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February 2024

February is a great time to get out and ride: through the city's history during **Black History Month**, across the bay on the annual **SPBC ferry ride and tour of downtown Tampa**, and right around the corner with Forward Pinellas and the City of St Petersburg's **Bike Your City event**. Catch up on the latest **board news** and see **pictures of recent club events**, too.

Upcoming Events

**St. Petersburg Black History Bike Tour**, Feb 24 & Mar 9: The five mile tour takes participants to the locations where history began for St. Pete's African American residents, presenting examples of the historical systemic racism in the city today. Tour starts at the Wellness Center, 2198 15th Ave S in St Pete.

**Cross Bay Ferry Ride & Tour de Tampa, Feb 25**: Join us for a fun day biking across the bay. We will catch the 10a ferry to downtown Tampa where we'll enjoy a ride, lunch and some liquid refreshments. We will catch the 3p ferry back, arriving in St Pete around 4p. Tickets are limited so make your Cross Bay reservation soon.

**Forward Pinellas Hosts Bike Your City 2024 in St. Petersburg**, March 2, 9:30-12n at Childs Park: This guided, slow bike ride is an 8-mile round-trip tour. Riders will learn about roadway safety and trail etiquette while exploring local amenities and enjoying the relaxing scenery the trails have to offer. **Registration is required for this event**. Free BYC24 t-shirts are available to participants on a first-come, first served basis on the morning of the event. **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED** for children 16 years old and younger and are encouraged for all participants. Childs Park Recreation & Fitness Center is located at 4301 13th Ave S St. Petersburg, FL 33711

**Gran Fondo Florida, March 17**, starting and ending in Dade City, FL: Escape the cold and start your season with a warm ride on quiet roads through rolling horse farms and orange groves in Pasco & Hernando counties.

**Tour de Parks 2024, March 17**: A bicycle ride to support The Legacy Trail in Sarasota. Well-marked routes Online maps/cue sheets. Full SAG support Continental breakfast Boxed lunch, including gluten-free and veggie options Drinks Rest stops at local Florida landmarks.

**St. Anthony's Triathlon**: Once again, the club has been asked to staff the south-side water stop for the world-famous St. Anthony's Triathlon! Join us the morning of Sunday, April 28th as we help thousands of athletes be their best. We have a lot of fun, and this is a fundraiser for the club, so it is important that we have enough volunteers. Signup details to follow shortly.

**Florida Bicycle Safari, Apr 13-18**: Six days of riding in beautiful North Florida. Based at the Suwannee County Fairgrounds in Live Oak, Florida. Delicious meals will be catered Sag stops with plenty of nourishment and hydration Live music and beer at camp location.

**Sharky's Ride the Beaches, Venice, FL, Apr 28**: 15, 35 and 70 mile routes available. In some places you will be so close to the beach, you have to watch for sand in the road with many beautiful vistas of the Gulf!



St. Petersburg Black History Bike Tour

by Margaret Joffe

Celebrate Black History Month by learning about St. Petersburg's African American history.

The St. Petersburg Black History Bike Tour covers a five mile loop with stops in Pepper Town (the city's first Black community), the Methodist Town neighborhood, the Historic Gas Plant District where Tropicana Field is now located, and at Chief's Creole Cafe on 22nd St S.

Historian Josette Green leads the tour which she also researched and created.

Each tour starts at 9a the Wellness Center at the intersection of 15th Ave S and 22nd St S (2198 15th Ave S). Upcoming tour dates include Feb 24 and Mar 9. Helmets are required for all participants. The ride is free but reservations are required. Donations are appreciated, and it's OK to tip the guides, too.

Reserve your space at [BlackHistoryBikeTour.com](https://BlackHistoryBikeTour.com).



DO THE WRITE THING!

We're looking for volunteers to help produce this newsletter. If you can write, help to curate and post new cycling events, edit, or take photos, your **HELP (is) WANTED!** Write to [communications@StPeteCycling.com](mailto:communications@StPeteCycling.com) to learn more.



Picture This!

Great rides with great friends deserve epic photography! Here are a few photos of recent club events and member rides. Want to help us capture the moment for future issues of the SPBC Newsletter? Write to [communications@StPeteCycling.com](mailto:communications@StPeteCycling.com) to volunteer to take photos and curate future rides and events!

Holiday Lights Ride - Dec 2023



Photo Credit: John Sinibaldi

Clam Bayou - January's "My Favorite Ride"

Thanks to Ted and Heide Nelson for suggesting a "My Favorite Ride" Sat morning alternative route on Jan 13 to Clam Bayou. If you'd like to share one of your favorite rides for the group to follow, email [president@StPeteCycling.com](mailto:president@StPeteCycling.com).



Photo Credit: Dave Joffe

Pinellas Trail Clean Up - Jan 2024

Sun morning Jan 21 was a chilly 38°F when SPBC volunteers scooped up 175 lbs of debris on the Pinellas Trail between 22nd Ave N and 38th Ave N.



Photo Credit: David Joffe

February Bike Bus to Sanderlin

The first Friday of every month SPBC member Max McCann leads a "bike bus" of students and parents from Kenwood to Sanderlin Elementary School. February's ride included St Pete City Councilman Richie Floyd. If you would like to ride along as a Bike Marshal for future rides, contact [Margaret Joffe](mailto:Margaret Joffe).



Honor Ride - Feb 3



Photo Credit: Michael Ebert

Board Business - Highlights of Dec, Jan SPBC Board Meetings

**Pinellas Trail Clean-up**: Dave Joffe has volunteered to manage this every other month project.

**February social event**: is 2/17 at the Annex. Kris will purchase bakery items and members are on their own for coffee from the Annex.

**Scavenger Hunt**: Tentatively set for 3/3.

**St Anthony's Triathlon**: The club has been asked to staff the south-side water stop on Sun April 28.

**Bike MS Suncoast Challenge 2024**: A bike MS event is scheduled for April 20th. They would like our participation in some way.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Feb 10 at 12n at Urban Brew & BBQ (2601 Central Ave), all club members are invited to attend. Contact [president@StPeteCycling.com](mailto:president@StPeteCycling.com) for details.

Welcome New Members

Jeff Allen	Jack Hurley	Flor de los Angeles Reagan
John Bentley	Ted Kaesser	Kellen Ricarte
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Samantha Croxford	Lauren McIntyre	Steve Ross
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Luke Galloway	Eden Quayle	Joe Sweeney
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