

The Chattanooga Urban Area Bicycle Task Force would like to invite your participation in celebration of Chattanooga's selection as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. The League of American Bicyclists has honored Chattanooga with its prestigious Bicycle Friendly Community designation because of its longstanding commitment to providing safe accommodation and facilities for bicyclists, and its efforts to encourage bicycle travel for transportation and recreation. Chattanooga is one of 13 communities given the Bicycle Friendly Community designation this fall; a total of 27 cities have been honored with the award in 2003. This recognition would not have been possible without your support.

The League of American Bicyclists, headquartered in Washington, D.C., promotes bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation, and works through advocacy and education for a bicycle-friendly America on behalf of its 300,000 members and affiliates. Andy Clarke, the Director of State and Local Advocacy for the League, will officially present the award at the Chattanooga City Council meeting on December 9 beginning at 6:00 PM.

A related event will take place that day between 1:30 and 2:15 PM at the Waterhouse Pavilion in Miller Plaza. Fourth grade students from the Battle Academy and Normal Park schools will present their artwork promoting bicycle safety in the community. Posters will be judged by both students and members of the Chattanooga Bicycle Task Force and finalists will be presented at the City Council Meeting that evening.

The Bicycle Task Force is proud that Chattanooga has earned this national recognition and believes it is an important contribution to the city's Outdoor Initiative. Among Chattanooga's numerous policies and programs to make bicycling better for its residents, the League staff and reviewers were most impressed by the creation, adoption and implementation of the Chattanooga Urban Area Bicycle Facilities Master Plan. These facilities provide our citizens with significant benefits in terms of transportation, recreation, exercise, health and air quality.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

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