

OCCA plans “Bike to Work Day” in May

Otsego County Conservation Association has convened a standing committee, Otsego Regional Cycling Advocates, whose charge is to promote bicycling in Otsego County as an enjoyable, healthy, safe, and environmentally-friendly activity for people of all ages and abilities.

To get things underway, ORCA is organizing a local “Bike to Work Day” on Wednesday, May 13 to get count residents thinking about using alternative, "green" transportation to get to work.

“ORCA is encouraging county residents to bike or walk to work to the extent possible on May 13 in particular, but, in general, as often as possible.” said Dennis Savoie, ORCA founding member.

“It would be good for the environment and our personal health if we biked more often to other destinations as well,” Savoie added.

In the Cooperstown area, there will be five “Bike to Work Day” check-in locations: Cooperstown Elementary School, Cooperstown High School, Bassett Healthcare at Beaver and Fair streets, Clark Sports Center and Pioneer Park. Bike racks will be provided to ensure the safety of parked bicycles.

“We hope local businesses will offer incentives for employee participation,” said OCCA president. “Our goal is to have 100 participants, and we’re asking employers to help make this happen.”

To join ORCA or to obtain more information about “Bike to Work Day,” contact Clarvoe at 607-547-4020 or by e-mail, martha.clarvoe@mail.occainfo.org.

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