



Free bike tune-ups, safety sessions offered

Bike tune-up and repair by expert local bike mechanics, safety sessions, a roundtable discussion and more are on tap Saturday, June 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at New Harmony Mutual Housing Community.

Called Two-Wheel Tune-Up, the event is free and open to the public.

Members of the Davis Bike Collective, known for their do-it-yourself approach to bike maintenance and repair, will show people how to do basic bike tune-ups.

“They taught me how to do it and now my bike is like new,” said Michael Drane, Mutual Housing California community organizer, an event coordinator.

“We’re into bike education,” said Jan Wright, president of the Davis Bike Collective, which was founded in mid-2000. “Our charter is to teach people how to be self-sufficient on bikes, how to do-it-yourself. Bikes can be repaired and kept longer with fewer bikes going into landfills.”

Staff from B&L Bike Shop, Blisworks Bikes and the Woodland Bike Campaign also will be on hand to do tune-ups and repairs. The local Target Corporation and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. are donating parts.

Bike lights will be given away and helmets sold at a discount.

David Takemoto-Weerts, UC Davis’ bicycle program coordinator, and Dave “DK” Kemp, the city of Davis’ active transportation coordinator, will give ongoing safety sessions.

“We are very excited to be able to offer this type of service to Davis residents this year,” said Rachel Iskow, chief executive officer of Mutual Housing California, the local nonprofit sponsoring the event.

Greg Chew, Sacramento Area Council of Governments senior planner for transportation, will moderate a roundtable discussion on sustainability, bike access and equity during lunch.

“We have been asking if Davis is a bike community for all residents or if we are excluding some,” said Iskow. “We expect to come out of the discussion with recommendations for making biking more accessible to low-income and minority households or a research agenda.

“Or we could find out that Davis really is a great bike community for all its Davis residents.”

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Mayor Joe Krovoza and Yolo County Supervisor Don Saylor will speak at the lunch, which is being provided by Yolo Mutual Housing Association as part of its annual celebration held during the event.

New Harmony is at 3030 Cowell Blvd. in South Davis.

Two-Wheel Tune-Up is part of National NeighborWorks Week, sponsored by NeighborWorks America.

During NeighborWorks Week, local nonprofits mobilize tens of thousands of volunteers to rehab and repair homes, landscape properties, conduct neighborhood tours and host events to educate and inform the public about the importance of neighborhoods.

NeighborWorks America gave a grant to help fund the event.

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Founded in 1988, Mutual Housing California is home to nearly 3,000 residents, nearly half of whom are children.

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