**Community Bike Bazaar/ Orioles Bike Cage 4th Birthday Party**

May 25th 2013 @ the Orioles Bike Cage 444 Burnell.

Event will be widely publicized and everyone will be welcome to attend free of charge.

***The Community Bike Bazaar*** will be a family friendly, block party style event to celebrate cycling as a healthy, fun, environmentally sustainable form of transportation and recreation. Bicycles refurbished by community bike shop volunteers will be sold at low cost/sliding scale. There will be a free kids bike swap for local families. Other activities will include bike games (e.g., obstacle courses, tire-changing races, bike polo), live music, bike decorating and, of course, bike repair stations. The event will include public recognition and celebration of individuals, groups and organizations that have worked to support cycling in Winnipeg.

*Activities*

Info/Sales table – This table has info on all the community bike shops (cbs) and acts as the

“till” for cbs bike sales. WRENCH will provide float. Non-cbs sellers will take care of their own sales.

Bike Sales – Bikes from the Cage, Lab, Dump and WRENCH will be tagged for sale and

 arranged outside by the Cage. All bikes are sold as is, no guaranty. All proceeds go to the shops that refurbished them.

The general public are also welcome to bring in bikes to sell. Non-community bike shop sellers must register all serial #’s at the info table. Sellers are responsible for their own property and transactions.

Kids Bike Swap – We’ll have 75-100 bikes for kids ages 2-8 (like Cycle of Giving size).

Folks can bring in a bike that their child has outgrown and we’ll fit them with a bigger one. We’ll also have 40 toddler sized helmets to fit kids with as needed. If the swap demand is low then we can start giving away the bikes. Perhaps we can arrange the kids bikes in the wading pool.

Food – We’re soliciting donations of pre-prepared food from local restaurants (request letter

available, charitable tax receipt for donations if invoice provided). At the very least we’ll have a BBQ n some hotdogs n hamburgers.

Workshops – There will be workshops every ½ hour on different topics, like the MEC bike-

fest. We’ve requested a big tent from the city (the one used at Empty the Fill) as a venue for these. WRENCH will provide materials.

Community Tune-Up Stands – Three repair stands with tool set and mechanics will

 be available for the public to tune up their bikes and make minor repairs. WRENCH will provide stands tools etc… Stand to be set up on the North side of Bike Cage.

Rodeo/Games – The Cage will be putting on a bike rodeo skill course in the rink. Other

 games too perhaps?

Music – We’ll have a PA and some mics set-up for performers.

Wheely Awards – The WRENCH annually awards Wheely-s to an individual, community

 bike shop and organization which has made a great contribution to Winnipeg’s bicycle community.

*Bike Bazaar timeline*

**May 8st** - Done poster/hands bill and donation letters, Start postering and soliciting food and material donations, approach independent sellers.

**Monday May 20th** – Press release goes out, conform all volunteers

**Friday May 24th** – Pick up 75-100 kids bikes from Headingly Correctional Centre and store them in Orioles Community Centre

**Saturday May 25th**

9am- 10:30 – WRENCH van picks up sale bikes from Bike Dump and Bike Lab.

10:30-11:30 – Set up:

Info/sales table

Bike sales area

Kids Bike Swap corral

Community Tune-up stations

Food – BBQ, coolers, tables, etc…

“Stage” area

Games/rodeo

**Noon- The first annual Community Bike Bazaar begins!**

- Bike sales and Kids Bike Swap start

- 3 community repair stand w/ volunteer mechanics begin operations

-Info/sales table opens

-Rodeo starts

12:30 – 1: MAKE YOUR OWN STRIDER WORKSHOP!

Learn how to transform a small child’s bicycle into a strider bike for easy learning and early skills development.

Instructor- TBD

1:30 – 2: LEARN HOW TO RIDE WORKSHOP!

Teach your child how to ride without running along behind the bike. Fun for adults too, it’s never too late to learn.

Instructor- Pat Krawec

2pm – Bestowing of 2nd annual Wheely Awards!

2:30 – 3: CHAIN Maintenance Workshop!

Break the chain of neglect by learning how to properly maintain and service your bicycle chain. Instructor - TBD

3:30 – 4: BRAKE Maintenance Workshop!

Learn how to properly set and overhaul your bike brakes

Instructor - TBD

4pm – Close of the 1st annual Communtiy Bike Bazaar

4- ? - Tear down and pack-up. Leftover bikes to be stored in the WRENCH intermodal trailer.

*Volunteer Opportunities*

- Refurbish a bike for sale

Every Sunday from 2-4:30 volunteers will be building bikes for the Bazaar at the WRENCH (1057 Logan Ave.). Contact the Bike Cage, Bike Dump and Bike Lab to see how you can get involved with Bazaar building at their shops.

-Poster/ Handbill for the Bazaar

Posters and handbills (in electronic and hard copy) will be available from the WRENCH May 8th

We would love volunteers to post them around the Daniel Mac, Spence, West Broadway, Central Park and Downtown neighbourhoods.

- Solicit donations from local business.

If you know of a local restaurant/grocery store that would make in-kind (i.e. free) donations of ready to eat food please contact Pat at programs@thewrench.ca

Business will receive a charitable tax receipt for donation if invoice provided.

Letters asking for in-kind donations of food will be available from the WRENCH May 8th

- Volunteer at the Community Bike Bazaar

Volunteers needed for: Set-up and tear-down

Bike sales area

Kids Bike Swap corral

Community Tune-up stations

Rodeo/activities

Food services

General event support

**Contact Robin at** **volunteer@thewrench.ca** **to sign up.**