



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

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Media Release: 2014 “Big Chainring” Awards Call for Nominations

The Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is seeking nominations from the public for deserving individuals, businesses, and agencies to be recipients of the annual Big Chainring award. Since 1996, the award recognizes those that have made a significant contribution towards the following:

- Improving bicycling and walking conditions in Deschutes County
- Encouraging children or adults to walk and ride their bikes
- Making Deschutes County communities healthier and happier

The Committee includes the **Peter Hanson Memorial Award** for individuals in the community that have provided outstanding *voluntary* contributions. Peter was a Committee member that lost his battle with cancer in 2005. His presence was felt in many volunteer efforts in Central Oregon including:

- *Serving on the Deschutes County Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee*
- *Trail building work parties with COTA, USFS, and the BLM*
- *Leading Naturalist tours for the USFS*
- *Tree planting for Arbor Day and weed pulls, brush clearing and burning at the Metolius Preserve*
- *Litter removal/streamside improvements on area rivers*
- *Starting the “Let ‘em Slide” Wanoga Snow Play Park fund, which was a community-based fund-raising effort aimed at assisting the U.S. Forest Service in building the tubing/play area just east of the existing Wanoga Sno-Park on the way to Mt. Bachelor.*

The County Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee discusses nominees during April then selects the winners at its May meeting. The awards are presented during a Deschutes County Board of Commissioners business meeting in June. Nomination forms can be obtained on the Committee’s website at www.deschutes.org/BPAC. Please submit the nomination(s), including a brief description of the nominee’s accomplishments on the official form by **Monday, April 28** to:

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Past winners include:

2013: Andy Barram – “Peter Hanson Memorial Award”, Rick Root (City of Bend) – “Lifetime Achievement Award”, Ken Cardwell, City of Sisters (Paul Bertagna), Bicycle Re-Source of Bend (Jeff Schuler), West Bend Property Company, Redmond Area Parks and Recreation District (Katie Hammer and Board of Directors)

2012: Gary Guttormsen – “Peter Hanson Memorial Award”, Tom Holt, Commute Options (Brian Potwin), Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce (Erin Borla), City of Bend Police Department (Lt. Chris Carney)

2011: Chris Kratsch – “Peter Hanson Memorial Award”, Cassondra Schindler, Bend Endurance Academy (Bill Warburton), Bike Around Bend (Lucas Freeman), City of Bend Transportation Engineer (Robin Lewis)

2010: David Blair – “Peter Hanson Memorial Award”, Peter Werner, Old Mill District, City of Sisters (Community Development and Public Works Departments)

2009: John Rahm – “Peter Hanson Memorial Award”, J.C. Lizza, Cascade Couriers, Bend-La Pine School District

2008: Kim Curley, Sunriver Police Department Bicycle Patrol

2007: Jeff Sims – “Peter Hanson Memorial Award”, Strictly Organic, Cheryl Howard

2006: Jerry Norquist – “Peter Hanson Memorial Award”, Shevlin Commons (Andy Crosby), Bob Woodward

2005: Jani Sutherland, Eurosports (Brad Boyd), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Recreation Staff, The Oregon Bicycle Ride - Sandy Green (Chairperson)

2004: Village Bike Shop, Phil Meglasson (Special Achievement), Sisters Trail Committee, Beth-Ann Wesley, City of Bend Street Crew

2003: Jeff Monson, Hutch’s Bike Shop, Karen Swirsky (Special Achievement), Bend Police Dept.

2002: Brooks Resources, County Road Dept., US Forest Service

2001: Deborah Hogan, Al Dertinger, Bend Public Works, Royal Blend

2000: Muffy Roy, Steve Jorgensen, Dr. Ted Ford, Central Oregon Trail Alliance

1999: Reid Seastrand, Dick Johnson, Bend Parks and Rec. Dept.

1998: Rick Root, Partnership for Pilot Butte, and Foot Zone

1997: Tennant Developments, Mt. Bachelor Inc., City of Bend Planning, Redmond Canyon & Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee

1996: Sunnyside Sports, St. Charles Medical Center, Dale Allen, John Schubert

Big Chainring Award Nomination

Big Chainring Awards have been given annually since 1996 by the Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to honor individuals, businesses, organizations, and agencies that have made extraordinary efforts to advance bicycling and walking in Deschutes County. The Committee also has the "Peter Hanson Memorial Award" for an outstanding *volunteer* individual. Peter was a Committee member who lost his battle with cancer in 2005; his presence was felt in many Central Oregon volunteer efforts.

Nomination Category

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Hanson Memorial
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/ Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Business	

I want to nominate: _____

Nominee's
Address: _____

Nominee's
Phone: _____

Nominee's
Email: _____

Please describe how the nominee has advanced bicycling and/or walking in Deschutes County.

Feel free to submit additional material on the reverse side.

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Return by April 28, 2013 to: Cynthia Smidt, Deschutes County Community Development Dept.,
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