



GET YOUR BIG BIKE RIDE TICKETS!

Macon's Big Bike Ride rolls out Saturday, November 8th, and you don't want to miss it! Join hundreds of local riders as we cruise from Rosa Parks Square through the city, celebrating safer, more connected streets for everyone who walks, bikes, or rolls through Macon.

This year's ride honors the legacy of Josh Rogers, a founding Bike Walk Macon board member and tireless advocate for walkable, bikeable neighborhoods. The route will highlight projects he helped bring to life, including parts of the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail and Downtown improvements.

Kickoff party starts at 2:30 PM, the ride rolls out at 4:00 PM, and we'll wrap it all up with a celebration at Fall Line Brewing Co. to support the Ocmulgee Heritage Trail. time.

Win a Brand-New TREK Bike at Macon's Big Bike Ride!



We'll have a special **TREK bicycle raffle** at this year's event - complete with custom Thomson upgrades, donated by our friends at Bike Thomson.

Grab your tickets online or at the ride on November 8th. We'll announce the winner at the after-party at Fall Line Brewing Co. You don't have to be there to win (but we hope you will be!).

 Bonus: New members get a **free raffle ticket**, and higher membership tiers come with extra entries!



WE HAD A BLAST IN THE STREETS!

What an awesome day on the Pleasant Hill to Beall's Hill Open Streets Macon route! The streets were full of people walking, biking, skating, and just enjoying being outside together. Big thanks to everyone who showed up and helped make the day so full of joy - and to Grid Chiropractic, Macon-Bibb County, our partners, and volunteers for making it all happen.

If you joined us on Sunday, we'd love to know how the day shaped your experience of walking, biking, and enjoying public space in Macon. Take a quick minute to fill out our short survey and share your perspective. Your answers help us show the impact of initiatives like Open Streets.

And good news - Open Streets isn't over! We'll be back on **Houston Avenue** on Sunday, December 7th. Mark your calendar and sign up to volunteer or host an activity at openstreetsmacon.com/houston.



MORE FALL BIKING + WALKING EVENTS

Follow our [Facebook page](#) for updates on upcoming events.

October 9 | [Macon Bike Party: Bikes + Frights Haunted Tour](#) | 6:00 PM

Ready to get spooky on two wheels? We're taking a slow roll through Downtown, hitting all the eeriest spots along the way. Costumes are basically the dress code and highly encouraged.

October 21 | [Walk 'n' Talk: Women's Health Walk with Piedmont Macon](#) | 6:00 PM

Join Piedmont Macon for a Women's Health Month group walk. An opportunity to connect and chat while getting some fresh air, gentle exercise, and learning about disease prevention and awareness.

November 8 | [Macon's Big Bike Ride](#) | 2:30 PM Kick-off Party - 4:00 PM Ride

Join hundreds of Middle Georgia bicyclists as we ride together to champion a safer, more connected Macon.

November 13 | [Macon Bike Party: Cranksgiving with Bike Tech Macon](#) | 6:00 PM

Cranksgiving is part bike ride/part food drive benefitting Middle Georgia Community Food Bank. Bring 5 dry/canned goods to donate and join us for a party on two wheels around Downtown.

November 18 | [Walk 'n' Talk: Men's Health Stroll with F3](#) | 6:00 PM

Group walk around Tattnall Square Park and Mercer University's campus. Stops along the way for bodyweight exercises and discussion on how to incorporate fitness into a busy life while building connection.

First Saturday | [Walk with a Doc with Atrium Navicent Health](#)

April to September starts at 8:00AM - October to March starts at 9:00 AM. All ages group walk around the Great Lawn at Amerson River Park.

Every Saturday | [Bike Tech's Crank to Coffee](#) | 8:00 AM

Explore Downtown Macon with a 10-mile chill ride ending at Macon Bagels

Interested in being a ride or walk host? Email kaylee@bikewalkmacon.com to get involved!



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

Every person deserves safe streets - places where we can walk, bike, or roll without fear. Walkable streets make neighborhoods stronger, small businesses thrive, and our community more connected.

But there's still work to do to make that vision a reality in Macon-Bibb. In 2023, there were 85 pedestrian crashes and 15 pedestrian fatalities - a rate nearly 5x the national average. These aren't just numbers - they represent our friends, family, and neighbors.

For the past decade, Bike Walk Macon has worked to create safer streets by:

- **Advocating for the Complete Streets Policy** that ensures new and retrofitted roads serve all users, not just cars
- **Hosting Open Streets Macon programs** to reimagine what safe, connected streets can look like
- **Supporting infrastructure upgrades** like crosswalks, lighting, and traffic calming

When we design for people, we save lives, and we build a better Macon for everyone. Join the movement for safer, walkable streets - read our latest blog post and add your name to the Macon Mobility Manifesto!



Rachel Hollar Umana
2025 Professional of the Year - Nonprofit

HUGE congrats to our executive director, Rachel Hollar Umana, who was just named **Nonprofit Professional of the Year by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, Inc.** We're so proud to see the work happening in Macon-Bibb County celebrated!

[Read more about the award and Rachel here.](#)

Who are we following?

The Happy Urbanist
Instagram: [@jonjon.jpeg](https://www.instagram.com/jonjon.jpeg)



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Urban design is often an echo chamber of professionals and government officials. The average person is often disengaged or - worse - involved in ways that go against their own best interests. Jon Jon Wesolowski helps translate ideas to engage the public imagination.



Support initiatives like Open Streets Macon!

Bike Walk Macon makes a difference thanks to the support of local businesses and neighbors who believe in creating a safer, more vibrant Macon for everyone. You can help keep events like Open Streets going strong by becoming a 2026 sponsor.

Reach out to [Sophie at Bike Walk Macon](mailto:sophie@bikewalkmacon.org) to learn more about our 2026 sponsorship opportunities.

ABOUT BIKE WALK MACON

Bike Walk Macon is leading the movement to make bicycling and walking a safe, healthy, and affordable option for transportation and recreation for all Maconites.

Founded in July 2015, we are Macon-Bibb County's first grassroots bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organization working to enhance mobility to create a more vibrant, healthy, and equitable city. Through community leadership and inclusive engagement, Bike Walk Macon has become the city's voice for all things biking and walking. We seek to make active transportation an option for all Maconites, no matter where they live or where they're trying to go. We work to make our transportation network support active living and additional commuting options.



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