

## Bike recycling partnership re-tools to reduce waste and put used bikes back on the road

Volunteers are needed as YCAP, Retired Recyclers, Love INC and Tommy's Bike Shop partner with Waste Management to transition successful bike recycling program

YAMHILL COUNTY, Ore. - (April 13, 2015) - If you are handy with tools and want to help strengthen personal empowerment and wellness in Yamhill County, now is the time to raise your wrench. The bike recycling partnership that has already recycled more than 2,000 bikes has re-tooled and is now recruiting volunteers to repair bikes.

The Pedal Power Partnership started in Yamhill County in 2012 through the efforts of the late Dean Williams and Waste Management. In 2014, the Association of Oregon Recyclers honored Williams as "Oregon's top recycler" for his work with Pedal Power.

Since Williams's death in November, partners have re-tooled the program to include significant roles for YCAP, the Newberg Retired Recyclers, Love INC of Newberg and Tommy's Bike Shop in McMinnville.

"Many of our clients struggle with transportation issues," said Steven Stone, YCAP client services case manager. "For someone looking for work or needing an economical way to get to work or the store, a bike can provide important independence."

Stone is now recruiting volunteers to repair bikes at YCAP, 1317 NE Dustin Court. A minimum commitment of five volunteer hours a month is requested. There is no cost to volunteer, thanks to donations from Waste Management, Tommy's Bike Shop and groups including the Newberg Noon Rotary. Volunteers are welcome to bring tools, although most tools are provided.

Here are the roles for YCAP and other partners:

- YCAP provides work space for volunteer refurbishers and distributes bikes across Yamhill County, excluding Newberg and Dundee;
- The Retired Recyclers, a group of SP Fiber retirees who have been repairing bikes for years, refurbish bikes for distribution in Newberg and Dundee through Love INC;
- Tommy's Bike Shop provides expert advice and affordable bike parts; and

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- Waste Management receives bikes and bike parts at Riverbend Recycling Center three miles west of McMinnville and at the Waste Management Transfer Station in Newberg. Waste Management also covers basic program costs.

### To volunteer to refurbish bikes

- ▶ Contact YCAP at 503-687-1481 or [stevens@yamhillcap.org](mailto:stevens@yamhillcap.org)

### To donate used bike parts and bikes

- ▶ Bring them to the Waste Management Transfer Station, 2904 S. Wyooski Road in Newberg
- ▶ Bring them to the Riverbend Recycling Center, 13469 SW Hwy 18, three miles west of McMinnville

### To request a recycled bike

- ▶ In all parts of Yamhill County except Newberg and Dundee, contact YCAP at 503-472-0457 or [stevens@yamhillcap.org](mailto:stevens@yamhillcap.org)
- ▶ In Newberg and Dundee, contact Love INC at 503-537-3999 or email [info@loveincnewberg.org](mailto:info@loveincnewberg.org)

### To learn more

- ▶ Go to [riverbend.wm.com](http://riverbend.wm.com)

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