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Following the development of the Toronto Cyclists Union

We're almost ready to go!

After many months of development, outreach and community-building the Toronto Cyclists Union is getting ready to take its first steps.

In this newsletter you'll find information about our Coordinating Team, our media launch event, our spectacular Pee-wee fundraiser, our collaboration with Bells on Bloor and more!

We've lovingly placed some of our ideas on the backburner, such as the Roadside Assistance Program and the Trailer Lending Service. Instead we want to focus first on what is most needed: a strong voice for advocacy to fight for cyclists' needs at City Hall and move Toronto towards being a more bicycle friendly city with safe and green streets!

New members will also receive benefits such as discounts at stores, free lock removal and travel information for cyclists.

As we grow, we'll add more and more features, hire more staff and turn into a healthy sustainable organisation that changes the face of Toronto.

We need your support to grow. We hope you'll join the bike union and participate in our upcoming exciting events!



Get involved at:

bikeunion.to

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Join us at our media launch event at City Hall!

Toronto City Hall (Peace Garden) • Tuesday May 20th, 9am SHARP

Bring your bikes! Bring your kids! Bring your whole family!

Speakers include Mayor Miller, Rob MacIsaac (Metrolinx, Chair), City Councillor Adrian Heaps (Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, Chair), Ibrahim Absiye (CultureLink, Executive Director), and others...

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Meet our Team!

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**Second
Show
Added!**

**7pm
&
9:30!**



THE PEE-WEE HERMAN PICTURE SHOW

Bloor Cinema • Thurs May 29 • 7 & 9:30pm • \$14

A film screening of Pee-wee's Big Adventure, supported by a live cast featuring members of the Hidden Cameras, Broken Social Scene, Apostle of Hustle, Kids on TV, Republic of Safety, the Phonemes and more!

Lex Vaughn as Pee-wee. Gentleman Reg as Francis.

Guest appearances by Sook Yin Lee and others!

A fundraiser for the Toronto Cyclists Union

TICKETS ON SALE!

Downtown:

Grassroots Bloor, 408 Bloor St West
Grassroots Danforth, 372 Danforth Ave
Soundscapes, 572 College St
Toronto Women's Bookstore, 73 Harbord St
(Bloor Cinema box office)

Etobicoke:

Chain Reaction, 4231 Dundas St W
Bicycle Depot, 835 Albion Road
Daial Cycle, 555 Burnhamthorpe Rd W, Unit 107

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On Sunday May 25th join hundreds of cyclists of all ages in Toronto's biggest ever pedal-powered parade – One Thousand Bells on Bloor!

If you missed last year's Bells on Bloor ride, it was a huge sunny success with several hundred cyclists ching-ching-chinging across Bloor Street in celebration of one of the greenest, cleanest forms of transport and in support of making the city safe for cyclists.

The parade will be the Cyclists Union's first social ride and will go across Bloor Street starting at High Park's main gate at 12 noon

and ending at Queen's Park -- demonstrating the obvious need for bike lanes on Bloor.

So come with bells on, ring a bell along the route, or get a free bike bell. Rain or shine.

www.bellsonbloor.ca

Bells on Bloor is co-sponsored by the Toronto Cyclists Union, Take the Tooker and Bikes on Bloor.

Bike Lanes on Bloor:

Good for you. Good for Toronto. Good for the environment.

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Toronto on Two Wheels

Our sister publication, Dandyhorse Magazine, is aiming to hit the streets in July. Toronto's first urban cycling magazine, Dandyhorse will be full of exciting stories, features, news updates, gear reviews and more! For more information and advertising opportunities, check out their website: dandyhorse.ca

