

# Active Transportation Newsletter

Winter 2016/17

Calendar  
Deadlines & Events

## November

- CBC, Carrboro's bike group meets at Open Eye Café at 8 p.m.
- BACH, Chapel Hill's bike advocacy group meets at Vimala's, 431 West Franklin St, Chapel Hill 6:30 pm
- Watch For Me Campaign—Safety Trainings Available.

## December

- The ReCYCLEry: Opportunity to build yourself a bike while also acting as mentor to youth.
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- BACH, Chapel Hill's bike advocacy group meets at Vimala's, 431 West Franklin St, Chapel Hill 6:30 pm

## January

- BACH, Chapel Hill's bike advocacy group meets at Vimala's, 431 West Franklin St, Chapel Hill 6:30 pm
- CBC meets at Open Eye Café at 8 p.m.
- Lighten Up Chapel Hill Planning: Night Cycling - White Lights on bike front, and red on back – NC Law.

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# Go Chapel Hill

## Driving Less - Feeling Great!

### 2016 Go Chapel Hill Mobility Transportation Management Conference 25 Years and Counting!

Annually, 117 representatives gather for the Town of Chapel Hill's Mobility Conference to collect the latest best practices regarding commute alternatives including perks, tips and newest local and state laws. This year's conference was held at St. Thomas More celebrating 25 Silver Anniversary of the Transportation Management Plan in Chapel Hill!

Presentations began early in the morning, from over 20 regional transportation professionals including, Brian Hoyle, a professional hot air balloonist, as keynote speaker. Hoyle's message offered an inspirational message calling everyone to keep trying to reach the highest of heights no matter what mode of transportation is chosen, in order to keep Chapel Hill clean, green and the healthiest community possible.

Mayor Pam Hemminger, Planning & Sustainability Director Ben Hitchings and David Bonk, originator of the TMP, presented awards to outstanding TMP Sites for outstanding work in commute alternative programs. **Award winners included University Place, AC Hotel by Marriott, UNC Hospital, St. Thomas More School, and very 1st TMP Site Chapel Hill Sportswear, originally the site of The Intimate Bookstore.**

At the end of the conference, on the 25th Anniversary TMP Year, coordinators were given applause and celebration with new title of TMP Champions! Go Chapel Hill TMP Champions, their hard work is appreciated for helping all those in the buildings represented to find new ways to get to and from work!

Special recognition was given to David Bonk for his vision and 25 years of service regarding commute alternatives for the Town of Chapel Hill. Bonk will also be retiring at the end of December and the Town recognized his 31 years of overall service in Long Range Planning and Transportation.





***“Choose  
One  
Thing,  
and Do It  
Well.”***

David Bonk

***A special thank you and salute to David Bonk, for 31 years of dedicated service to the Town of Chapel Hill as well as overall regional transportation planning in the Triangle area!***

***Best Wishes David Bonk - Keep On Planning!!!***

# Looking to Carpool? Try ShareTheRideNC.org



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- ### Single Trip Matching

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Search below to see if a similar trip has already been posted by another user. If your trip has already been posted by someone else, you will have to login to contact them. (Trips are sorted by day and time with the most current trips on the top of the list.)

If your trip has not been posted, login and be the first to post it. Add a new trip by clicking the green 'Post a Trip' button and follow the on-screen instructions. After a trip has been posted, the creator can edit or delete by clicking the Edit box, located in the "My Trips" tab.

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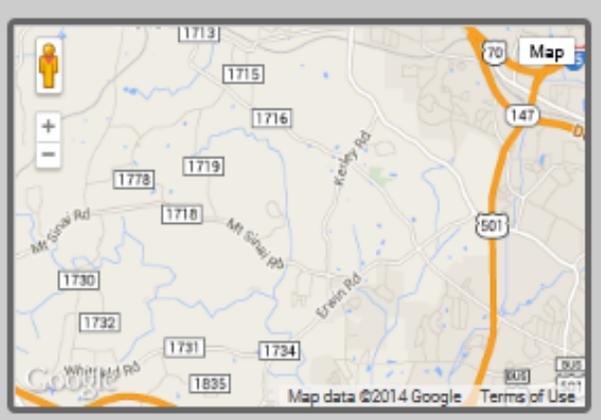
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## Chapel Hill Transit Is Fare Free!

If you haven't tried Chapel Hill Transit yet, the fare will surprise you...

**CHAPEL HILL BUSES ARE FREE FOR EVERYONE!**

Take Chapel Hill Transit and enjoy quick efficient service to your destination. Beginning And, if Fare Free isn't already great enough, also discover Chapel Hill Transit's Real Time Information found at many stops as well as online at <http://www.chtransit.org/>. Services are offered, including excellent seating, friendly drivers and quick routes taking you most anywhere you might want to go. For Customer Service and Chapel Hill Transit information, please call (919) 969 – 4933. For EZ Rider service and information please call (919) 969 – 5544.

*Note: Lot 54 is no longer available for park & ride services except through the University of North Carolina.*

Enjoy Chapel Hill Transit's Quality Fare-Free Service Today!

## Go Triangle is the Place for Information!

Check out the information available at the Go Smart website <http://www.gotriangle.org>. At a glance, you will find anything you could ever want to know about alternative commuting in the Triangle Area is available at this newly designed website. Information includes carpool matching, vanpooling, bicycling, telecommuting and information about all the areas transit services. One of the best features of the website is the Trip Planner. Input your starting point and desired destination and in moments the perfect route for your trip is available!

Check out all of the services available at Go Smart ([www.gotriangle.org](http://www.gotriangle.org))!

## Now Follow Go Chapel Hill



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# Get Involved!



THE  
**RECYCLERY NC** IS A  
NON-PROFIT LO-  
CATED IN

**CARRBORO, NC**

**THAT TEACHES**

**BICYCLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE AND**

**ALLOWS COMMUNITY**

**MEMBERS**

**TO EARN THEIR**

**OWN BIKES!**

**CARRBORO  
BICYCLE  
COALITION**



**Carrboro Bicycle Coalition**

Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesdays

Starts: 8:00 pm

**Open Eye Cafe**

101 South Greensboro Street,  
Carrboro, NC 27510



**Bike Alliance Chapel Hill (BACH)**

Meet at Vimala's, 431 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill

**4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

Join Bike Alliance Chapel Hill

Find them at [www.bikechapelhill.com](http://www.bikechapelhill.com)

[www.facebook.com/bikechapelhill](http://www.facebook.com/bikechapelhill)

# TELEWORK PROGRAM BENEFITS

## 7 REASONS TO CONSIDER

### 1 INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY

A study done at the University of Texas Austin found that telecommuters worked 5-7 more hours each week than their in-office counterparts.



### 2 REDUCES TURNOVER

Employees with an option to telecommute report being much happier in comparison to traditional office workers. This leads to more employees staying with the company.

#### HAPPINESS SCALE

OFFICE WORKERS 64%

TELEWORKERS 73%

### 3 ECO-FRIENDLY

A recent study found that telecommuting saves enough energy to power one million homes in the United States for an entire year!

### 4 IMPROVES MORALE

Workplace flexibility promotes a better work-life balance. This leads to happier and less stressed employees who feel more valued.



### 5 COST EFFECTIVE

It's estimated that for each employee who telecommutes, a company saves about \$11,000 annually.



### 6 TRUST IN EMPLOYEES

Employees who telework tend to have higher production rates to justify the trust of their superiors and their flexible work arrangement.

### 7 RECRUIT DESIRABLE EMPLOYEES

Teleworking isn't for everyone and every position. However, if your company and job roles are a right fit for teleworking, learn more at [bit.ly/GoTelework](http://bit.ly/GoTelework).



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## Get Your Cycle On!

Cycling can offer new opportunities for people who have never cycled before to get to work, to run errands or simply to introduce cycling to others that have not tried it yet. And for some it seems, as shown in the picture below, the warm weather of summer is a great time to try a few mornings of getting to market without your car!

*Go, Chapel Hill!*



Carol Whaley, former University of North Carolina student and now New York City Photographer, visiting Chapel Hill, captured racks full of bicycles on Franklin Street commenting that "...while recognizing there are many cycling in the downtown area, I did not realize so many now frequent the streets."

All Ages Cycle Chapel Hill - Helmet Safety is Important!

***If Interested In Your Business Receiving a Best Work Places for Commuters Designation, Contact Mary Cell at [msell@tjcg.org](mailto:msell@tjcg.org)***



## **Gift Cards - Alternative Miles!**

### **Earn Gift Cards Just by Logging Into Go Perks!**

The GoPerks incentive program rewards commuters with chances to win incentives in drawings when they get out of their daily commute mode of driving alone and try a more sustainable commuting option – a smart commute - such as carpool, vanpool, bike, walk or the bus. GoPerks is another program to enhance GoTriangle’s goal of reducing traffic, helping employees save money, and improve the environment and quality of life by introducing prize drawings for smart commuters. The program is free but the rewards are priceless!

### **Who is Eligible for GoPerks?**

GoPerks is only for employee who WORK OR LIVE in Durham, Orange or Wake counties.

Participants must use a smart commute option to travel to work, such as carpooling, taking the bus, biking, walking, or using a vanpool, and track their trips in Commute Calendar in Share the Ride NC at [www.strnc.com](http://www.strnc.com).

Their employer must be registered in the free Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program. ERH is free for employers and employees. It allows employees to have a free ride home on days they have unscheduled overtime or family emergencies and need to leave work early. Learn about the free ERH program at <http://www.gosmartnc.org/ERH>.