**Walk! Bike! Brockport! Annual Report (2022)**

**Overview**

BoB LeSuer and Rozenn Bailleul-LeSuer are now co-chairs of this committee, which met regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, with a break in August.

New mission statement: ***Cultivating a vibrant, inclusive community engaged in accessible active transportation and recreation***.

New strategic plan: **AAA: It’s not just for motor vehicles!**

**Activity** – Let’s do something

* Develop “jaunts around the village” based upon the BCM historical tour.  Promote routes established by BCM, incorporate cyclists, include a social component (coffee follow-up)
* Promote neighborhood walks (learn about who is dog walking and kid strolling in your neighborhood and encourage doing it together)
* Biking the Erie Canal events, given the importance of 2023 – bicentennial of Erie Canal.

**Awareness** – let’s learn and promote something

* Raise awareness for active recreation opportunities for aging population through promotional materials and face-to-face outreach.
* How to be a good biker (creating promotional materials – for example a Brockport biker centric video) about prudent practices in village cycling safety and courtesy.
* Promote use of the website as a source of information (that doesn’t track you or steal your information for commercial purposes)

**Advocacy** - let’s support something

* Village speed limits – ensuring village controlled streets are safe for cyclists and pedestrians
* Partnering with PTNY initiatives at the county/state level
* Double parking on main street

New website: **walkbikebrockport.org**. Thanks to Garrett Roe, we also continue to have a regular presence on social media (mostly Facebook).

**Activities:** Our goal is to provide year round opportunities in the Village.

* Participation in the 2022 Erie Canalway challenge (https://eriecanalway.org/explore/challenge): we had 22 members who completed 3,475 miles (walking and biking).
* Canal Clean Sweep on Earth day (April 22)
* Low Bridge high Water: June 11, 2022
* Cycle the Erie Canal: July 11, 2022
* Walk to School Day: October 5, 2022
* Bike to Holley Falls in October: October 15, 2022
* Midnight madness: October 28, 2022

Special Kudos to Garrett Roe for participating in many active transportation activities during the year such as being a **On the Canals** excursions’ leader.

**Continued Participation:**

* We maintain a presence in the village committee “Bridging the Closure,” which aims at getting the community ready to handle the closure of Main Street while the bridge is being repaired.
* We are paying attention to the **Monroe County Active Transportation Plan** currently under development by having members attend the meetings.
* Brockport has been selected to be a pilot community for the **Empire State Trail Town** program developed by Parks and Trail New York (PTNY) and the New York State Canal Corporation (https://www.ptny.org/our-work/support/canalway-trail-partnership/empire-state-trail-towns). We have been working closely all year with members of PTNY by facilitating and supporting the activities they organized in the village this year:
  + Listening session in May and slow roll around Brockport
  + helped with survey promotion (Empire State Trail Survey)
  + bike friendly certification (for businesses)
  + bicycles bring business presentation (October)

**Plans for next year:**

* Review and implement PTNY recommendations in the report they will submit to the village as part of the **Empire State Trail Town** program.
* Membership drive
* Involve more SUNY Brockport students via internships
* Continue to work on promoting our activities and our wonderful volunteers
* Create an Event Calendar
* More activities:
  + First Day event (snowshoeing on 1/1/23: place and time TBD)
  + Add a Bike to School Day
* Advocacy:
  + support the proposal to reduce village speed limit and to add rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at Park Avenue and other high traffic areas
* Re-visit access to the Brockport Woods Nature Preserve near SUNY campus.

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| *More than 600 bikers rode through the village on July 11.* | *SUNY Brockport volunteers for Walk to School Day* | *Perfect weather to bike to Holley Falls on October 15* |