

# Plymouth Pedalers Biking Club

**2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter May 23 - July 6, 2022**

## Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule

The Club managed to make it through a very cold, rainy April. We had quite a few ride cancellations, but our weather outlook is definitely looking brighter for the second schedule. For the first two rides, the Lites and Regulars will have the same starting point. All of the rides on the 2<sup>nd</sup> schedule will start at 9:00, except for the Regular's Hastings Ride which begins at 10:00.

## Club News

Lite Riders will continue to ride on Wednesdays, only, while the Regulars will still have the option to ride on Monday and/or Wednesday. The Monday ride is actually a Pre Ride and will be a bit faster. It will also be more exploratory checking for trail closures and alternate routes. It will have the same start time and location as the Wednesday ride. Note the Cancellation Info Line will be available for both the Monday and Wednesday rides.

The Regulars will be doing a Hastings Ride on June 15th starting at 10:00. It's a very scenic ride with Mississippi River views beginning at Spring Lake Park, and going all the way to Hastings. On the return trip, we will ride along the Vermillion River, and see the beautiful Vermillion Waterfalls. We highly recommend this ride led by Kevin Krueger! There will be no Pre Ride for the Hastings Ride.

We are in the process of creating a club directory for use in sending group emails and for individuals to contact one another. We already have many email addresses from previous years, but addresses for newer members have not been provided by Park & Rec. During the weekly sign-in process someone may ask for you for yours. Please provide your email address if you want to be included in the club directory.

Finally, the Regulars had to purchase new walkie-talkies (about \$60). If you would like to make a donation to help pay for them, it would be appreciated. You can give Bob Flynn your donation. Your club fees to Plymouth only pay for insurance and organizational fees.

## Annual Club Sign Up

A One-Time annual sign up is all that is required.

To sign up either register online or call 763-509-5200.

To register online:

In your browser, type "Plymouth MN Park & Rec Activity Guide" and click on Parks & Recreation Guide - City of Plymouth MN

Or click the link below

<https://www.plymouthmn.gov/departments/parks-recreation-/recreation-activities/activities-guide>

Click "Register Online"

Log In (after you have created an account)

Type in Activity Number 45908 and click "Search"

Click on the Plus (+) sign next to the ride you want

Scroll to the green area on the bottom right-hand side and click "Add to Cart"

Agree to the Waiver and Click "Continue"

Proceed to Checkout

## Which State Has the Longest Paved Rail Trail in the Country?

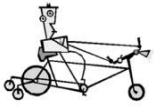
It also has more than 4,000 miles of bike trails.

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/bike-tours/minnesota-rail-trail-biking>



## Ride Cancellation Info Line

Our announcement line is 763-509-5275. On ride days, it will be updated by 7:30 a.m. if the ride is cancelled. Call the info line if in doubt about the weather so you don't drive to a ride and find it was cancelled.



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## **Start Times**

All rides on the first schedules will start at 9:00, except for the Regular's Hastings Ride which begins at 10:00.

## **Websites**

- The Newsletter and Ride Schedules are available on the Plymouth City Web site, under Senior Programs. Go to web site: <http://www.plymouthmn.gov/departments/parks-recreation/recreation-activities/seniors> Then scroll down to "Plymouth Pedalers".
- Ride videos are posted on YouTube. Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for Plymouth Pedalers.

## **Ride Leaders**

We try to offer new rides every year. If you have any ideas for new rides, let the Steering Committee know. We always like to add variety to our biking schedules.

## **PPBC Steering Committee**

Gary Doyle, Bob Flynn, Deb Grill, Allie Hafez, Kevin Krueger, Bill Lundberg, Arnie Nelson, Linda Platt, Stan Schwantes, Chuck Siefert