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**Madison Bikes**



## **Kickoff Party and Fundraiser**

**Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm**  
High Noon Saloon, 701 E Washington Ave, Madison

An event to ignite local bike advocacy.  
Good food, good music, good people.

Free Admission • Donations Encouraged

Underground Food Collective food truck will be on hand  
(proceeds to benefit Madison Bikes)

**HIGH NOON  
SALOON**

*Underground  
Food  
Collective*

Get more info  
or donate now at  
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Harald --

School has started, summer is starting to fade, and the Madison Bikes kickoff and fundraising party is just around the corner. We had a great response to last month's call for volunteers, and now we hope to have similar success in raising funds to effectively run and hopefully expand our operations) for the coming year. Our application to be a 501(c)3 charity has been approved and you can now [donate online](#).

## Events

### Fall Fundraising Party at High Noon - September 19

As previously announced, Madison Bikes will have [their kickoff and fundraising party](#) at the [High Noon Saloon](#) on September 19!

Enjoy food from the **Underground Food Collective truck**, have a drink and chat with us about your vision for a more bike-friendly Madison, or ride with us to or from the event. **DJ The Real Jaguar** will spin the turntables, and there are rumors of a a bike-powered blender making an appearance...

This is our first fundraising event, with an opportunity for you to support our work through a donation. [Donate now](#) online or at the event. Admission is free, but we very much appreciate your donation before, at, and after the event! Check back at [the event page](#) to stay up to date or RSVP there or on [Facebook](#).

## On the blog

### Little Victories: Expanding bike parking, two racks at a time

Bike parking is an important piece of infrastructure that can easily be overlooked. Sometimes it takes citizen activism to fix this.

[...] In the summer of 2015, 5th Element Coffee, a high-end coffee shop opened in the mixed-use building at the corner of University and Highland. I'm a bit of a coffee geek, and so I was excited to bike over there and check out their coffee offerings. The coffee did not disappoint, but the bike parking did: There were no racks in front of the shops, nor even in the general vicinity. One other biking customer had dealt with that by locking to a young tree, and I locked up to a traffic sign nearby. When I mentioned the lack of bike racks to one of the baristas, he acknowledged the problem. To move things forward, a couple days later I emailed the shop... [\[read the full post\]](#)

## Weekly calendar updates

Madison Bikes president Grant continues posting his weekly roundups of what's going on

in bike advocacy in Madison. Check out [this week's post](#), and check back every Monday for the latest installment.

## On Facebook

**Bikes and crosswalks:** Fitchburg mayor Steve Arnold reminded people driving about their responsibilities when it comes to cyclists at crosswalks. On our Facebook Group a lively discussion ensued about examples of especially bad intersections, the sometimes confusing rules, and the sense/nonsense of stop signs at bike path crosswalks. Read the full discussion [here](#).

**Parking in the cycle track:** Remember last month's story about a contractor blocking the University Ave cycle track with their van? Turns out they're not the only ones doing this. Our board member Chuck posted a picture of a delivery truck parked halfway in the bike lane, halfway on the sidewalk. The [comments provide several ideas](#) of what can be done about this.

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