



May 2019 Update

Baldwin County Trailblazers

Rack Stars - Volunteers who staffed the bike valet at the Arts& Crafts Festival and at Earth Day Mobile Bay deserve a big shout-out. Together, they logged 180 hours of volunteer spirit. One enthusiast handled three shifts! They are the unsung champions of the Arts and the Earth for encouraging cycling. A few are pictured above.

Walk on – Charlene Lee was an invited speaker at the Alabama Transportation Planners meeting in Gulf Shores in March. Charlene leads the parade of children to Fairhope Elementary School every weekday morning. The Walking School Bus, a program of the Trailblazers, is wrapping up its 6th year with record-setting participation.

Show the Love - Trail users are good about reporting problems, like parked cars or piled debris on the Trail. (Yes, both are illegal. Contact the appropriate locality.) But homeowners and business owners who keep the Trail section in front of their

property attractive and easy to navigate deserve some recognition, too. Know of one? Tell us where those “Trail Hero” locations are and we’ll send them a token of appreciation.

Toast to the Trail – The Eastern Shore Trail is turning 21 years old! It’s true, the first dirt was moved in Daphne in 1998, and the rest is history. A suitable Big Birthday celebration will happen later this year. Watch for your invitation.

Mayors on Wheels - The Trailblazers challenged 13 mayors across Baldwin County to ride to work at least once during National Bike to Work week, May 13-19. Our hope is to get policy and decision-makers out of their cars and to find out for themselves the ease or challenges of navigating by bicycle on existing infrastructure. If you spot your mayor pedaling, send a photo, please. Or if *you* bike to work, send a selfie for our Facebook page.

Say Hello – Meet Michelle Melton, the newest Trailblazer board member. She’s passionate about the outdoors personally and professionally. For decades, she used her legal background, with emphasis in natural resources and land use, to save or create greenways and blueways. Now, she acquires property for recreational/ open space for the City of Mobile.



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