are operating as a group. Bicyclists shall at all times operate their machines with reasonable regard to the safety of others, signal all turns, pass to the right of any vehicle they are overtaking, and pass to the right of any vehicles they may be meeting.
- C. Ride any other person on a bicycle.
- D. Leave a bicycle in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is a space available.
- E. Leave a bicycle lying on the ground or paving, set against trees or in any place or position where other persons may trip over or be injured by it.

[§ 296-87.](#) - Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person, except a minor, who violates [§ 296-86](#) shall be subject to a minimum fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and a maximum fine as provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, § 1-25.
- B. Any minor who violates any provision of [§ 296-86](#) shall, upon a first offense, receive a written warning addressed to the minor's parents or guardian. The minor and the parent may also be advised that a second violation will make them liable for a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fine or community service as provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions § 1-25, and that a third or subsequent offense will make them liable to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and a maximum fine as provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, § 1-25.

JERSEY CITY BIKEWAY SYSTEM - AS AMENDED

With Major Destinations



PARK / ATTRACTIONS

- 1. Liberty State Park
- 1-A. Audrey Zapp Drive / CRRNJ Terminal
- 1-B. Burma Road
- 2. Lincoln Park
- 3. Liberty Science Center
- 4. Jersey City Museum

FERIES

- 11. Newport
- 12. Harborside
- 13. Colgate
- 14. Liberty Harbor
- 15. Liberty State Park
- 16. Fort Liberite

PATH STATION

- 21. Journal Square
- 22. Exchange Place
- 23. Grove Street
- 24. Fenwick Newport

HUDSON BERGEN LIGHT RAIL

- 31. West Side Avenue
- 32. MLK Drive
- 33. Garfield Avenue
- 34. Danforth Avenue
- 35. Richard Street
- 36. Liberty State Park
- 37. Jersey Avenue
- 38. Marin Boulevard
- 39. Essex Street
- 40. Exchange Place
- 41. Harborside Financial Center
- 42. Harsimark Cove

SCHOOLS

- 51. IUCJ
- 52. St. Peter's College
- 53. Hudson Co. Com. College at Journal Sq

COMMERCIAL

- 61. Newport Mall
- 62. Hudson Mall

CIVIC

- 71. JC City Hall
- 72. JC Library
- 73. Hudson County Court House

INSTITUTIONAL

- 81. JC Medical Center

Legend

- On road
- Off road
- ➔ One way
- Proposed Alignment
- ● ● Public Services at Major Destinations

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