

SFOC EVENTS

Due to some lingering uncertainty about the pandemic we will not list future events with the exception of the (outdoors) used bike collection. We may hold spur of the moment events if we deem it prudent. We will inform you of these by email as well as post on our web site:
www.sharonfoc.org

Bike Collection in Easton: Saturday, May 22, from 9 am– 1 PM



A used bike collection will happen in conjunction with Bikes Not Bombs (BNB) and Sharon Friends of Conservation (SFOC) on Saturday, May 22nd, from 9 AM – 1 PM in the parking lot of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 143 Lincoln St, N Easton. Bikes, except tricycles, and all parts are acceptable. To learn more about what is collected and where in the Global South (El Salvador, Guatemala, Rwanda, Nevis Island, etc.) most of the bikes will be shipped to, please see the BNB web site:
bikesnotbombs.org

If you are able to contribute \$20, or whatever amount you'd like, BNB also accepts donations to help with transportation to these far away destinations. During the pandemic, shipping has become much more expensive. The shipping cost of a container to Rwanda that held approximately 500 bikes and all kinds of parts in April cost over \$8000. BNB is a 501(c)3 charity. They can provide a signed, dated receipt for a cash donation and the value of each donated bicycle.

BNB collect approximately 6,000 used bicycles and tons of used parts each year. They ship about 4,800 of these bikes to economic development projects (micro-enterprise bike businesses, sustainable technology projects, and youth training programs) in Ghana, Tanzania, South Africa, Guatemala and Nevis Island every year. BNB also sends technicians and tools for start-up projects to these same countries.

They use the remainder of the collected bikes at their Jamaica Plain Center; some are used in their co-ed youth Earn-A-Bike programs, and others are repaired by teenage mechanics as part of their Vocational Training programs and are for sale in their bike shop. BNB also offers girls-only programs all year round. Their bike shop is staffed by local teen graduates of BNB training programs and supervised by professional adult bike mechanics. The shop repairs customer bikes, offers hard-to-find used parts and sells new parts, locks, accessories and refurbished bikes with a warranty.

Help is needed at the collection to flatten the bikes (lower handlebars, seat, reverse pedals, etc). To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Rita at **norijo@earthlink.net** by Friday, May 21. Make subject: Bike Collection.