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Press Release

Bicycle Repair Stations to be installed on Bike Trails & Parks

Springfield Bicycle Club, Springfield Park District and Corporate Sponsors Partner on Bicycle Repair Station Project

Springfield, IL, April 17, 2015: The Springfield Bicycle Club (SBC) has partnered with both the Springfield Park District and corporate sponsors to purchase and install special bicycle repair stations on all four bike trails and some city parks in the Springfield area. These “Cycle Aid Stations” are sturdy outdoor bike stands that enable cyclists to hold bikes off the ground for maintenance tasks. The stands come equipped with eight common bicycle tools permanently tethered to the repair station. An easy to use heavy duty air pump is included with the repair station. Cyclists with flat tires or bicycles needing adjustment will now have the ability to perform maintenance tasks right on the trails and in the parks.

The first repair station will be installed on Tuesday afternoon April 21 at the Wabash Trailhead by Sonic in time for Earth Day on Wednesday. At least six other repair stations are scheduled for installation over the coming month on all four bike trails as well as Washington and Stuart Parks. The installations, to be performed by the Springfield Park District, include the installation of an 8 foot by 5 foot concrete pad, to which the bicycle repair station and pump are permanently secured.

Harv Koplo, SBC Special Events Coordinator is the project manager for the bicycle repair station project. Harv has been coordinating the efforts of the Springfield Bicycle Club, the Springfield Park District and the various sponsors as well as the Springfield Bicycle Doctor, a local bicycle shop which has supplied the repair stations below retail cost. So far, the list of sponsors include: Springfield Bicycle Club, Springfield Clinic, Bank of Springfield, Sonic, Maldaners, FitClub, Gregory & Leslie Sgro and The Noll Family. Other sponsors are being sought for repair stations in Chatham and Rochester, as well as parks around Springfield.

A public unveiling and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 3:00pm on Earth Day, Wednesday April 22 at the Bicycle Repair Station by Sonic on the Wabash Trailhead. We invite the press to cover this event. Please contact Harv Koplo at 217-899-9175 or Events@SpfldCycling.org for further information.

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