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Elmhurst Bike Club's Monthly Newsletter

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Next Meeting:

Thursday, **September 12th**
Board Meeting: 6:15PM
Club Meeting: 7:15PM

Save the Date:

Everybody Rides, September 15th, a benefit ride for Project Mobility. [Everybody Rides 2019](#)

President's Message

Greetings EBC Friends!

Oh my Goodness, September is here! Where has the summer of 2019 gone? Well, it was a fabulous one for The Elmhurst Bike Club! We had hundreds of rides and events throughout the summer and they will continue into the Fall so please, check the ride schedule and join a ride that fits your interest and ability!

I wanted to thank all the great EBC members who came out to volunteer at the Palos Meltdown Mountain Bike(MTB) race, we had 25 members who made it about others and gave up part of their weekend to volunteer to make the race possible.

What are you doing to give back to cycling and the community at large? Contact me if you need some ideas about how to reach out. Remember, anyone can ride a bike from here to there, but we as cyclists can do more for others in order to make a positive dent in the Universe.

That said, September brings another great opportunity to give back by attending Everybody Rides, which raises money to buy bikes for physically challenged children. Hard not to like that! Project Mobility is hosting their 7th annual Everybody Rides benefit at James O. Breen Park in St. Charles on September 15th. Riders can choose from a 10 mile family trail ride or a 29, 47, or 62 mile road ride on quiet country roads. It is listed on the EBC Calendar here: [Everybody Rides 2019](#)

Our September meeting will be on the 12th. Ginger Wheeler from East Branch DuPage River Trail Association will be our featured guest. Ginger will be speaking about the proposed East Branch DuPage River Trail. The September meeting will be at 7:15PM at The Elmhurst Community Bank, 330 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, IL. All members and guests are encouraged to attend to keep up with club happenings and socialize with your fellow members. Board Meeting precedes the regular meeting at 6:15pm and all are welcome to attend.

That's all for now...see you soon on the road or trail riding at the speed of fun!

George Pastorino
President

Editor's Note

It's been quite a Summer, and we have many miles to ride before we head into Autumn and Winter.

Refresh your traffic law knowledge. A refresher on changes to help keep us humans on bicycles safer. October 1st is around the corner, and it will be time to renew your membership. Don't remember the instructions? A helpful link and "How To" from our webpage is this month's



"From The Website" blurb Our webmasters do a fabulous job to have information for members. Pull up the club site on your favorite device (yes, they made it mobile-friendly), and explore the many different pages! As editor, I will use this time to thank the very generous and kind donations made in support of my November charity ride in Florida. I'm lucky to be at a place in life where I can give back, and hopefully, help give some kids and their families a hand in succeeding. It's easy to take for granted how much we have. Looking back at my last few months as newsletter editor has been a great reminder of how many great resources a cyclist in DuPage County has, not merely the paths, websites, and clubs, but the our fellow members, and our families for supporting us with this great gift that is cycling.

Illinois Rules of The Road Refresher

Legislation that Ride Illinois proposed and successfully lobbied for in 2017, are in effect since January 2018! Three state laws that address common motorist and cyclist practices kicked in on January 1st, 2018. They are:

- Allow motorists to pass bicyclists in a no-passing zone under certain conditions to improve cyclist safety
- Officially legalize bicycling on road shoulders, but not require it
- Allow a rear red light instead of or in addition to a rear red reflector

The most notable change in traffic law *allows drivers to pass bicycles in a no-passing zone* in order to improve cyclist safety and traffic flow on the road. Long no-passing zones on two-lane roads commonly present a problem for drivers trying to legally pass a bicyclist. The travel lanes of most roads lack the width needed for drivers to safely and legally pass a cyclist with at least three feet of clearance (a state law) while staying within the lane.

In this common situation, most motorists do end up crossing solid centerlines to pass cyclists anyway. However, some drivers choose to pass the cyclist too closely to obey the no-passing zone, and in doing so, *illegally squeeze by* within the same, too-narrow lane – a scary maneuver that sometimes leads to sideswipe crashes. For long no-passing zones, those drivers obeying both the no-passing zone and the three-foot passing law may not be able to pass a bicycle for a long time.

Under the law, a motorist may overtake and pass to the left of a bicycle in a no-passing zone when: (1) the bicycle is traveling at a speed of less than half of the posted speed limit; (2) the driver is able to overtake and pass the bicycle without exceeding the posted speed limit; and (3) there is sufficient distance to the left of the

centerline. The driver must also pass with at least three feet clearance of the bicycle – a distance mandated by state law.

The legislation also legalizes bicycling on shoulders, a common safety practice of biking. Illinois law largely restricts vehicles driving on a shoulder, with some specified exceptions (e.g. farm tractors and equipment), and the new law adds bicycles to the list of exceptions. Having this legal clarity will benefit cyclists as well as road agencies desiring to sign or otherwise designate bicycle routes having paved shoulders. Bicycling on shoulders *is not required*, however, as there are situations for which cyclists should not ride on a shoulder.

Membership Renewal

From Our [Website](#)

NOTE: The whole topic of "Renewing" only applies to "Primary" members. "Primary" members are either folks that have an "Individual" membership (which means they paid for themselves), or those that have a "Family" membership in which they are the Family Member that ***pays the account. If you desire to swap the Primary and Secondary members on the account then ask the EBC to have it done. For this, you can email: <Webmaster@ElmhurstBicycling.org>***



If it is the renewal period (October 1st to December 31st), then members should do the following steps if they have not done so already:

- Login to the EBC CE (this) website using your given login name and password. (If you have never logged in, or lost your password; then email the EBC webmaster <Webmaster@ElmhurstBicycling.org> and ask for a new password.)
- Once logged in, look to the upper right on your screen. Your name should appear there.
- Just to the right of your name is a little 'v' (down arrow).
- Click that down arrow and you should see some links, including "Profile". Below the "Profile" link, there should be a "**Renew**" link, which means EBC CE is awaiting your renewal & payment. Click on "**Renew**".
- Fill out your info on the next page that opens up, then...
- Proceed to the Payment Page.
- After filling in basic membership choices, or leaving the defaults, you need to pay by pressing the PayPal button that pops up without notice (unfortunately, it is not intuitive).
- **You do NOT have to be a member of PayPal in order to use their payment apparatus. You can pay using your credit card from within PayPal.**
- Download & view this PDF document, illustrating paying with your credit card via PayPal: [Paying with Credit Card using PayPal](#)
- After finishing payment, you will be brought back to the EBC CE website, and can continue on in the site as a paid-up, logged-in Member of the EBC.

Bike Advocacy Update: Elmhurst

Kim Messina, co-chair

Monday, August 26th, the Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge over route 83 was discussed at the Public Safety and Affairs Committee meeting. This is the bridge that will be a crossing over Route 83, connecting north Elmhurst to the Salt Creek Greenway Trail, to Cricket Creek, south Elmhurst, and to hundreds of miles of connecting trails within the 5 surrounding counties. There are many steps that need to be accomplished before the bridge is going to be built, but last night was a big leap in the right direction. The Committee agreed to recommend the plan to City Council for further discussion and approval. (The Council includes the mayor and all the aldermen).

EBC was well represented to show our support and interest for this project. A big THANK YOU TO: Cindy Reedy, Sue & Rich Jurewicz, Armaline Mirretti, Karen Lecker, and Kelli Morgan for being at the meeting. I will keep the club informed of the progress, and of course, I will ask for supporters at the future discussions that city will have.

As I mentioned in public comment, there is great value in Elmhurst continuing and building upon the status of Bicycle Friendly City.

A Fond Farewell to Gerry Feteke

Betty Bond



Mary Lee St. Aubin said it best, "A shining light has gone out as Elmhurst Bicycle Club loses one of its finest members."

Gerry came into this world on September 18, 1933. She grew up in the Chicagoland area and graduated from the University of Illinois, later getting a Masters Degree in Education. Gerry traveled all over the globe teaching special needs and military children in foreign countries.

Gerry joined Elmhurst Bicycle Club in 1988 and volunteered in many capacities, holding several different offices on the board. Many members have commented about the wonderful person she was to them and all the calm help she offered. Gerry also liked to cross country ski and snow-shoe. She was known to say she no longer liked to down-hill ski as once you ski in the Swiss alps...nothing could compare.

Gerry joined a group of EBC members who enjoyed camping. She rode with her bike fully loaded with all the things she would need to use along the way. They would ride for ten days or so, camping each night. Several members remember her pedaling up hills like the trouper she was. She never complained! She was a joy to be around and was always happy and uplifting.

She was an avid volunteer at Morton Arboretum and a docent at Brookfield Zoo. She was quite the horticulturist and could identify any

plant you brought to her.

She was a devoted member of the Riverside branch of the American Association of University Women. She also belonged to many book clubs.

Gerry had a beloved partner in the late Michael Rossiter. Mike passed away in 2014. Gerry is survived by loving family members in the form of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She had recently sold her house and lived at Plymouth Place in La Grange Park, making a lovely home in her 7th floor apartment.

"There was always something magically peaceful in Gerry's eyes. A calming aura surrounded her." Says, Tom Preston from EBC.

Rest in Peace Gerry, and thank you for sharing a part of your life with us. You will be missed and never forgotten.

Gerry's Memorial Service will be held September 7th at 10:00AM
at
Dole Hall, Plymouth Place Senior Living, 315 N La Grange Road, LaGrange.
Gerry's family specified EBC members to attend.
A reception will be held following the memorial.

Trek Travel P/B Elmhurst Bicycle Club & J&R Cycle

George Pastorino

Big news about the November EBC meeting! Trek Travel is teaming up with Elmhurst Bicycle Club at J&R Cycle, 240 W. St. Charles Road, Villa Park, on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 PM for an evening dedicated to dreaming about where your bike will take you next!

Voted a 2018 World's Best Tour Operator by Travel & Leisure Magazine and with 50+ destinations worldwide, there is a Trek Travel trip for every rider level out there, from experiencing the scenic wine country of France to multisport adventures in our beloved National Parks. Come to discover what makes Trek Travel special.

There will be additional parking at Allegra Banquets across the street.

It will be a festive meeting that all are invited to attend. Check out all the extras and goodies that will be included.

- Social hour with Beef Sandwiches, appetizers, Beer, wine and soft drinks
- 35-minute presentation and Q&A with a Trek Travel representative
- Raffle prizes, including three \$25.00 J and R Gift cards and more!
- Trek Travel coupon for up to \$200 off your next cycling vacation for all attendees
- 20% off all accessories and clothing in store

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General Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2019

Present: Ron Richards, Judy Mikesell, Kim Messina

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at Community Bank of Elmhurst.

President: George was absent at this meeting.

Vice-president/Ride Captain: Ron suggested rides that are posted weekly at the same time, have a group of Ride Leaders who would lead the ride on a rotating basis. (Example: Early Fast Busse; Hump Day Hustle; Blue Skies; etc....). This would allow for a different ride captain to lead that ride, should the usual Ride Leader not be able to lead the ride. This Sponsor a Ride would be a slight change in policy will ensure one can expect to ride when posted but may have a different Ride Leader to lead the ride. This is only a suggestion at this time.

Secretary Report: no report

Membership Coordinator:

- Total members: 439

Meeting attendance: 23 members

Remember to update your ICE (In case of Emergency) number in your EBC membership profile:

Phone number, name of your contact, and their phone number.

- **Door prize winners:**

Parker W Hand, Terri Carrabello, Isaac Samayo

Tonight's refreshments: Tom and Ginny Preston

Newsletter Editor: Denise Kolden welcomes your articles, pictures, and riding experiences you wish to share

Refreshment Coordinator: Terri Caraballo

Treasurer: Monthly Banking Summary (dated 1/1/2019 – 5/8/2019): Total income: \$1,013.45; Total Expenses \$2109.32; Total balance: \$9,928.38

Awards and Club Attire: no news

Sponsorship: Ginny Preston reminded us that our sponsors have links on our websites, and that many are having sales at this time. Please stop and visit any one of our sponsors and let them know that you appreciate their sponsorship to our club

Advocacy Chair: Elmhurst Park District voted to support and contribute to the phase 1 study concerning the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge over Route 83 on the north side of Elmhurst. This would allow safe crossing to the Salt Creek Greenway Trail, to Cricket Creek Park, and to many other trails.

Sargent at Arms: Sue Hickey.

Programs: Should members have any ideas for guest speakers or bike related topics to be presented at our meetings, please contact Vince Gatto.

Safety Chairman: Tonight's presentation will be by George Hardwidge on Bicycle Safety while riding.

Mountain Bike Coordinator: no report

Website/Database Team: no report

Announcements: Publicity: Club members are encouraged to sign up for the CPR and First Aid training geared towards possible cycling accidents. You can register and pay for this course from our EBC website. The training will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Bank of Elmhurst in lieu of our next club meeting.

Tonight's Program: – George Hardwidge will give a presentation on bicycle safety while riding

The next meeting will be Thursday July 11, at 7:00pm at 330 West Butterfield Road, Elmhurst IL 60126

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Messina, Club Secretary

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