



News Release

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COUNTY HOSTS BIKE COMMUTER BREAKFAST MAY 13, PROMOTES EMPLOYEE BIKE USE

Johnson County, Iowa – Bike commuters can enjoy music by local artist Jesse White and take part in a breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, at the patio next to the Johnson County Administration Building, 913 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City. The event is free and open to the public.

The breakfast will feature locally-made focaccia bread and cinnamon rolls, along with coffee, juice, and fruit. Experts from the Iowa City Bike Library will be present to answer questions and offer advice on bike commuting and repairs, and reserve deputies with the Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit Bike Patrol will also be present to discuss how they use bikes in their work.

The rain location for the event is the parking ramp located just north of the Johnson County Health and Human Service Building, 855 S. Dubuque St.

The event is part of Bike to Work Week, May 11 – 17, sponsored locally by the Think Bicycles Coalition of Johnson County to celebrate the power of the bicycle and the many reasons people ride.

Johnson County government will kick off its celebration when the Board of Supervisors considers a proclamation at its formal meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8. A representative from the local bike library is scheduled to receive the proclamation.

In addition to offering the public commuter breakfast, the County will participate in other events for elected officials/employees. Supervisor John Etheredge will compete in the annual bike/bus/car race held by Think Bicycles on Monday, May 12. The race starts at 11:33 a.m. at the Coralville Public Library and will end at the Iowa City Public Library.

The County also will encourage employees to take the bus, bicycle, walk or carpool to work weeklong as part of Green Team One Less Car Week activities held in conjunction with bike activities. A bike obstacle course for employees will be held by the Wellness Committee at noon on Wednesday, May 14, near the Administration Building.

For other Bike to Work Week activities in the area, visit Think Bicycles Coalition of Johnson County website (www.thinkbicycles.org).