



# RECYCLE BICYCLE HARRISBURG REVIEW

DECEMBER 2024

## Donations at Work

Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg's (RBH) End of Year Fundraiser is underway. We are excited to raise money to help restock highly used parts, finance building maintenance, and grow new programs. Next year we hope to introduce mountain biking to local youth, continue our Youth Mechanic Program with The Joshua Group and Yellow Breeches Educational Center, and offer opportunities to college students through internships.

Your generous donations will help us continue serving the community and expand our potential. Please consider donating before the end of 2024. Mail checks payable to Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg, to PO Box 5264, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or donate online at <https://rbhburg.org/>



\*We've given away over 300 bicycles throughout the year to groups for adults and children.

## Milestone for Bicycle Registration

On the evening of September 17th, Samantha (pictured below) waited patiently for a bicycle. When we registered her bike in our system, her unique tag was number 10,000!

RBH began registering bicycles in 2014. Ross Willard approached Harrisburg Police to ask about their policy regarding bicycles and theft. Harrisburg had a code that required bicycles be registered, but enforcement was difficult.

After this consult, Ross agreed to register our bicycles. It was a manual process, and somewhat tedious, but proved helpful when reuniting bicycles with their owners. We want to thank Harrisburg Police, who purchased the first set of registration tags for RBH, but since then, we've been responsible for that expense.

In 2021, we started using an online registration system, which helps us retrieve vital information about a bike's owner quickly.



## Bike Décor

Looking for the perfect holiday yard decoration? RBH has great vintage bikes! You may have them FREE (donations appreciated). Check out the options online at [rbhburg.org](http://rbhburg.org), then stop by during shop hours to get yours.





# Much More Than a Mural

On a beautiful day in October, RBH joined Sprocket Mural Works and HBG Bike Crew for a ride through Harrisburg to track down these artistic celebrations of culture and community. About 45 riders pedaled through the streets to learn about the artists, themes, techniques, and power of art in our community. As many may know, the exterior wall of RBH features one of Sprocket Mural Works murals created during the 2021 Mural Fest. Look for more rides with Sprocket Mural Works and the HBG Bike Crew in the 2025 Mural Fest.

To learn more about our mural, visit <https://sprocketmuralworks.org/mural/recycle-bicycle/>

## Bike Light Mount 3D Printer Style

Per Pennsylvania law, bikes must have a white light at night. A simple way is by attaching a flashlight to the handlebars, which RBH supplies to our guests. While old bike tubes are our standard to attach these flashlights, a clever board member figured out an innovative solution.

With a 3D printer, he printed small, plastic flashlight mounts for the bike handlebars. The mounts are attached with a Velcro strap for ease of use.

Since RBH is committed to safety, we also offer helmets and reflective vests at no cost to individuals who use their bicycle to travel for work.

Below is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania law from Title 75 regarding lights.

*If you use your bike between sunset and sunrise, it must be equipped with a front lamp and rear and side reflectors that are visible from at least 500 feet. This is both to help other motorists see you and also to illuminate your path.*

Source: 75 Pa. Cons. Stat. §3507 (2016)



# Remembering Volunteer George Hing

RBH will deeply miss our volunteer and friend, George Hing (Ng George L. Hing), who died unexpectedly earlier this year. We will always remember George rushing around the Chestnut Street Shop, diagnosing bike issues, and working diligently to maximize the potential of every bike. George resided in the Carlisle area and generously gave his time to LifeCycle (a New Life Community Church program) since its inception, as well as RBH.

A former educator, George was known to be humble, introspective, and student-focused. No matter the situation, he was constantly seeking to improve himself and those around him. He carried that growth mindset with him to RBH. A dependable, loyal person, George traveled weekly from Carlisle to Harrisburg's Allison Hill to volunteer in our shop.

RBH founder, Ross Willard, recalls that his first experience with George was working with him to obtain donated bikes from the bike share program at Dickinson College. Ross remembers him as cool, calm, and collected — always wanting to “fix bikes right.” Over time, George became RBH's ambassador to bicycle co-ops outside South Central PA, taking RBH trinkets as gifts when traveling. After visiting other bike shops, George reported to RBH leadership what they were doing and recommended ways in which our operations could improve.

Additionally, George was instrumental in establishing Carlisle's Northside Ride — a community ride starting at New Life Community Church and continuing for 3.4 miles to Memorial Park/Hope Station. He convinced borough officials that this ride should be held because it would benefit families with its different bike drills and skills courses for children. Before commencing each Northside Ride event, George and RBH volunteers would check bikes and make any last-minute repairs. The Northside Ride has now existed for many years, and riders sorely miss George's presence.

George's enthusiasm and knowledge of bicycles has left a positive impact on the people and organizations he helped. His presence is greatly missed at RBH.





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## Welcome Our New Board Member

RBH welcomes Bob Sutton to our Board of Directors.

For the past four years, Bob has volunteered with RBH. Additionally, he also spent more than 20 years volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America program. Bob has been instrumental in engaging at-risk students who come to our shop to learn bike repair.

Bob brings a wealth of experience from his work in the healthcare industry, particularly in human resources, finance, fundraising, and grant writing. We are grateful not only for his wrenching mechanic skills but also his understanding of non-profit processes.

Our board is committed to the growth of RBH and holding true to our mission. We are excited for the energy Bob will bring to the board.

**Want To Help?** RBH is looking for new board members, specifically a treasurer. If you are interested please contact us.



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