



PRESS ADVISORY

Area Bicyclists Join in International “Ride of Silence”

Cyclists worldwide join in a silent slow-paced ride in honor of those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways.

Flint, MI. May 18, 2015 – On May 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM, the [Ride of Silence](#) will begin in North America and roll across the globe. Cyclists will take to the roads in a silent procession to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. Although cyclists have a legal right to share the road with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves. In 2003, Chris Phelan organized the first Ride of Silence in Dallas after endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and was killed.

[Friends of the Flint River Trail](#) invite the public to join them in honoring fellow cyclists and raising awareness of motorists, police and city officials that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways. The Ride of Silence is a free ride that asks its cyclists to ride no faster than 12 mph, wear helmets, follow the rules of the road and remain silent during the ride. The ride is also a chance to show respect for and honor the lives of those who have been killed or injured.

There are 23 Rides of Silence planned across Michigan, including the one in Flint. Please join [the Friends of the Flint River Trail](#) to honor our fellow cyclists. There are no sponsors and no registration fees.

Contact: Jack Minore 810-252-5258 or jacksonmin@aol.com
Who: Public
When: Promptly at Flint OLD Farmers Market at 6:55pm on May 20th
Distance: 8 miles
Route: From the Flint OLD Farmers Market and ride into and through a portion of the major downtown street in Flint (Saginaw St) as well as through a part of the UM-Flint campus and the Mott Community College campus. Helmets are required.

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Flint River Watershed Coalition: Partnering to Protect, Preserve, and Improve the Flint River Watershed
The Flint River Watershed Coalition is an organization representing individuals, businesses, community organizations, and local units of government sharing a vision of a healthier Flint River Watershed. We envision a day when the future of our drinking water is secure and the integrity of the Flint River is protected. We believe that all people should have access to the river for recreation, swimming, and fishing as well as the economic value it provides to our communities.

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