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### **Deschutes County Seeks Big Chainring Award Nominees**

Do you know someone who helps enhance Deschutes County communities by improving bicycling and walking conditions or encouraging people to walk and ride their bikes?

The Deschutes County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is seeking nominations for the 2017 Big Chainring awards. Since 1996, the award program has recognized businesses, agencies and individuals who make significant contributions to improving bicycling and walking conditions and encouraging people to walk and ride bikes.

Award categories include:

- Public Agency
- Nonprofit Organization
- Individual
- Special Project
- Commercial Business
- Advocacy/Group
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- The Peter Hanson Memorial Award\*

\*The Peter Hansen Memorial Award honors individuals in the community who have provided outstanding *voluntary* contributions. Peter was a Committee member that lost his battle with cancer in 2005. His volunteer contributions are in many trail building, environmental and outdoor enthusiast projects throughout our communities.

The BPAC will select winners for the 2017 awards in May.

In 2016, winners included Therese Madrigal – “Individual” and Bob Bryant – “Lifetime Achievement.”

Nomination forms can be obtained on the Committee’s website at:  
[www.deschutes.org/cd/page/bpac-awards-and-recognition](http://www.deschutes.org/cd/page/bpac-awards-and-recognition).

Nominations, including a brief description of the nominee’s accomplishments, are due Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to:

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**About the BPAC:** *The BPAC is an advisory committee of the Deschutes County Commission and seeks to improve conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians.*

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*Deschutes County encourages persons with disabilities to participate in all programs and activities. This event/location is accessible to people with disabilities. If you need accommodations to make participation possible, or to request this information in an alternate format please email [accessibility@deschutes.org](mailto:accessibility@deschutes.org) or call (541) 617-4747.*